



# THE COUNTRY VILLAGE

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

**FALL 2021** 

# BRIEF

# From The Board

### Board

The Board has had a number of resignations this year. The Board has appointed a new member - Corrie Kennelly and is actively soliciting an additional Board member. As a result of these changes the Board officers have been reassigned. President - Dean Barnes, Vice President - Balaam Valdez, Secretary - Michael Mobley, Director - Corrie Kennelly, Treasurer to be determined.

### **Financial Activities**

The Board has approved the 2022 budget and the annual assessment will remain at \$790. The 2022 budget and the 2021 year-end results will be reviewed at the next annual meeting. The amount budgeted towards the reserve fund will be increased to \$10,000 in 2022, which helps to reduce future costs to homeowners on an annualized basis. Lastly, we have obtained our 501 4c certificate as a non-profit entity which eliminates sales tax on the services we contract. Annual dues courtesy notices will be sent out in the last quarter so let's all do our part in paying those dues by the due date of January 1, 2022.

### **Architectural Control Committee**

Please remember to always obtain ACC approval before making changes to the exterior of your home, including any roof replacement. The instructions and application can be found on the Community website. For 2021 we have added three new members, Mary Jones, Brian Boelsche and Scott Sevigny.

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# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President - Dean Barnes Vice President - Balaam Valdez Secretary - Michael Mobley Director - Corrie Kennelly Treasurer - TBD

The "Contact Us" form at www.countryvillagehoa.org – emails your message to all the Board members and the management company.

# IMPORTANT NUMBERS/INFORMATION

Management Company: 866-473-2573 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. 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 and they will contact VF Waste and have a bin dropped off at your home.

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. Forms are also available on either our website, www.countryvillagehoa.org or RealManage's portal at www.realmanage.com. Deposit is \$150.00. Rental fee is \$150.00.

Community Website: www.countryvillagehoa.org

# **Board Update (continued)**

**Tennis Committee:** The Tennis Committee continuing its effort since 2019 has received bids from several contractors for the reconstruction of the tennis courts. The Committee is currently evaluating the bids, which are close to anticipated budgets. Going forward the Committee will present their recommendation to the Board and request the Board move forward with the process for resident approval of the reconstruction of the tennis courts fixing this long running problem..

**Trash & Recycling Services:** Trash service is on Monday and Thursday. Recycling service is on Wednesday. Please note bagged landscape cuttings and leaves no longer need to be left on the curb. Instead they will be picked up with regular household trash, which is currently contracted as a maximum of 6 bags not exceeding 40 pounds per pickup. Please advise your landscape contractor of this change. Tree trimmings and branches will continue to be collected at the curb - cut in length not to exceed four (4) feet, securely tied in bundles and not weighing more than forty (40) pounds. Our recycling scope is unchanged, they are not accepting glass. A more detailed description of these services is on our website, www.countryvillagehoa.org.

**Management Company:** We have a new Community Association Manager - Kristine Sharara, CMCA®. The Real Manage office at 16000 Barkers Point, Suite 250 is now open.

# **Kirkwood Projects Update**

**Kirkwood Lift Station Diversion and Abandonment update:** The Contractor is effectively done with the project. You'll notice the sanitary sewer lift station on the east side of Kirkwood has been demolished.

**Kirkwood Paving and Drainage Project update:** The Contractor is continuing to complete the east side of Kirkwood. Construction is taking longer due to the complexity of building through the Briar Forest intersection. They are finishing the construction on the east side thru Briar Forest and they will soon ready to reroute the traffic to that side and start the reconstruction of the west side. This transition will affect all our residents on Kirkwood and could start as early as October. Overall completion is spring/summer 2022. The project number is N-100029-0001-4. For General concerns call the City 3-1-1 (713/837-0311). For project specific concerns send them to buildforward@houstontx.gov.



# Holiday Delights From Our Home to Yours

1 stick butter

1 box powdered sugar

1 can Eagle Brand milk

2 (7 oz) cans coconut

2 cup chopped pecans

1 large pkg. chocolate chips 3/4 stick paraffin

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.

Delicious!

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# Women's Club Invites You To Join Us!

All women in our neighborhood are encouraged to join the Country Village Women's Club! It's a great way to get to know your neighbors, learn about interesting topics and relax with a glass of wine! We meet monthly from August to April at a member's home with yummy food, drinks, and a program! With a co-ed Christmas Party in December and a special Spring Event in May! Email CVillageWomensClub@gmail.com or call Karen Smejkal, President at 832-656-5373. The remainder of our '21-'22 dates are: 11/18, 12/18, 1/20, 2/17, 3/24, 4/21, and May (TBD).

