

KIRKWOOD COUNTRY



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YOUR
COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER

FALL 2023

BRIEF

Annual Christmas Decorating Contest!

The Holidays have returned and so has the annual Christmas Decorating Contest! Let us see your home dressed in its holiday best! ***You will need to make sure your home is decorated and your lights are turned on before December 16th so that you can be considered to win the contest.***

We always have great participation with this contest and are excited to award each winner with a gift card, along with a "Christmas Decorating Winner" sign which will be placed on the winner's lawn for the remainder of the holiday season.

Happy Decorating!



Examples from past years

2024 Annual Assessments

The 2024 annual assessment is due on January 1, 2024 and will be considered late if payment is not received on or before January 31, 2024. If you need to request a payment plan, please contact MASC Austin Properties, Inc. as soon as possible at (713) 776-1771 or send a General Request using the “Requests” tab. Communication can go a long way and help avoid additional fees added to your account. If paying by check, please write your Customer ID number on the lower left corner of your check. Your Customer ID number is shown on the 2024 Assessment invoice notice.

Please note: To receive the entire Discount, payment must be RECEIVED by MASC Austin Properties, Inc. on or before January 31, 2024. Credits will be posted to eligible accounts January 31, 2024. An envelope post marked January 31, 2024 does not constitute receipt of payment. Post-dated checks will not be accepted.

2023 Annual Meeting

As a result of the 2023 Kirkwood Country Homeowners Association, Inc. annual meeting held Thursday, November 16, 2023, Board members Carina Agustin, John Rankin and Magaly Villafuerte were re-elected to the Board of Directors. The Board continues to press forward in keeping Kirkwood Country a great place to call home! Please make sure to visit www.kirkwoodcountry.com periodically and register for TownSq at www.kirkwoodcountry.sites.townsq.io to stay up to date with all things Kirkwood Country.

Current Board of Directors:

John Rankin – President
Magaly Villafuerte – Vice President
Carina Agustin – Treasurer
Phenix Hall – Secretary
Violetta Adelsberger – At Large



PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET ACC APPROVAL PRIOR TO MAKING EXTERIOR CHANGES TO YOUR HOME

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) was created to enhance property values by requiring conformity to certain standards of construction, visual appeal, uniformity, and design. Having a consistent appearance, especially one that is aesthetically pleasing, is one of the best ways to maintain and protect the community's property values. Buying a home is a major investment so you want to protect its value as much as possible. By abiding by the community's architectural standards and following the correct procedure for home modifications, you are contributing to your community's success. As a small reminder, only two colors are allowed to be displayed on the home, a base color and a trim color.

THANKSGIVING TRADITION ORIGINS

People follow traditions because “that’s the way it’s always been done,” but every custom started somewhere. Why turkey? What’s up with the wishbone?

Eating turkey. Turkey was not the star of the show at the first feast in 1621; that didn’t happen until the mid-1800s. Magazine editor Sarah Josepha Hale read about the 1621 feast and used it as a model for an annual holiday dinner. She published recipes for turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie, launching traditions that had nothing to do with the colonists. Today, nearly 88% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving.

Breaking the wishbone. This tradition dates back to ancient Roman times, when Etruscans fought over chicken and hen bones, which they believed would bring good fortune. The English inherited this tradition and introduced it to the New World. When they discovered the land was rampant with wild turkeys, they applied the custom to that bird instead.

The presidential turkey pardon.

Every year, the President frees one lucky turkey—this fairly recent tradition began with President George H.W. Bush. He gave the first official pardon to a turkey in 1989. The survivor lived out its days at a Virginia petting zoo.



BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Regular Board meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. located at the offices of MASC Austin Properties, Inc.



All residents are encouraged to attend. If you have an item that you would like to have on the next meeting’s agenda, please contact Rachel Rivera with MASC Austin

Properties at (713) 776-1771 or via email at: rrivera@mascape.com.

To receive notifications and reminders of the scheduled Board meetings, please make sure to register for TownSq!



If you are interested in receiving E-mail Blasts, please visit: www.kirkwoodcountry.com and click on the link at the top of the page.

HOW TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR - PARKING



We would like to encourage all residents to be considerate when parking your vehicles. Did you know that the Texas Transportation Code prohibits vehicles from being parked on sidewalks? Not only is it inconsiderate to pedestrians, but it is against the law to park on the sidewalk. The same is true for blocking or parking near a fire hydrant. Also, please do not block mailboxes as this makes postal delivery difficult or impossible for the postal worker and your neighbors, alike. Lastly, do not park on your lawn. Parking on the lawn is prohibited in Kirkwood Country, and it causes damage to your grass. Thank you for helping make Kirkwood Country a great place to live!

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Preparing Your Home For Winter

Although it may be hard to believe, Winter will be here before you know it! As many of us unfortunately experienced during Winter Storm Uri, preparing your home and yard for winter may help you conserve water and reduce the risk of costly home and irrigation system leaks and repairs when the temperatures drop below freezing.

It's Time to Winterize Your Lawn and Irrigation System!

As the temperature drops, your lawn goes into hibernation and undergoes some physical changes. Here are a few tips that will help you prepare for cooler months:

1. Beginning in October through March, add no or very little water to your lawn. St. Augustine is dormant during the fall and winter.
2. Check the level of mulch in your landscaping. Mulch helps winterize your yard by keeping soil temperatures moderate.
3. Mow once per month at the most.

KEEP STORM DRAINS CLEAN

To lessen the possibility of street flooding, we ask residents to please keep storm drains clean and free from yard debris and trash. Please do not put any items down the drains. They are meant to drain water out of the streets only.



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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911
Houston Police Dept.	713-884-3131
City of Houston 3-1-1	311
Harris County Animal Shelter	281-999-3191
Poison Control Hotline	800-222-1222
Reliant Energy (Electric)	713-207-7777
CenterPoint Energy (Gas)	281-342-6665
Comcast/Xfinity	800-934-6489
Call Before You Dig	811
AT&T Fiber	281-768-7860