

Country Place Homeowners Association  
**THE LAMPLIGHTER**  
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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

Cocoa with Santa will be held on December 15th from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at the clubhouse. Santa will be ready for all the little ones and, as always, 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 Friday, December 20th. Please be sure to have your decorations ready and your lights turned on when the sun goes down! We always look forward to seeing all the beautiful lights in Country Place!

### Bossier Parish Schools Holiday Closings

Schools will be out for the Christmas Holiday beginning on Thursday, December 19th 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.

**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.

### 7 Layer Dip

**Ingredients:**

1 can refried beans  
1 package guacamole dip  
8 oz mayonnaise  
1 package taco seasoning  
Green onions  
1 tomato  
1 can black olives  
1 pack cheese

**Directions:**

Mix taco seasoning with the mayonnaise.  
Layer all items in the order above.  
Chill and serve with nacho chips

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### Black Bean Salsa

1 16 oz can of Black Beans (drained)  
1 small can whole kernel corn (drained)  
3 Tablespoons olive oil  
1 whole fresh lime juice  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup whole green pepper finely chopped  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup red green pepper finely chopped  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup red onion finely chopped  
1 jalapeno chopped  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp cumin  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup finely chopped cilantro  
Salt & Pepper to taste  
Add Tobasco to taste  
1 avocado

Mix all ingredients together and place in a sealed container.  
If serving later, add avocado right before serving.  
Serve with tortilla chips

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**  
**NO DECEMBER MEETING**  
**JANUARY 14TH AT 7:00 PM**

Our website is:

<https://countryplacehoaliving.com/>



- “I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.” — G.K. Chesterton
- “Not what we have But what we enjoy, constitutes our abundance.” — Epicurus
- “You don’t choose your family. They are God’s gift to you, as you are to them.” — Desmond Tutu
- “A good cook is like a sorceress who dispenses happiness.” — Elsa Schiapparelli
- “Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast.” — William Shakespeare
- “I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson
- “There is no better excess in the world than the excess of gratitude.” — Jean de La Bruyère
- “The sun looks down on nothing half so good as a household laughing together over a meal.” — C.S. Lewis, “Weight of Glory”
- “Don’t you know anything about Thanksgiving dinners? Where’s the mashed potatoes? Where’s the cranberry sauce? Where’s the pumpkin pie?” — Peppermint Patty, “A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving?”
- “The more you practice the art of thankfulness, the more you have to be thankful for.” — Norman Vincent Peale
- “Home is people. Not a place.” — Robin Hobb
- “The most important thing in the world is family and love.” — John Wooden
- “It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness.” — Charles Spurgeon
- “I can’t cook a Thanksgiving dinner. All I can make is cold cereal and maybe toast.” — Charlie Brown, “A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving”

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