## Garden Club Seeking Volunteers

Have you botany plants lately? The Garden Club is recruiting interested neighbors who want to use a part of the garden to grow things in! Email CVillageWomensClub@gmail.com and Mary Jones will fill you in and get your input of ways we can keep the garden...growing! It's tucked off to the side next to the Tennis Courts.

### **Gourmet Club News**

We're looking for a few new coordinators interested in reviving Gourmet Club and perhaps the men would like to take the lead this year! If you'd like to be kept in the loop about Gourmet Club or are willing to help get it re-started, email CVillageWomensClub@gmail.com. For more information please also visit countryvillagehoa.org/clubs.html

# SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

### FALL SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE

We ended the summer season with our annual Summer Bash at the pool, Luau style, with wonderful neighbors, pizza, and popsicles for the kids.

Next, we welcomed all the little goblins in the neighborhood for the spooktacular Halloween party. Spooky treats, games, & fun crafts were had by all! Our face painter made sure everyone was even more BOOtiful in their costumes. Then, back by popular demand, we did another neighborhood scavenger hunt on Halloween night! Thank you to everyone who helped make this hunt a success yet again!

**SAVE THE DATE!! Cookies with Santa** will be Saturday, December 4th from 3-4:30! Thanks to Linda Aber with Keller Williams Memorial, Santa will be flying in to read a tale, sing carols, and take pictures! Kids: if you're on the nice list, a little elf told us he may even have a surprise for you from the North Pole!



Thank you all for helping us make these events successful time after time!

Please contact us if you have any questions, or would like to help sponsor future events: cvillagesocialevents@gmail.com

**CHANGES TO THE COMMITTEE:** Brittany Milward and her family have moved to their home state of Georgia after being in Texas for over 7 years and in Country Village for the last 4. She was the creative genius in our social committee partnership, and she is dearly missed!

Lauren Haskett and Elizabeth Boelsche have stepped up to help Laura Payne. Lauren and her family have lived here since 2019. Elizabeth and her husband moved into County Village last year. Please give them a warm welcome to this role for the remainder of 2021!

Laura Payne, Elizabeth Boelsche, and Lauren Haskett Social Committee Chairs cvillagesocialevents@gmail.com

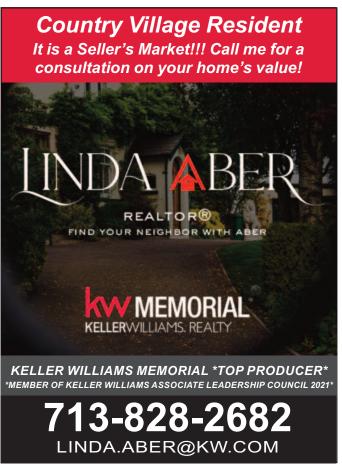
# **Community Website**



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



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# **SECURITY REPORT**

If you are planning on travelling this holiday season and would like to have the Constable put a vacation watch on your house, please go to the Precinct 5 constable website (www.Constablepct5.com) and download the form. While you are on the website you can look over the other programs that the Constable offers. I took the "Citizens Police Academy". It was extremely informative and enjoyable.

Sadly, crime continues and our lawn and garden contractors and homeowners are easy prey for theft of equipment. Please remind them to watch their equipment. During the year we have many residents enjoying the outdoors and walking the streets of CV, please be observant of your surroundings...if something does not appear right, please call the Constable. The Constable can typically respond in 5-10 minutes, so please call. If you are the victim of a crime, call the Constables, they will respond faster and inform the neighborhood of the crime in a timely manner. HPD does not send out crime alerts, so if youare the victim and HPD responds the only way we would know about it would be for the victim to pass along the information.

- I have changed my email address to jckennelly@icloud.com
- Precinct 5 Constable 24-hour dispatch 281-463-6666
- Precinct 5 website: www.Constablepct5.com

John Kennely

# **Book Club**



The Book Club is back to in person meetings.

November 8th – Outside Movie Night at Amanda's home – 1726 Warwickshire Dr. We have decided to watch the movie Respect, which is about Aretha Franklin.

**December 13th** – It was voted to sit, visit and be merry at Sarah de Haas' house. Dinner will be provided and guests can bring a bottle of wine and a dessert.

We will be back to reading and discussing in January. If you are interested in joining or checking out our book club, please contact Amanda Seiler at atseiler@comcast.net or by phone 713-854-5529. We meet the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm.