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# THE COUNTRY VILLAGE

**YOUR  
COMMUNITY  
NEWSLETTER**

**FALL 2019**

# BRIEF

## From The Board:

### **The Kirkwood Lift Station Diversion and Abandonment update**

The City of Houston is planning to abandon the existing sanitary sewer lift station on the east side of Kirkwood, south of the Buffalo Bayou Bridge. Construction contract has been awarded. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for October 22nd. Construction contract starts October 28th, but we may not see physical construction before the end of the year, and is scheduled for 520 days.

### **Kirkwood Paving and Drainage Project**

This project will reconstruct Kirkwood Road from Buffalo Bayou to Westheimer Road in two projects, and add substantial in-line detention underneath the new roadway. The first project goes from Buffalo Bayou including the Briar Forest intersection. Construction bids are due October 17th. Construction is to start as early as February, 2020.

### **Super Neighborhood 18**

Country Village is part of Super Neighborhood 18. There is a monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of the month. The meeting is now held at the Village Place Clubhouse at 11315 Lakeside Place Dr. The meeting is open to all residents. The next meeting is on November 19th from 6:30-8:00.

### **Committee Opportunities**

The Board of Directors is seeking to enlarge the number of committees to involve more residents in the Community's activities. These committees would consist of Finance, Landscape, Tennis and Web Site/Communications. Current committees include the Social headed by Brittany Milward and Laura Payne, Security headed by John Kennelly and Architectural Control and Landscape headed by Dean Barnes. If you are interested in helping on a committee, please submit the "Contact Us" form at [www.countryvillagehoa.org](http://www.countryvillagehoa.org), and include the committee(s) you're interested in.

### **Gutters, Storm Sewers**

The recent rains from the Tropical Storm created lots of localized street flooding. We can all do our part to ensure the storm drains work to their capacity by preventing and removing grass clippings, pine nettles and leaves from our street gutters and keeping the storm inlets clear. If you use a landscape contractor to maintain your lawn please make sure they are aware of this.

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*The "Contact Us" form at [www.countryvillagehoa.org](http://www.countryvillagehoa.org) – emails your message to all the Board members and the management company.*

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS/INFORMATION

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*RealManage, Manager: Bernadette Aham-Neze*  
 16000 Barkers Point, Suite 250 Houston, TX 77079  
**Trash Company:** 713-787-9790  
*V.F. Waste Services [www.vfwasteservices.com](http://www.vfwasteservices.com). Pick up days are Monday and Thursday. We also have recycling pickup every Wednesday morning. If you need a bin, please email [couvilla@ciramail.com](mailto:couvilla@ciramail.com) and they will contact VF Waste and have a bin dropped off at your home.*

**Pool:** 713-771-7665  
*Greater Houston Pool Management*

**Clubhouse Rentals:** 281-531-0002 ext. 1303  
*Call Bernadette Aham-Neze for availability and to request a rental form or via email to: [couvilla@ciramail.com](mailto:couvilla@ciramail.com). Forms are also available on either our website, [www.countryvillagehoa.org](http://www.countryvillagehoa.org) or RealManage's portal at [www.realmanage.com](http://www.realmanage.com). Deposit is \$200.00. Rental fee is \$100.00.*

**Community Website:** [www.countryvillagehoa.org](http://www.countryvillagehoa.org)



## Yard Of The Month Winners!

Karen Swerdlow and I have been driving around the neighborhood choosing Yards of the Month. Below are some of the yards we have chosen. Special thanks to our Sponsor - our resident Real Estate Agent Marilyn Ardent for her support to our neighborhood. Thank you Marilyn for all that you do. Corrie Kennelly



**September** - John Williams and Eileen Rangel on Rushbrook



**October** - Kimberly Suthers on Cedar Pass Dr

**Congrats!  
Way To  
Go!**

## News You Can Use

### Holiday Trash & Recycling Pickup Schedules

No Trash Pick Up on Thursday, November 28th. Makeup date will be Friday, November 29th. **There will be NO RECYCLING on:** December 25th or on January 1st. There are no makeup dates for recycling. Recycling will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

### Care Committee

If you know of someone you would like the CVWC to send a birthday card, congratulations card, sympathy or get well card, please do not hesitate to contact me. Corrie Kennelly cmkennelly1@comcast.net or 713-657-0586.

### Women's Club

The Women's Club meets the 3rd Thursday of every month (except in March, 2020 it will meet on the 4th Thursday because of Spring Break). For up to date information on the Club's events there are two Facebook sites you can ask to join: Country Village Houston and Country Village Women's Club. For more information, feel free to email cvillagewomensclub@gmail.com. DJ Moberly is the president.

