

Country Place Homeowners Association

# THE LAMPLIGHTER

## AUGUST 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.

**Nominations for the board are at the August meeting with elections at the Annual September Membership Meeting.**

The Board members are strictly volunteers and receive no compensation for their duties. Some of the duties of the Board members are as follows:

**President:** The President presides at meetings; sees that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; presents to the Board all written instruments requiring approval; sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments; and shall co-sign all checks over \$600 and promissory notes. The President receives requests for mailbox posts and yard lights and passes this information to the maintenance man.

**Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall act in the place and stead of the President in the event of the President's absence, inability or refusal to act. The Vice-President is also in charge of common grounds which includes but not limited to pest control, supervision of grounds maintenance and various other duties required from the Board or from residents.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of the meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the members; give notice of meetings of the Board and of the members; and keep appropriate current records showing members of the Association together with their addresses. The Secretary shall record all liens and cancellation of liens at the Courthouse in Benton. The Secretary shall mail the annual newsletter at the Haughton post office.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall deposit in appropriate bank accounts all receipts of the Association and disburse such funds in payment of debts of the Association; sign all checks and promissory notes; keep proper books of account; cause an annual audit of the books; and prepare an annual budget, statement of assets and liabilities, and statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the Board of Directors for approval, and then to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy to each of the members. The Treasurer is responsible for billing and collecting annual HOA dues as well as setting up payment plans for residents. The Treasurer will also give a list of liens or cancellation of liens to the Secretary to be filed.

**Architecture:** The Architecture committee will receive requests for construction and removal of structures and present plans to the Board for approval.

**Clubhouse:** The person in charge of the Clubhouse will maintain a calendar for the rentals, confirm the resident is current on their HOA dues before collecting the deposit, keep the Clubhouse in clean condition, and buy supplies for cleaning, etc. when necessary.

**Pool:** The person in charge of the pool will obtain lifeguards and attendants for the months the pool is open. Schedule lifeguards and attendants and maintain a time sheet for same as well as monitor their performance. Also this person will assure the pool is kept clean and order supplies when needed. This person will coordinate with the person in charge of the Clubhouse regarding rentals of the pool.

**Other Duties:** The Board may assign other duties to any officer at any time.

If you are interested in becoming a Board member someone can nominate you at the August meeting. You are not allowed to nominate yourself as set forth in the guidelines of Roberts Rules of Order.

The following information is taken from the Bylaws:

**From Article III**

**Section 6: Voting.** The Declaration governs voting rights that provides that only one vote may be exercised for each Lot for which the member's dues are current. When more than one person owns an interest in any Lot, the vote entitled by the ownership of such Lot shall be exercised and counted as one single vote as the co-owners may themselves determine. Lots which are annotated as one Lot for assessment shall be allowed one (1) vote. Lots which are designated as unbuildable according to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, will not be afforded a vote.

All voting for election of members of the Board of Directors and/or other matters deemed necessary by the Board of Directors shall be by secret ballot. The Board of Directors shall determine if ballots may be cast in absentia by members with the notice of meeting, according to Article 111, Section 3, these Bylaws. Ballots must be marked without reference to the member's identification. For ballots cast in absentia, the marked ballot will be placed in an unmarked envelope, which will be placed in an envelope marked with the member's Lot identification. Upon receipt, the Secretary will confirm the currency of the member's dues and remove the unmarked envelope containing the ballot. The unmarked envelope containing the ballot will be passed by the Secretary at the appropriate time.

**From Article IV****NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1: Nomination.** Nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee and/or from the floor, at the Special Meeting called for such purpose during the month before the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, who is a member of the Board of Directors, and two or more Association members. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at any time prior to the Special Meeting called for such purpose of nominating persons to be elected to the Board of Directors, to serve until the close of the annual meeting.

**Section 2: Election.** Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot as stated in Article 111, Section 6, these Bylaws. The persons receiving the most votes shall be elected. Cumulating voting is not permitted.

If you would like to or need to read up on the Covenants, please visit the website for the complete document with all Bylaws under "Documents and Maps" at:

[www.countryplacehoaliving.com](http://www.countryplacehoaliving.com)

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** There will be another Food and Fun Festival in the neighborhood at the clubhouse on Saturday, October 19th from 2–7 pm. The first one was held on July 5th and had a good turnout. There will be a bounce house for the kids. It is all free except for the vendors, food, face painting, crafts, etc. We hope to see you all there.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27TH AT 7:00 PM  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH AT 7:00 PM



**IMPORTANT NOTE: IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL AND ARE NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTERS THAT WAY, PLEASE SEND A MESSAGE TO MITZIE COCHRANE AT [mecochrane56@gmail.com](mailto:mecochrane56@gmail.com) SO YOU CAN BE ADDED TO THE COUNTRY PLACE EMAIL GROUP TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL. NOT ALL NEWSLETTERS ARE MAILED TO HOMEOWNERS VIA USPS.**

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:** Please do not put basketball goals out by the street. They overhang into the street and they are dangerous to the kids playing basketball and easy to hit if someone isn't paying close attention or if someone is in a large vehicle, like a truck or pulling a trailer. They should definitely not be left there overnight, either. They can easily hinder emergency vehicles, as well. On a similar note, cars should not be parked in the streets either for the same reason. They can hinder emergency vehicles and also prevent drivers and bicycle riders from seeing oncoming traffic.

### Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale

The annual neighborhood garage sale will be held on Saturday, October 5th. Be sure to get ready ahead of time if you want to participate. Feel free to post on Facebook, the newspaper, etc. The board does not put any ad in the newspapers for the garage sale. The Sign will be placed at the subdivision entrance a few days before the sale. We usually have quite a few cars coming through the neighborhood on this day so make plans if you don't want anyone parking in front of your yard during this time. Let's all be considerate of our neighbors.

**The Pool is now closed during the week and will have new hours as follows:**

Fridays 5 pm–8 pm  
Saturdays 10 am–8 pm  
Sundays 1 pm–8 pm

**Monday, September 2nd is the last day and it will be open from 10 am–8 pm**

### Lemon-Strawberry Punch

#### Ingredients:

- 3 cans (6 oz each) frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed
- 1 box (10 oz) frozen strawberries in light syrup, thawed and undrained
- 1 bottle (1 liter) ginger ale

#### Directions:

- In 4-quart container, stir lemonade concentrate and 9 cans water until mixed.
- Pour lemonade into punch bowl. Stir in strawberries.
- Just before serving, add ginger ale and ice; You can also add lemon sherbet from an ice-cream scoop to punch in punch bowl if you like.

# COUNTRY PLACE HOA

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Haughton, LA 71037

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*Minds are like parachutes—they only  
function when open.*

*Thomas Dewar*

## Board Members

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**Starting Today, I Need to  
Forget What's Gone,  
Appreciate What Still Remains,  
And Look Forward to  
What's Coming Next**

## Babysitting List:

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