



COUNTRY VILLAGE

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER WINTER 2015

To the Residents of Country Village

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Another "Annual Meeting " has come and gone, and with most annual meetings we say goodbye to several board members and welcome aboard new members. Our outgoing board members are Chance Dailey - President and Jerry Vertucci - Director. Both Chance and Jerry were very interactive with the board and their input will be missed. But we welcome two new member DJ Moberly and Justin Kelly. With new members, comes new ideas and the remaining board members look forward to a productive 2015.

As for Country Village, we have continued to build our reserve fund and the neighborhood dues were kept at the 2014 levels. As the neighborhood continues to age, so do the communities facilities. The board has worked hard, for the last several years to build the reserve fund to cover future major expenses on these facilities, and will continue to do so into the future. The City of Houston will finally start to replace Kirkwood. We had a taste of the potential traffic headaches ahead, when the City was replacing several panels in early February. But in the long run, it will be a tremendous improvement and Country Village will be a major benefactor.

As we look forward, we invite all residents to participate in community activities - "Get Involved", meet your neighbors, and say hello when we pass on the street.

Lastly, the board welcomes resident input. Please feel free to contact us.

Thanks John Kennelly President CV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President, John Kennelly Vice-President, Justin Kelly Treasurer, Allen Teague Secretary, Sue Beck **Director**, DJ Moberly

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CHRISTMAS YARD DECORATION WINNERS!

These are the winners of the Christmas Light Decorations as judged by Sharon Cameron, Jori Kadlec, Donna Jackson and Carol Pehlman:



1st Place - Eddy & Betty Valderama 12119 Cedar Pass



2nd Place - Mike & Kim Arellano 11922 Summerdale



3rd Place Robert & Maureen Walker 11947 Summerdale

SPRING GARDENING TIPS

When gardening fever hits in late winter, there are few Texans who are not a little inspired to go out and grow something. What follows are some tips to help get this year's plantings off to the best start ever.

- 1. Prepare The Soil First. Soil is the foundation of a garden. Most of us start with something too sandy, too clayey, or too poor. And unless you have been working on it, your soil is probably low in organic matter, the life of good soil. Before one seed or transplant goes in, build up your soil with a few inches of compost and whatever nutrients may be lacking. A soil test is a good start to let you know where you are, what you need to add, and how much.
- 2. Ensure Good Drainage. Here in Texas it seems to be feast or famine when it comes to rainfall. When it is dry we can water, but what do we do when it will not quit raining? Plant roots need oxygen and hate to sit in waterlogged soil. Plus, when it is wet you cannot get into the garden to plant or work the soil.
- 3. Provide Lots of Sunlight. Select a good site for planting. Most plants prefer full sun exposure. Many of us in older neighborhoods have wonderful large trees that make a sunny location rare. However, if you want a productive garden, direct sunlight is a must.
- **4. Provide Plenty of Nutrients.** Healthy plants grow fast, produce well and in many cases are less bothered by a few pests here and there. By the time you notice a nutrient deficiency, it is most likely too late to do much for that particular plant. It is better to start with a soil test, build soil each season and fertilize plants lightly but regularly to keep them growing strong.



JANUARY BOOK CLUB MEETING

The January Book Club meeting was held at Jory Kadlec's beautiful home with Pat Maloy leading the discussion on John Grisham's book, Sycamore Road.

Future book selections include:

February: The Irresistible Blueberry Bakeshop and Café by Mary Simses.

Judy Vance will host.

March: All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr. Ellen Davidson will host. April: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Pat Maloy will host.

For more information on our Book Club please contact Sharon Cameron at scameron_421@yahoo.com.

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