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NEWSLETTER
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BRIEF

From The Board

Board

The annual meeting was held on Feb. 16th where Kris Low and Amanda Hellman were reelected and Madison Banks was elected to the board. M2L attended the meeting and we discussed the plans for the revitalization of the community area that was outlined in the annual meeting packet and in the previous newsletter.

The Monthly meetings of the Board of Directors are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please join the meeting via the link on the agenda or in person at the clubhouse.

New Management Company

Starting on April 1st Graham Management Company became our new community management company. You should have received an introduction letter with instructions for logging into their website. Please make an account as soon as possible at the website below: www.grahammanagementhouston.com.

Their office is located at 2825 Wilcrest Dr. Suite 600, Houston, TX 77042. Our community manager is Tami Smith with email address: tsmith@grahammanagementhouston.com or call 713-334-8000 to get in contact with her.

Assessments

Having problems paying your assessments? Please contact Graham Management asap to get on a payment plan.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Anna Heinzelmann - President
Scott Sevigny - Vice President
Amanda Hellman - Treasurer
Maddie Banks - Secretary
Kristofer Low - Director

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: (713) 334-8000

Graham Management
2825 Wilcrest Dr. Suite 600
Houston, TX 77042
Community Manager – Tami Smith,
tsmith@grahammanagementhouston.com

Trash Company: (713) 787-9790

Trash Company: V.F. Waste Services www.vfwasteservices.com.
Trash days are Monday and Thursday. Heavy trash every Thursday.
Recycling is Wednesday morning. If you need a bin, please contact Crest Management and they will have VF Waste drop a bin off at your home.

Clubhouse Rentals: (281) 579-0761

The clubhouse is available to any resident (up to date on dues) to use for private parties and includes use of the pool and parking lot areas.

For reservations contact Crest, 281-579-0761, login to your homeowner portal at www.crestmanagement.com and check the calendar for availability, days with reservations will have a blue dot within them. If your desired date is available email jacquelyn@crest-management.com for an application.

A \$150.00 deposit is required. Rental fee is \$150.00.

Community Website: www.countryvillagehoa.org

Board Update (continued)

Green Space

We are happy to have a community area we can all use. Please be a good neighbor and pick up any trash you see. We would like to keep the area clean and while our lawn crew does clean when they are there, we would like to see it clean all of the time. Contact Graham Management if you are planning any events at the clubhouse, playground, or pool. Graham keeps a community calendar so our common spaces are not booked at the same time for private events.

Architectural Control Committee

Remember to always obtain ACC approval before making changes to the exterior of your home, including any exterior painting, roofing, fence, or driveway replacement. The instructions and Exterior Modification Request application can be found on the Crest website noted above.

Deed Restrictions

Please remember we are a Deed Restricted community. The restrictions are posted on our website.

Trash & Recycling Services

Trash service is Monday and Thursday. Recycling service is Wednesday.

“Backdoor” trash pickup is provided for standard residential trash and grass clippings, which means trash can(s) or bags can be placed near the back or gate but outside of any fenced area. A maximum of 6 bags not exceeding 40 pounds per bag per pickup. Tree trimmings and branches, cut in length not to exceed four (4) feet, securely tied in bundles weighing less than 40 pounds, heavy trash and recycling must be placed curbside. Generally, paper, cardboard, plastic, and metal are accepted for recycling. Glass is not currently accepted for recycling.

Holiday Collection days falling on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years will occur the following day and service for the subsequent day in the same week will also be completed one day later. Collection days falling on Good Friday, Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day will continue as normal.

Additional information or changes to these services can be found at our website, www.countryvillagehoa.org



Strawberry Pineapple Salsa

1 pineapple (peeled)	1/2 jalapeno (minced)
1 pound of strawberries	1/3 cup fresh cilantro (chopped)
2 roma tomatoes (diced)	1 lime (juiced)
1/2 red onion (minced)	1/2 teaspoon salt

Remove the peel and core from the pineapple and dice the fruit into a small, 1/4-inch dice. Place into a large mixing bowl. Hull the strawberries, and dice into a small, 1/4-inch dice. Add to bowl with pineapple. Dice the tomatoes into a 1/4 inch dice as well and toss with pineapple and strawberries. Add minced onion and jalapeno to bowl along with cilantro, lime juice, and salt. Stir to combine. Allow to sit at room temperature for 30 minutes before serving. Keeps in the refrigerator 24 hours!



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Villager Piranhas Swim Team

The Villager Piranhas swim team starts the 2023 season on May 1st. Practice will be at the CV pool Monday-Friday while school is in session from 4:30 - 8pm. Saturdays and after school is out, practices are from 7:15am – noon (There will be one lane made available for residents to use during these times, please don't forget that we have the ability to use the Heathlake pool). We are really excited about having 2 meets at our pool this year on Monday, June 5th and Monday, June 19th (The pool is closed to residents on Mondays). Swim team is a great way to become strong swimmers, leading to increased safety around water. It also teaches children about being in a team and leadership.

