

Country Place Chronicle

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Country Place residents and friends! Thanks again to all those who turned out for our annual meeting on Sept. 9. An extra thanks to our neighbors who stepped up to support the community.

- Carolyne Kasprzak: Assistant Country Place Secretary
- Hope Highley: Halloween party planner. She and husband Montana welcomed one of our newest residents, Ophelia, in July.
- Miae Kent: Welcome Committee volunteer
- Holiday bows: Tony Harris, Susy Roper, Carolyne Kasprzak, Tim Middleton, Jimmy and Angela Crawford
- Several people expressed interest in other roles and workday volunteer spots

Your support is truly appreciated. The six current board members log a good bit of time every month to keep things running smoothly. We really need help. We have two key roles to fill, both somewhat seasonal:

- Pool co-chair: We need someone to join the pool team to learn the ropes during the next season as one of our pool leaders expects to be moving out of state. The pool is a popular amenity for Country Place residents and attracts non-residents whose dues help keep our pool costs down
- Parks and rec: This person oversees the playground and larger play area by the pool and coordinates with the landscaper. One focus for 2026 is making our entries more attractive

To volunteer, just reach out to a board member you may already know. Or click "contact" on our community website countryplaceevanshoa.org.

Thank you on behalf of your all-volunteer Board.
Daniel Ware, President

Reminder: HOA dues for 2026 must be paid by January 31, 2026, to avoid late fees and interest. Watch for your invoice by early January.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC):

Fall is here and cooler weather means caring for our yards is much more comfortable and safer – those scorching triple-digit days were miserable!

Please mark your calendars to catch up on the basics of mowing, trimming and weeding, plus seasonal chores, such as edging to clean up curbs and removing weeds from driveways, walkways and the pavement right in front of your house. Our covenants require us to maintain our properties, and we all know tidy yards help keep our community attractive and inviting for all.

We know a few neighbors are still recovering from Hurricane Helene and waiting on insurance claims and contractors. Fall also means busy school and sports schedules for many families. Please, let an HOA board member know if you are facing a significant event, such as storm damage or a severe health issue. Communication is key.

Bonus: Yardwork, done safely, counts as aerobic activity and can help us stay in shape!

Ghostly Greetings!

Whooooo wants Candy??

Join the Halloween Fun on Saturday, October 18th from 6pm until 9pm at the Pool Pavilion.

Trick or Treat, Pie Bake Off

Food, Bouncy House, Games and MORE!

Come as you are or dress up, it's up to you!

Want to decorate a trick or treat booth? Got the best pie in the neighborhood? Email to volunteer: hwootton37@gmail.com

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SPOOKY TO BE HUNGRY

Help feed hungry neighbors in our area by contributing to the It's Spooky to Be Hungry campaign that supports the Golden Harvest Food Bank. The food drive, started in 1992, has grown into a major grassroots service project. The Country Place team has long been led by Jimmy and Angela Crawford. Watch for the donor door tags they are hanging! You can scan the QR code to donate.

You can also go to [Search It's Spooky to Be Hungry](#) and search for Country Place to make a donation online. According to Mr. Crawford, Country Place took first place one year. Can we do it again??

Scan the QR code
below for more
details.



SHOULD WE BURN YARD DEBRIS?

(CONT.)

The state-mandated burn ban runs from May 1 through Sept 30 every year so we can burn debris now. But should we?

Lt. Thornton of the Columbia County Fire Department encourages people to reconsider setting fire to that pile of trimmings: "I always tell people don't burn but they are within their rights" – as long as they follow the rules.

Georgia law effective July 2021 mandates that the person burning take full responsibility for keeping their fire contained and is required to follow five safety standards.

The first step is to figure whether your property is large enough to meet the two space requirements for burning. That is the first thing Lt. Thornton checks when he responds to a fire report or smoke complaint. If you do not meet the requirements, the fire must be put out. Check the weather, too. Do not burn if the wind will pick up in a few hours.

"Take Five" before you burn and remember the five-letter acronym "S-S-T-A-R" for the safety requirements.

Space: Burn location must be no less than 25 feet from any woodlands, forestland or field that contains brush, grass or other flammable material.

Space: Burn location must be no less than 50 feet from structures, which includes homes, outbuildings, sheds and barns

Time: Burning must take place between sunrise and sunset

Attendance: Person responsible must attend burning at all times until fire is completely extinguished and there is no risk for burning to escape control

Reasonable Precautions: Person responsible must take reasonable and necessary precautions to prevent fire escape or spread

Keep this in mind: Escaped debris burning is the number one cause of wildfires in Georgia, according to the Georgia Forestry Commission.

For more information: Burn Permits and Notifications | Georgia Forestry Commission

Call 911 – not the fire station – to report smoke or burning. 911 operators can locate the closest engine.

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RECOMMENDED SERVICE PROVIDERS:

DECK AND FENCE

American Exteriors Fencing

Mike Day

(706) 394-8616

Tom Mell (Southern Pride Stains)

(706) 951-2448

Southernpridestain.com

LAWN CARE

Naptali Rodriguez: (706) 750-3105

Robbie Silas (706) 421-4583

He maintains our HOA Community grounds.

Michael Gaines, (706) 306-5488

Economy Sprinkler Systems

He maintains the HOA systems.

Thompson's Sprinkler

Joe Thompson (706) 589-9514

Service, repair, & instillation

RBA Stump Grinding

Russell Aycock (762) 287-8200

Stokes Mosquito and Outdoor Pest Service

(803) 759-2110 or (803) 474-0002

They maintain our HOA Community Pool area

Moisture Control

Crawl Space Specialists, LLC (706) 993-2450

Encapsulations – French Drains

Moisture Control

Crawl Space Ninja – Mike Scott (706) 255-8772

Crawl Space Encapsulation, Basement waterproofing, humidity control and mold removal services.

PAINTING & PRESSURE WASHING

William "Hymer" Dillabough: (706) 691-8084

Painting & pressure washing - interior, exterior, kitchen cabinets.

Lauren Hall (706) 755-5396

Painter. Knowledgeable, organized, professional, neat, efficient AND a good painter.

REAL ESTATE

Jasmine Pruitt: 706-394-6947,

Realtor David Greene Realty, LLC

Lives in neighborhood

REMODELING

Jerry Land: (803) 341-4080

Drywall repair / install and popcorn removal

Bruce & Theresa Story: (706) 449-3177

Custom kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities, trim work, decks, porches. Text Teresa at number above.

TREE REMOVAL

Gracey's Tree Service:

Darrel Gracey (706) 262-1325

WELDING

Justin Youngblood (706) 910-6474

Mobile welding

If you have a recommendation, please email: countryplacesecretary@gmail.com