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NEWSLETTER
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BRIEF

From The Board:

Committee Opportunities

Country Village needs your help! The Board of Directors would like to set up some more committees to leverage the brains and brawn we have in our community towards improving Country Village for all of us. New proposed committees include: Finance, Clubhouse & Pool, Communications, and Architectural Control. Our existing committees are Social and Security, and they would like help too. If you would like to volunteer, please submit the "Contact Us" form at www.countryvillagehoa.org, and include the committee(s) you're interested in.

No Parking on the Medians

To keep our medians looking as good as they can, please avoid parking on them. Please also tell your lawn crews to not park on the medians. Lawn crews can park on a nearby side street or perhaps a customer's driveway.

2019 HOA Dues

Please pay your 2019 dues now if you have not done so yet. As of early April, our delinquency rate is ~4%. The delinquent accounts will be forwarded to the HOA's attorney shortly, and each delinquent account will also be responsible for subsequent legal charges.

Street Repair

Council member Travis has solicited requests from the Community for minor street, curb repairs. The request may be submitted to his office via districtg@houston.tx.gov. The request will be added to their list which will be compiled at the beginning of the new fiscal year (starts July 1). Once they know how much Council District Service Funds they receive, Council Member Travis will prioritize all requests. As you can imagine, (continued on next page)

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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.

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. Forms are also available on either our website, www.countryvillagehoa.org or RealManage's portal at www.realmanage.com. Deposit is \$200.00. Rental fee is \$100.00.

Community Website: www.countryvillagehoa.org

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they have many streets already on their list for new concrete panel replacement and asphalt overlays. They should know by August or so which streets he has selected for repair.

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 held at the Briarwood School at 12207 Whittington Dr. The meeting is open to all residents.

2019 Pool Hours And Safety Information

Saturday, May 25	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Sunday, May 26	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day)	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
June 1 through August 25	
Mondays	Closed
Tuesdays through Sundays	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Saturday, Aug 31	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Sunday, Sep 1	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Monday, Sep 2 (Labor Day)	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Pool Key Fob

Pool access is controlled via key fob. Please contact the management company to acquire a key fob or if your existing key fob is not allowing access. The latter can often be resolved with just one phone call.

Pool Safety

Please familiarize yourself with the rules for the Country Village pool, they are designed for all our safety. The entire list is posted at the pool and can also be found online at: <http://www.countryvillagehoa.org/pool.html>. Based on feedback from the lifeguards last season, please pay particular attention to the following:

- No running, pushing, shoving, or horseplay on the pool deck. Please ensure the children under your supervision are not running or horseplaying.
- Children requiring diapers must wear swim diapers. A regular diaper breaking in the pool will require the pool to be closed for cleaning.
- No glass containers of any kind are permitted within the pool enclosure. Broken glass in the pool will require the pool to be closed for cleaning.

Pesto Tortellini Salad with Asparagus & Tomato

INGREDIENTS:

4 cups frozen tortellini
1/2 bunch asparagus cut in 2 inch pieces
1/2 cup pesto
1 pint cherry tomatoes halved
1/4 cup fresh shredded Parmesan
salt and pepper to taste
Optional garnish: Fresh basil

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cook the tortellini according to package instructions.
2. Remove the tortellini from the water and allow to cool.
3. In the same pot of water quickly submerge the asparagus. Allow to cook for 3 minutes. Remove from water and place in an ice bath to stop the cooking.
4. Mix all the ingredients in a bowl.
5. Garnish with fresh basil.
6. Serve immediately or chilled



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Nearby City of Houston Projects

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. Upon completion, the entire lift station, including the brick screen walls, will be demolished and the site sold to the highest bidder for a home site. The only impact on Country Village residents is the new sewer line crossing of Kirkwood to Carriage Hill. The project will construct a new 42 inch diameter pipe approximately 30 feet below the streets crossing Kirkwood, running down Carriage Hill Drive to Lashbrook Drive, to Maple Rock Drive and then along the west side of the HCFC drainage ditch to the Harvest Moon lift station, which has been expanded. Due to its size and depth, the pipe will be tunneled between access shafts. The project was bid on March 28th. The City should award the Construction Contract before June 30, 2019. Construction should start by August and will take at least a year to complete.

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 should start this year. The second project goes from Briar Forest Drive to Westheimer Road. This project is starting design, so it's a long way off. The new street will remain in the existing 100 foot ROW. By eliminating the existing bikes lanes in the street, using 11 foot wide traffic lanes and minor modifications to the median width the city will create a new 6 foot wide sidewalk on the west side (Country Village side) and a new 10 foot wide bike/sidewalk on the east side. The biggest change to the street is the introduction of left turn lanes at High Grove, Lakeside Place, Pebble Rock, Beaujolais, Riverview and Carriage Hill. All other median breaks (except one) will be eliminated. New water lines and street lights are included in the reconstruction. The traffic signals at Briar Forest will be ungraded. No other traffic signals are included. Our City Councilman has announced the project will be delayed until 2020.

