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The Prez says, *"Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Feliz Navidad, and Happy New Year!"* On behalf of the Countryside Valley HOA Board of Directors, I would like to wish you and your family a **heartfelt happy holiday season**. This is one of a series of bimonthly newsletters to help keep you up-to-date on important information regarding our neighborhood and community. We hope you find it useful. If you are new to our neighborhood, welcome.

- **We Want You!** Well, we want your email address. The Board wants to improve communication lines with residents and homeowners. So, please take a moment to leave your email address at info@countrysidevalleyhoa.com. Thank you for helping us get information to you in a timely manner.
- **Neighborhood Block Party/BBQ:** Thanks to everyone who participated in the neighborhood block party. Hopefully, those who attended enjoyed good food, good music, and nice neighbors.
- **Winterhaven NW:** Already, many of our residents have made the effort to ring in the holidays with beautiful lights and decorations. The Board voted to continue recognizing those who go above and beyond by awarding prizes for three lucky residents. The top three homes will receive \$100, \$75, and \$50 respectively for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Judging will take place on Sunday, December 22, between 6:00-10:00 p.m.
- **NW Fire Codes:** Countryside Valley was identified as not meeting several NW Fire District code requirements that were addressed by the Board. Included in the requirements were: an electronic sensor that will automatically open the gate for emergency vehicles, no parking signs placed on the wall along Ferber and on the gate at the end of Twain, and the removal of the metal bollards at the end of Twain that could keep emergency vehicles from entering the community through a second entrance. The cost of the sensor and signs was approximately \$1,000.
- **Save \$22 in Dues:** *Just a reminder that our monthly dues are \$31 per month. However, anyone who pays for the entire 2014 by January 31 will pay \$350 instead of \$372. Dues must be current in order to qualify for the savings.* This money pays for our maintenance to common areas, phone and electric for the gate, legal fees, taxes, postage, sewer maintenance, office supplies, etc. Dues can be paid by mail or online through Paypal. A \$10 late fee will be assessed to any homeowner who is more than 30 days past the first of the month.
- **Open Sesame:** Anyone interested in getting a remote to the front gate for \$25 can purchase one through Alltech. Call 747-4441 for more information.
- **Waste Management:** Waste Management agreed to offer Countryside Valley residents an extremely good rate for one recycling and two trash pick-ups per week, we are contracted to have **Waste Management as our sole provider** until the contract expires. **Therefore, no homeowner is permitted to retain trash services from any other vendor.** The Board was informed by WM that all customers should expect a 2.6% increase in 2014. It is not unusual for trash companies to pass along rising costs to its customers. This equates to approximately a \$5 per year increase.

- **Architectural Changes:** One of the things that we need to remember is that when we plan to paint our homes, add something permanent to our homes, or construct a structure in our yard, we need Board approval. While this may seem like an invasion of our privacy, it is required in our CC&Rs. So, **if you plan to make a change, or you have made a change without Board approval, please notify us as soon as possible.**
- **Operation Back Yard:** The Board is continuing to identify unsightly articles in the back of the homes in Countryside Valley. It is the Board's attempt to identify these problem areas and inform the homeowners to take the appropriate action to remove unsightly articles. We should all take the time to survey our back yards and assess **what our neighbors can probably from their yards.**
- **Holey Roads:** The Board is happy to announce it has saved \$90,000 mark in the bank in its goal toward resurfacing the streets. However, a few small potholes have appeared on Lessing Lane. The Board approved purchasing several bags of asphalt cold patch and will fill the holes very soon.
- **Visitor Parking Passes:** As we know, parking on the streets in Countryside Valley is prohibited. The goal is that every resident utilizes their garage and driveway to accommodate all vehicles. However, guests do not always have the luxury of parking in driveways. Therefore, if you plan to have visitors for an extended stay, contact the Board and request a guest-parking pass. Again, these passes are for visitors, not residents who have more vehicles than the space available in the garage and driveway.
- **Drive Safely:** This is just a gentle reminder that the speed limit in CV is 15 m.p.h. Please drive slowly through the neighborhood as we are sharing the road with kids on bikes, pedestrians, and folks walking their dogs.
- **Doggie Doos and Don'ts:** Please remember that as pet owners, we have the responsibility to respect our neighbor's right to quiet and fresh air. If we can hear our dogs barking outside, so can our neighbors. It may be time to bring them inside the house. Also, we are responsible for picking up after our furry friends. Finally, as a cat owner, I need to remember that dogs bark. They help their owners feel safe from strangers. So, let us respect our right to own a dog and our right to peace and quiet.
- **New Residents:** We want to welcome everyone who is new to the neighborhood! You have selected a great neighborhood in which to live. All of our Community Rules and Regulations are online at our website as well as other links that you may find helpful. **Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.**

Well, that is a lot of information in a small amount of space. The bottom line is we are all responsible for making our homes and community look their best whether we own or rent. If you have any questions or concerns, contact us at our voicemail number or email address. The next homeowner meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2014, at 7:00 at the CCC on Bald Eagle.

Respectfully,

Todd Autenreith - CVHOA