If you have children up to 18 who are interested in joining, registration is open until May 31st and practice will begin on May 1st at the CV Pool. Please see our website for more information www.villagerpiranhas.com

Pool

The pool is open from 7am until 9pm Tuesday through Sunday. This year we are again Swim At Your Own Risk (SAYOR). Children under the age of 17 are not allowed at the pool without an adult. Please be mindful of the swim team practice times. CV residents can also swim throughout the year at the Heathlake pool through our joint use agreement. For more information on the Joint Use Agreement or to obtain a key card to Heathlake check their website: <https://heathlake.org> (<https://heathlake.org>)

Book Club Notes & Musings

Country Village Book Club meets every 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm. We meet in one of our members' homes and each of us will either bring wine, appetizer, or dessert to share. We always welcome new members and for any ladies to come try us out. It is a great group of women, and we are very blessed to not just call them our neighbors but more importantly to call us friends.

Some of our reads for the last several months have been Mr. Timothy by Louis Bayard; Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt; The It Girl, by Ruth Ware. All the books made for some very interesting discussions.

Monday, May 8th: Outside Movie Night in Amanda Seiler's Backyard. One possibility is Man Called Otto.

Monday, June 12th: Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons by Lorna Landvik

Monday, July 10th: The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict, Victoria Christopher Murray

Monday, August 14th: The Pilot's Wife by Anita Shreve

If you are interested in attending a meeting, please contact Amanda Seiler – atseiler@comcast.net or 713-854-5529.



2023 SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Happy Spring, neighbors!

We had a great turn out for our Easter event and everyone enjoyed the nice weather for the egg hunt! The Easter Bunny hopped in and posed for photos with the kids before we all headed out to find some eggs while Lush Puff made delicious cotton candy for everyone.

We are excited for our second annual Lemonade Day on Sunday, May 7, at 4pm-6pm. In support of entrepreneurial spirit, children will create small business pop-ups selling delicious lemonade and lemon themed treats. This year the HOA is sponsoring dinner cooked once again by our wonderful husbands. We encourage everyone to come support our children and have an opportunity to talk to the HOA board! There will be display boards showing the potential changes coming to our recreation area.

Thank you again to the friends and neighbors who volunteer their time and donate to our events! We appreciate it so much and your help makes it all the more enjoyable for everyone! A special thanks to the Ramirez and Duckworth families for sponsoring the mimosa bar at the Easter Egg Hunt!

Mark your calendars for the remaining events of 2023:



FOURTH OF JULY PARADE: Tuesday, July 4 at 10:00. Decorate your cars, bikes, wagons, and strollers for a parade throughout the neighborhood escorted by the Houston Fire Department and Constables.

END OF SUMMER BASH: This will be held in August. Once the area schools and districts have finalized next year's school calendars, we will pick a date that works best. Stay tuned!

HALLOWEEN: Sunday, October 22 from 3-5pm. Come for spooky treats, haunted fun, and a costume contest.



COOKIES WITH SANTA: Sunday, December 3 from 3-5pm. Bring a dozen cookies per family, take your annual picture with Santa, and sip hot chocolate to celebrate the merriest time of year. We hope to have another group of neighbors sponsor and serve Bailey's to spike the adults' drinks. Please contact us if you're interested!

Lastly, we would like to say "See You Later" to Laura Payne who has served on the Social Committee for many years and will be stepping down after Lemonade Day. Laura has done so much for the community through these events. We hope she enjoys the well-deserved opportunity to attend the events with her family instead of as a host in the future!

Please contact us if you have any questions: cvillagesocialevents@gmail.com

Thank you,
Elizabeth Boelsche, Hannah Ritchey, Renae Low, and Laura Payne

CARE COMMITTEE

The CVWC has a Care Committee. We send out e-birthday cards and e-congratulations cards. We also mail out cards for condolences. If you wish to have someone added or have yourself added to the list, please do not hesitate to contact us at: mabirch527@gmail.com

Mary Ann Birchfield



Yard of the Month



March Yard of the Month:
Lell Welden, Jr. 11947 Cedar Pass Dr



April Yard of the Month: Karen Smejkal, 11822 Cedar Pass Dr

How to Organize Your Travel Plans

Traveling soon? Don't just rely on Post-it notes and your email inbox. Thanks to all the travel apps and websites that have popped up in recent years, organizing your travel plans has never been easier. Here are a few of the most popular:

For finding airfare: Google Flights, Kayak and SkyScanner help you draw a quick baseline for cost of flights. They also suggest alternative days to travel if you can be flexible on your travel dates to save a little money.

For researching hotels: TripAdvisor offers thousands of consumer reviews along with photos that have been uploaded by travelers rather than advertising professionals. If you do arrive at a hotel and don't like it, apps HotelTonight and Roomer can help you find a suitable (and likely discounted) alternative there on the spot.