### Holiday Coconut Candy

1 stick butter	2 cup chopped pecans
1 box powdered sugar	1 large pkg. chocolate chips
1 can Eagle Brand milk	3/4 stick paraffin
2 (7 oz) cans coconut	

Melt butter. Add sugar, milk, coconut, and pecans. Roll into balls and refrigerate until firm. Melt paraffin and chocolate chips together. With toothpick, dip candy balls into melted chocolate/paraffin mixture and place on waxed paper. Twist out toothpicks and cover holes with chocolate.

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## Book Club News

### November Meeting:

**Monday, November 11th**

**Hostess:** Ellen Davidson on Lakecliff

**Discussion Leader:** Judy Scott

**Book:** *The Address* by Fiona Davis



***The Address* by Fiona Davis.** After a failed apprenticeship, working her way up to head housekeeper of a posh London hotel is more than Sara Smythe ever thought she'd make of herself. But when a chance encounter with Theodore Camden, one of the architects of the grand New York apartment house The Dakota, leads to a job offer, her world is suddenly awash in possibility—no mean feat for a servant in 1884. The opportunity to move to America, where a person can rise above one's station. The opportunity to be the female manager of The Dakota, which promises to be the greatest apartment house in the world. And the opportunity to see more of Theo, who understands Sara like no one else...and is living in The Dakota with his wife and three young children.

### December Meeting

**Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm**

We'll be holding our annual movie & pizza night at Cheryl Coppick's house on Rushbrook. More details to follow via email to the group.

For more information on the Book Club please reach out to either *Amanda Seiler* at 713-854-5529 or *Sandy Wake* at 281-684-3516.

## SECURITY LETTER

To the residents of Country Village:

Please be alert for criminals. As the Holiday Season fast approaches, Amazon and other delivery companies will be busy delivery packages. With many of these packages being left on residents door steps, please be observant. If you see something unusual please call the Constable immediately - their number is **281-463-6666**. Give the officer a good description of the individuals and their mode of transportation. But please, do not attempt to stop them... no package is worth the potential for violence. Many residents have been installing the new video door bells. They are reasonably inexpensive and easy to install. We put one on our front door in 30 minutes and it gives a great panoramic view of the front walkway and sidewalk. Many crimes are crimes of opportunity - unlocked cars, garage doors up, equipment left out in the open. It only takes a second for a criminal to strike.



For new residents to Country Village, we contract with the Precinct 5 Constable for neighborhood security. Please contact their 24 hour dispatch number (281-463-6666) if you see anything that looks out of the norm. The Constable can respond typically in 3-5 minutes. They also track crime statistics. If HPD is called out, we do not get a report of the event and it often takes longer for them to respond. Crime levels in Country Village are very low. If a resident is going on vacation you can contact the Constable and they will put a vacation watch on your property. Please be alert and call...

If you would like to receive crime alerts please send me an email to add you to my contact list. Jckennelly1@gmail.com

Thanks, John Kennelly

### Community Website

Don't forget that our community website has a lot of useful information for residents. Events, forms, documents and much more!

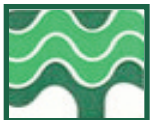
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### Deed Restrictions

Please remember to always obtain Architectural Control Committee approval before making any changes to the exterior of your home.





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## Fall Energy Saving Tips

Fall is an ideal time to make repairs that will make your home more energy efficient, both saving you money and keeping you warmer. Even if you can't afford major repairs, such as a new furnace or new windows, there are small things you can do to save big bucks on heating costs – and you can handle most of them yourself.

**Caulk around windows.** Warm air can escape and cold air can enter your house if the area around your windows has cracks. Caulking needs to be replaced periodically, and you should check every fall for holes that need to be patched, as well as holes anywhere outside your house.

**Replace weather stripping around doors.** If you can see light around the edges of your doors, you need new weather stripping.

**Close up your fireplace.** Make sure your flue closes all the way, and check whether you can feel air coming in when it's closed. Glass doors around your fireplace opening are another way to keep warm air in and cold air out of your house.

**Put up storm windows and doors.** If you have older windows and doors, adding storm windows and doors can help considerably. Window insulation film is another option to provide a layer of protection.

**Improve your insulation.** Insulation deteriorates over time, so you may want to add more material in your attic. Other places to add insulation are in crawl spaces and exposed areas of decks. An insulating cover over your attic opening also helps trap in the heat.