

THE LAMPLIGHTER

MARCH 2022



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.

SPRING FLING WILL BE COMING SOON!

We are planning the Annual Spring Fling again for the Memorial Day weekend. Be sure to look in the April Newsletter, and the Neighborhood Facebook page for more information on this! We have the same, awesome vendor signed up once again! There will be delicious fried fish, fries, and hush puppies for all! We hope you will all be able to come out and meet your neighbors and relax a little. Pool passes are also sold during Spring Fling!

REMINDER FOR ALL RESIDENTS!

Please remember that your HOA dues must be current in order to purchase pool passes for the summer at the Spring Fling. The dues are \$52.77 per quarter. You must also be current on dues to rent the clubhouse or pool. More information on pool passes will be in the April newsletter.

IMPORTANT TAX FILING REMINDER!

I am sure you all remember that it is necessary to file your taxes by April 15th or to request an extension. Also, be sure to be careful when finding someone to work on your taxes. Be sure to get a reputable business or person. You can always check reviews online before trusting someone with that task. Ask your family and friends for recommendations. Also remember that if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

A FEW REMINDERS FOR EVERYONE!

LAMP POSTS & MAILBOX POSTS: The right lighting in the right place can be a very powerful crime prevention tool and all the lamp posts in our neighborhood are very important. If you have a mailbox post that has been damaged and needs to be replaced, it should also be fixed.

Mark Toloso should be contacted for issues with your Lamp Post and Mailbox Post. The HOA is responsible for both of these, however, the homeowners are responsible for their own mailbox. Please contact Mark via email at marktoloso@yahoo.com.

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.

SWIMMING POOL ATTENDANTS WANTED!

We are looking for Lifeguards and Pool Attendants for the summer. If you are interested, please contact Shannon Mitchell at: countryplacepool1@gmail.com or call her at 318-272-5308

BLUEBERRY SPINACH SALAD

Ingredients:

1/4 Cups Olive Oil

2 Tablespoons Blueberry Preserves

Salt/Pepper - to taste

6 ounces Blueberries

1/4 Cup Sunflower Seeds

2 Tablespoons Balsamic Vinegar

1 Tablespoon Stone Ground Mustard

16 ounces Baby Spinach

1 Cup Pecan Halves

1/2 Cup Blue Cheese Crumbles

Instructions:

Mix olive oil, balsamic vinegar, blueberry preserves, mustard, salt and pepper. Whisk until fully combined and emulsified.

Mix spinach, blueberries, pecans, sunflower seeds and blue cheese. Toss with vinaigrette until evenly coated.

If you do not like blue cheese, goat cheese tastes great in this salad.

Certain oils from plants can help to repel mosquitoes. Some notable plants include:

- **Citronella.** Often labeled as “mosquito plants” and are very pretty.
- **Lavender.** Lavender oil’s fragrant smell can help deter mosquitoes by preventing them from locating hosts.
- **Marigolds.** Marigolds emit a scent that helps to deter mosquitoes. They also prevent aphids, whiteflies, and other pests.
- **Rosemary, thyme, & basil.** Similar to lavender and marigolds, and are also great to use for cooking.
- **Mint.** Mint is an excellent nontoxic option for keeping mosquitoes, flies and even ants away. The more pungent the aroma, the less bugs you’ll have. Grow it in pots on your patio or in your yard. You can even dry the leaves and use them inside your home as a natural pest control method.
- **Sage.** If you love gathering around a fire pit in your backyard, then plant some sage nearby. Toss some of the plant into the flames and its earthy smell will ward off bugs. Sage can also be dried and used to make homemade bug spray.
- **Scented Geraniums.** Scented geraniums seem to be a popular mosquito repelling plant. The favored scent seems to be lemon scented, which is reminiscent of citronella grass.
- **Catnip.** Catnip (catmint) can be found thriving almost anywhere. It is from the mint family and grows abundantly both as a commercial plant and as a weed. It is very easy to take care of and may even start to invade other areas of your garden. In a study, catmint was found to be ten times more effective than DEET, the chemical used in most insect repellants.

In addition to growing the plants listed above, you should also practice good mosquito control in your garden and yard so that the pests don’t get out of hand. The best thing you can do is prevent water from collecting and becoming stagnant; mosquitoes can lay hundreds of eggs even in a tiny spoonful of standing water. Mosquito rings (found on Amazon & other places) can be used virtually anywhere you have standing water — rain barrels, birdbaths, water gardens, ponds — even animal watering troughs. They contain a naturally occurring bacterium that kills mosquito larvae.

There are also other natural products available that can help ward off mosquitoes in your garden. These include, citronella torches and candles, as well as essential oils derived from the plants listed here.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
APRIL 12TH AT 7:00 PM
MAY 10TH AT 7:00 PM



Our website is:

<https://countryplacehoaliving.com/>

Welcome to our newest residents:

Randy & Michelle Boyett at 26 Forest Grove
Chad Barnaby & Adriana Hammonds at 101 Country Lane
Josh & Kathleen Pettigrew at 220 Chimney Lane
Lane & Haylee Brown at 119 Cedar Brook

"Never cut a tree down in the wintertime. Never make a negative decision in the low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst moods. Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. The spring will come.".....Robert H. Schuller

With so many things going on in the world, please remember to always choose to **BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER**. We all go through things now and then and we never know what someone may be going through at times. You can make such a difference in someone's day or life with a simple smile, hello, how are you, etc. And you will feel good when you do that!

Let's all do our part to help keep Country Place beautiful and inviting. Please always put trash cans out of sight, except on trash pickup day.

Close garage doors during the day.

Keep basketball goals off the streets for safety reasons.

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