For keeping track of your details: Flight times, your hotel's address, rental car info, confirmation numbers — so many numbers you want at your fingertips when traveling. Triplt and TripCase are two apps that strip out unnecessary information and put what you need to know from confirmation emails into a well-ordered itinerary. They're both free, but you can pay \$49 annually for a more robust Triplt Pro with extra features like notifications of gate changes and alerts when a better seat becomes available.

For road trips: iExit tells you what services are where at various U.S. highway exits so you can decide whether to wait or turn off now. Roadtrippers finds all the great American roadside attractions as well as restaurants and other services that are close. And GasBuddy compares gas prices of all the nearest stations.

Country Village Gourmet Club

The Country Village Gourmet Club kicked off its first Dinner since COVID in November of 2022, at the house of Tom and Amanda Seiler. The Seiler's gorgeous backyard was transformed to an elegant outdoor Japanese dining experience. Our resident chefs made sushi rolls, gyozas and many more amazing dishes that the 28 guests enjoyed.

The second CVGC event, The Pig Roast, was held at John and Corrie Kennelly's backyard on March, 2023. John and Tom roasted a 100 lb. pig over an open fire. This laid back event was enjoyed by 50 neighbors who made side dishes to go with the entree'.

The CVGC holds their events every 3-4 months at a neighbor's house. Usually the number of attendees is 24 people. Because the Pig Roast was outside and casual, the attendees amount was increased to 50.

We are currently in break mode but will be meeting soon to organize a new and fun event. The attendee number will go back to 24 or however many the host home can accommodate.



Gourmet Club: November Japanese Themed Dinner at Amanda and Tom Seiler's home

If you are interested in being a part of the Country Village Gourmet Club, please reach out to us at: Amanda Seiler atseiler@comcast.net. Corrie Kennelly cmkennelly1@comcast.net or Sarah de Haas at dehaaszoef@sbcglobal.net



March Pig Roast at Corrie and John Kennelly's home

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



WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Our 2022-23 season will be wrapping up with the Spring Event Luncheon at Casa do Brasil on May 6th. It's been a fun filled season with lots of laughter, wine, and interesting programs, including learning about trees and wills (not on the same night), games and crafting, a post-holiday white elephant gift exchange, and hearing about the amazing support Mission of Yahweh provides to struggling women and their children.

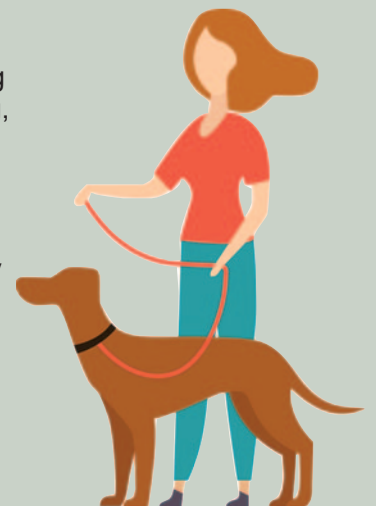
A big thank you to all of our women's club members who put in the effort to make our club run! If you haven't joined us yet or have been absent for a while, we'll kick off the next season in August with our annual Champagne Social. Look for details in the next newsletter, or email CVillageWomensClub@gmail.com to be added to our distribution list.

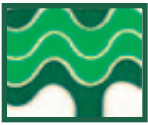


Dog Leash Rules

Country Village is fortunate to have a large green space behind the tennis courts, allowing for very flexible use by all of us. Residents have used it for community gardening, strolling, playing games, playing with their dogs on and off the leash, and more. The area is a common use space for all our residents; it is not a dog park/run. Unfortunately we've become aware that there is confusion about the dog leash rules in this area and that criterion for allowing dogs off their leash is not being followed by some residents. Consequently, unleashed dogs will no longer be permitted. All dogs within our Community common areas, tennis courts, basketball court and patio shall always be leashed.

We encourage all our dog owners to pick up after them and properly dispose of their waste. Of course, absolutely no pets are allowed in the playground or pool areas.





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CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Building a deck? Planting a tree? 811 is the new number you should call before you begin any digging project.

A federally-mandated national "Call Before You Dig" number, 811 was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects. People digging often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked due to concerns about project delays, costs and previous calls about other projects. These assumptions can be life-threatening.

Make a call for every digging job – even small projects like planting trees or shrubs. If you hit an underground utility line while digging, you can harm yourself or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially be responsible for fines and repair costs.

A recent study revealed that nearly half of homeowners who plan to dig this year won't call 811 to learn the approximate locations of buried gas, electric, communications, water and sewer lines before digging, putting their safety and the safety of others at risk. According to data collected by CGA, when an individual makes a call to 811 before digging, damage occurs less than 1 percent of the time.

So, before you dig, call 811. More details online at: www.call811.com.

SECURITY REPORT

If you are planning on traveling this 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 you are 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 jkennelly@icloud.com
- Precinct 5 Constable 24-hour dispatch 281-463-6666
- Precinct 5 website: www.Constablepct5.com

John Kennely