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THE COUNTRY VILLAGE

YOUR
COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2014

BRIEF

President's Corner:

Welcome to the very first installment of the Country Village Newsletter for 2014.

I'm excited about the developments in the neighborhood including the market appreciation in our area over the past few years, the renewed interest in various social groups to restart projects like the 4th of July parade, as well as continuing support from our Constables and our neighbors to keep our neighborhood safe.

As I enter my fourth year on the Board, I'm proud to say, collectively, we have strived for fiscal responsibility of the HOA budget (including building back up our Capital Reserve), neighborhood safety, and facilitating neighbor-to-neighbor networking to discuss ideas and issues.

There are certainly many things we can work on to improve the neighborhood in the upcoming years. However, in general, we have a neighborhood that we can be proud of, raise our children in, and retire in. In closing, I encourage everyone to become more involved in the neighborhood, whether it be in the Board or the social committees like the Women's Club or Book Club.

Congratulations to CV Resident John Kennelly for being elected Republican Precinct 504 Chairman. John also serves on the CV Board of Directors and represents this neighborhood in the Briar Forest Super Neighborhood.

Here's to a great and safe 2014!

Chance Dailey, Board President

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Pool opens on May 11, 2014
More details to follow in the May newsletter.



SPOTLIGHT

Neighbors In The SPOTLIGHT

Meet Bill, Diane & Skye Pottorf. The Pottorfs live on Heathwood and are original owners of their home. They recently celebrated their 50th anniversary by taking a cruise to Alaska. They have a son who is an engineer and a daughter who is an architect.

The Pottorfs are retired but they keep very busy.

Bill stays busy turning wood on his lathe and is always looking for unusual logs to turn into bowls, vases or even cowboy hats. He made a cowboy hat using one piece of wood! It was incredible.

Diane still works part time and enjoys sewing. **Diane is also a member of the Country Village Women's Group and volunteers to pick "Yard of the Month".**

Four years ago they got their mini-Aussie Skye. Being a high energy dog they are frequently seen walking. Skye is a certified therapy & R.E.A.D. dog. She and Diane visit a retirement community weekly and go to Kendal Library monthly so children can read to Skye. Skye loves to play Frisbee so she and Bill have a routine done to music and participate in competitions and demonstrations.

If you know a CV resident who donates their time in the community, let us know so we can put them "In the Spotlight". cmkennelly1@comcast.net.

GET READY FOR SPRING: To-do list for your lawn and garden

"SPRING IS THE TIME OF PLANS AND PROJECTS." —LEO TOLSTOY

Every season brings a different set of chores in the garden. Spring is an exciting time for gardeners as preparations are made for the bounty and beauty of the garden as it awakes from winter hibernation. It can also, however, be a bit overwhelming to know how to prioritize your gardening time at this time of year. Here is a helpful list of chores that should be tended to in the spring.

Pruning

For early blooming shrubs such as forsythia and viburnum, prune them as soon as blooms have passed. Early spring is also an ideal time to prune your roses.

Deadheading

Remove spent flowers from bulbs, but leave the rest of the plant as is for the time being.

Weeding

Pull weeds from your beds and borders before they have a chance to take hold and spread.

Composting

Tend to your compost if it has been neglected over the winter. If you do not have a compost bin, spring is a great time to start one.

Tools

Spring is a good time to prepare your tools for the oncoming gardening season and to make any necessary repairs or new

purchases. You will be happy you have done so when summer sets in.

Plant

Spring is a great time to add new plants to your garden. Be sure, however, that all threat of frost has past. Plant such things trees, shrubs, hardy annuals, and summer blooming bulbs.

Fertilize & Mulch

Fertilize and mulch beds and borders. Spring is also a good time to fertilize fruit trees. If you applied heavy winter mulch for protection from the cold, you will need to clear it away.

Staking

Stake plants that may be prone to wind damage during the unpredictable spring weather.

Lawn Care

Rake the lawn to remove dead growth and winter debris. This helps bring light and air to the soil level, encouraging the grass to grow. Spring is also the best time to feed your lawn with a good fertilizer. For established lawns, you should start mowing in the spring, but don't cut the grass very short for the first few times.

Hopefully these tips will give you a good idea as to where to focus your attention in your garden this spring.

Enjoy the season!

Book Club COME JOIN US!



Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at different book club members' homes. Contact: Sharon Cameron 832-868-0257 or at: scameron_421@yahoo.com

Upcoming meetings for April and May: Our April meeting on Monday, April 7, will be at Sarah deHaas's home, 11911 Summerdale. Our read is The Art Forger by Barbara Shapiro. May Meeting will be Monday, May 12 at Sharon Cameron's home 11919 Pebble Rock Dr., book selection still to be determined.



See
What
You're
Missing?

Pumpkin
Carving
Fun!

JOIN OUR COUNTRY VILLAGE WOMEN'S CLUB

You might have seen our signs at the entrance to the subdivision from time to time, and wondered what this is all about?

We are a group of women of all ages and origins who meet every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in a member's home, to chat, share food and wine and have fun! Projects we had this past year included: "Pumpkin Carving", "Game night", visits from a fashion stylist, our city councilman, and a speaker from Texas A&M Agrilife giving us tips about gardening. Every year we also organize a Christmas Holiday Party and a Luncheon in May.

Upcoming meetings:

- March 20th: Joke night
- April 24th: Jewelry and Accessory Exchange

You are welcome to come and see for yourself! To get more details, email Autumn Laughrun at: alaughrun@hotmail.com. We will have a break in the summer, and start the new season the end of August with a Champagne Kick-Off.

The Women's club does much more for our neighborhood life than just a monthly meeting!

-We have a **book club** and a **Gourmet Club**, a "**Welcome Wagon**", and a "**Care and Share**" group. We award "**Yard of the Month**" as well as "**Holiday Home decorations**".

-We organize events and activities for the neighborhood, like the OktoberFest in 2012, the Garage sale and the Kids Christmas party in 2013. We are trying to set up a event planning committee to organize more events, in collaboration with the HOA Board. If you would like to help and be part of it, email Amelie Dufournet at: amelie.dufournet@gmail.com.

-We are forming a committee to set up and organize a community garden. If you are interested, please contact Anna Heinzelmann by email at Heinzel@gmail.com or join us on March 23rd at 3pm at the Country Village clubhouse.

We look forward to meeting you!

SAVE THE DATE!

Country Village Women's Club Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show



Saturday May 17th
Houston Racquet Club
10709 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024

The theme is **African Safari**. Wear your animal prints! Doors open at 10 a.m. Come early to shop our vendors. Fashion show starts at 11 a.m. Sponsored by The French Cuff and Mary Kay Cosmetics.

To purchase tickets (\$35.00 per person) or reserve a table for you and your friends and family, contact Sandy Wake at 281-684-3516 or email skwake1@aol.com.

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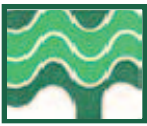
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Local Farmer's Market

The Market opened up for business October, 2013. It is a year round, weekly Farmer's Market which is held on Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Cyril of Alexandria Catholic Church,

10503 Westheimer at Rogerdale. There are around 26 vendors on hand, offering locally-grown produce, beef, lamb, pork and cheeses, as well as prepared food and products such as jellies, honey, soaps and bread. Please Note: Summer hours will be 4 – 7 p.m. beginning March 13, 2014.



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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Texas Aquatics will be offering a Water Safety Awareness Class. This is a great opportunity for all families especially families with younger children and infants. The class will be held Saturday June 14th at 9:00 a.m. at our neighborhood pool. Please take advantage of this great opportunity.



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