

THE LAMPLIGHTER

DECEMBER 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 was great! We had several families and adorable children come by to meet Santa and enjoy some hot cocoa and cookies. Pictures were uploaded to the website.



Christmas Decorating Judging was held on Saturday, December 21st. It was a tough decision as there are many nice decorations throughout the entire neighborhood. You all did a great job and it is nice to drive around and get into the Christmas spirit with all the lights. Please be sure to drive around and see them all before they are taken down for the year. The Winners are:

1st Place Winner is the Oesterreich Family of 204 Mill Creek

2nd Place goes to the Robinson Family at 119 Glendale

3rd Place goes to the Oliver Family at 7 Forest Grove

The Board would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year in 2020. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meetings! The January newsletter will be mailed out via USPS. ALL INDIVIDUAL 2020 INVOICES WILL BE INCLUDED WITH THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER. The newsletter will still be emailed and posted on FaceBook and the website.

Remember to Stay safe on New Year's Eve
Be safe with Fireworks & Supervise the kids setting them off as well.
Don't Drink & Drive-Have a Designated
Driver if you are out and about!

Bossier Parish Schools Holiday Closings: Remember that the schools are out for the Christmas & New Year Holiday beginning on Monday, December 23rd, through Monday, January 6th. The students return to school on Tuesday, January 7th. Remember to watch for the kids playing outside during this time. They will be out during the daytime when the weather is nice!

"When all the dust is settled and all the crowds are gone, the things that matter are faith, family, and friends".....Barbara Bush

Christmas Reindeer Crack

Ingredients

- 3 cups salted pretzels
- 2 cups bugles
- 2 cups fritos
- 1 cup Chex mix
- 1 cup roasted peanuts
- 1 1/2 cups M&Ms
- 1 pack of white chocolate bark or melting chocolate (i used Ghirardelli melting chocolate)

Instructions

- In a Large bowl pour your Pretzels, Fritos, Bugles, Chex Mix, Peanuts & M&M's.
- Place the melting chocolate or bark in a bowl & microwave for 90 seconds. Stir and, if needed, heat an additional 15 seconds until it's smooth and creamy. watch it closely, keep stopping to stir, it burns easily if you use this way! I recommend using a double boiler, easier and you always get perfect melted chocolate.
- Drizzle melted chocolate over the mixture in the bowl and mix around to coat it all.
- Once fully coated, take a large cookie sheet and pour coated mixture onto the sheet and spread it out and allow to cool completely.
- Once cooled, break into pieces.
- Store in an air-tight container- does NOT need to be refrigerated.

ENJOY!!

Shredded Brussels Sprouts with Bacon

Shredding Brussels sprouts gives them an entirely different texture. When you allow more of the surface area to come in contact with the hot skillet, they begin to caramelize, which gives them a nuttier flavor. And all of the health benefits of this cruciferous vegetable remain when it's shredded.

Ingredients

- 4 slices bacon
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1 1/2 pounds Brussels sprouts, very thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Instructions

Cook the bacon in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat until crisp, 6 to 7 minutes. Transfer to a plate lined with a paper towel to drain. Then chop the bacon.

Pour off all but 1 tablespoon of the bacon fat and return to the skillet to medium heat. Add the olive oil, onion, garlic, and thyme, and cook, stirring occasionally, until the sprouts are crisp-tender, and lightly browned, 7 to 8 minutes.

Remove from heat and stir in the reserved bacon, salt, and pepper.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NO DECEMBER MEETING DUE TO CHRISTMAS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH AT 7:00 PM



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

Welcome to our newest residents:

Benjamin Hart at 105 Elmview

It's very likely your 2019 New Year's celebration will include fireworks. If so, the Bossier City Fire Department asks you to keep a few things in mind before lighting the fuse to your party.

During the holiday season, Bossier City's fireworks ordinance allows fireworks to be sold and set off within the city limits from December 23 through January 1 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. — except on New Year's Eve when fireworks may be discharged until 12:30 a.m.

Persons who discharge fireworks outside the designated dates and time periods can be subject to fines of up to \$500 or up to 60 days in jail.

When setting off fireworks, they ask you to keep these safety tips in mind to help prevent injuries:

- Young children should never be given fireworks to handle alone. Responsible adult supervision is a must.
 - Always purchase fireworks from an established and reputable retail outlet.
 - Never shoot, aim or throw fireworks at people or animals.
 - Keep a bucket of water or hose handy for emergencies (ideal for soaking hot sparklers).
 - Never try to re-light fireworks that have failed to discharge.
 - Douse all failed fireworks with water and wait 15 minutes before properly disposing.
- Be aware of dry conditions. Never ignite fireworks on or near areas of dry vegetation. Doing so could spark fires.

The Bossier City Police Department also urges residents not to discharge firearms into the air as part of their New Year's celebrating. Not only is it illegal but it is also very dangerous. A bullet that goes up must come down and could kill or seriously injure someone.

An initial offense for shooting a firearm in the air carries a fine of up to one thousand dollars, or a jail sentence of not more than two years, or both.

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