Memorial Drive Reconstruction

TxDot with the City of Houston and the Memorial City TIRZ is planning to reconstruct Memorial Drive from Beltway 8 east to Tallowood Drive. The project will not increase the number of lanes, but will have a raised median with dedicated left turn lanes, new storm drainage, traffic signals and an 8 foot sidewalk on each side. The design will be completed in 2020. Construction will begin in mid-2020 and take 24 months to complete.

Linear Stormwater Water Detention along Buffalo Bayou

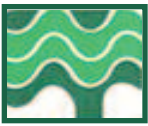
The Harris County Flood Control District will begin construction in April on the first phase of a project to construct additional linear stormwater detention along the south side of Buffalo Bayou between Dairy Ashford and Eldridge. The project will take 12 months to complete.

Book Club: Upcoming Reads

May 13th Meeting Place: Judy Scott. **May Book:** "Behind Closed Doors" By B.A. Paris (Fiction). **May Recommender:** Jori Kadlec. **Book Summary:** Everyone knows a couple like Jack and Grace: he has looks and wealth, she has charm and elegance. You'd like to get to know Grace better. But it's difficult, because you realize Jack and Grace are never apart. Some might call this true love. Picture this: a dinner party at their perfect home, the conversation and wine flowing. They appear to be in their element while entertaining. And Grace's friends are eager to reciprocate with lunch the following week. Grace wants to go, but knows she never will. Her friends call—so why doesn't Grace ever answer the phone? And how can she cook such elaborate meals but remain so slim? And why are there bars on one of the bedroom windows? The perfect marriage? Or the perfect lie?

June 10th Meeting Place: (We have no hostess yet, so if you would like to volunteer, please let me know!). **June Book:** "The Gown" by Jennifer Robson (Historical Fiction). **June Recommender:** Judy Vance. **Book Summary, per Amazon:** London, 1947: Besieged by the harshest winter in living memory, burdened by onerous shortages and rationing, the people of postwar Britain are enduring lives of quiet desperation despite their nation's recent victory. Among them are Ann Hughes and Miriam Dassin, embroiderers at the famed Mayfair fashion house of Norman Hartnell. Together they forge an unlikely friendship, but their nascent hopes for a brighter future are tested when they are chosen for a once-in-a-lifetime honor: taking part in the creation of Princess Elizabeth's wedding gown. Toronto, 2016: More than half a century later, Heather Mackenzie seeks to unravel the mystery of a set of embroidered flowers, a legacy from her late grandmother. How did her beloved Nan, a woman who never spoke of her old life in Britain, come to possess the priceless embroideries that so closely resemble the motifs on the stunning gown worn by Queen Elizabeth II at her wedding almost seventy years before? And what was her Nan's connection to the celebrated textile artist and holocaust survivor Miriam Dassin? With *The Gown*, Jennifer Robson takes us inside the workrooms where one of the most famous wedding gowns in history was created. Balancing behind-the-scenes details with a sweeping portrait of a society left reeling by the calamitous costs of victory, she introduces readers to three unforgettable heroines, their points of view alternating and intersecting throughout its pages, whose lives are woven together by the pain of survival, the bonds of friendship, and the redemptive power of love.

For more information on joining the book club or attending one of our meetings please contact Sandy Wake at swake1@aol.com or Amanda Seiler at atseiler@comcast.com. Happy Reading!!



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Women's Club Spring Social Events Update

Happy Spring, neighbors! We just had a super fun Easter egg hunt and had such a great turnout! Bad weather threatened our original plans so we switched days and ended up with the most beautiful Spring day! The Easter Bunny hopped in and posed for photos with the kids before we all headed out to find some eggs. The kids all had the biggest smiles! We want to again thank Blue Willow Bookshop for donating not one, but FIVE books that we raffled off to lucky winners. What a great way to encourage a love for reading in children! Also, a huge thank you to the friends and neighbors who volunteered their time to help us get everything set up! We so appreciate it! Before we know it, the pool will be opening and we are so excited for more opportunities to join together as neighbors and hang out! So be on the lookout for impromptu happy hours poolside! We are also beginning to think about the big Summer Bash which will be in August this year. We have been in communication with a realtor who lives in the neighborhood as well, and together are planning something fun and yummy to bring to all! We can't wait for fun in the sun, music, and a movie in the park once the sun sets! Please contact us if you have any questions: cvillagesocialevents@gmail.com. Thank you, Brittany Milward and Laura Payne.

