

Country Place Homeowners Association

THE LAMPLIGHTER

NOVEMBER 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.

Cocoa with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 8th from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the Clubhouse! There will be hot cocoa and cookies for all. Free pictures with Santa! Come and have a little fun! Hope to see you all there!



Christmas Decorating Judging will be held on Saturday, December 21st. 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!

Bossier Parish Schools Holiday Closings: Schools will be out for the Thanksgiving Holidays from November 25—29. Christmas Holiday beginning on Monday, December 23rd and students return to school on Tuesday, January 7th. Be extra careful while driving through the neighborhood during this time as there will be more kids walking, playing, and riding bikes in the neighborhood.

****A few links to things in the Shreveport/Bossier area:**

<http://www.endlessblissblog.com/2017/12/things-to-do-in-shreveport-bossier-city-this-december.html>

****Some links below are in the above link as well but thought I'd add them anyway:**

<https://www.holidaytrailoflights.com/event/glimpse-christmas-past-home-tour>

****This is from Dallas, but that is a hop, skip, & jump from here and there are so many things to do and see there:**

<https://www.visitdallas.com/campaigns/bigdholiday/venues.html>

****My kids went to see Ice Sculptures last year in Grapevine, TX at the Gaylord & loved it. It is great family fun. There are many other things to do there, as well. Here is a link for more information:**

<https://www.grapevinetexasusa.com/christmas-capital-of-texas/ice-lone-star-christmas/ice-tickets/>

Here are a few recipes that are great for holiday parties!

PECANS

Cook pecans @ 300 degrees until brown and crunchy - between 20 and 30 minutes. (Test them occasionally for desired crunchiness)

Coat pecans with butter while hot

Season as desired with salt

Stir and drain on paper towels.

COATED PEANUTS

2 cups raw, shelled peanuts

1 cup sugar

1/2 cup water

Few drops red food coloring

Cook on medium heat until all liquid is boiled out and peanuts are not sticking together.

Pour on foil covered cookie sheet and bake for about 30 minutes @ 250 degrees. (May be more or less time, depending on your oven)

TEXAS CAVIAR

1 can black-eye peas, drained and rinsed

1 can black beans, drained and rinsed

1 can shoe peg corn

1 can Rotel

8 oz. (1 cup) Italian Dressing

4 green onions, chopped

3 slices of purple onion, chopped

1 lime

Squeeze the lime and add the juice to a container. Add all other ingredients and mix.

Best to make this a day in advance.

CHEESE SPREAD

1 lb. Velveta cheese

3 oz. Cream cheese

1 teasp. lemon juice

1 clove garlic or 1/2 teasp. garlic powder

3/4 cups chopped nuts

Mix together well, sprinkle chili powder on wax paper. Make cheese mixture into rolls and roll in chili powder. Roll each roll in wax paper and keep refrigerated.

When serving, cut thin slices and place on Ritz crackers.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH AT 7:00 PM
NO DECEMBER MEETING DUE TO CHRISTMAS

Our website is: <https://countryplacehoaliving.com/>

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." William Arthur Ward

Welcome to our newest residents:
Ayleen Cook at 104 Willow Creek

Unfortunately, with the holidays come thieves. Here are a few tips you can follow to hopefully help keep theft down to a minimum.

- Leave some lights on, both inside and outside, especially when gone. Timers are inexpensive and you can set them to go on and off while you are gone. This gives the appearance of someone being home.
- Keep valuables out of sight in your car. Don't tempt thieves with nice items in plain view.
- Be vigilant about locking up. That means your home and vehicles. Many thieves can be deterred by having locked doors. Unlocked doors make their jobs easy.
- Ask your neighbors to keep an eye on things for you while you are gone.
- Many companies offer delivery manager to schedule when deliveries are made or where they leave packages. Check into that for online shopping. These offer that service: UPS, FedEx, Amazon has something called Amazon Locker. All worth checking into for the holidays and any other time, as well.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Stay off cell phones when walking to your car, in parking lots, etc.
- Be careful with your purse or wallet. Don't: Drape a purse over the back of a chair; wallets hanging out loosely; purse or wallet in shopping cart; purse or wallet unattended in open view in a car whether locked or unlocked.

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