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The Prez says, *“We should take the time to remind our moms just how much we love and appreciate them.”* On behalf of the Countryside Valley HOA Board of Directors, I would like to wish you and your family a very **Happy Easter and upcoming Mother’s and Father’s Day**. 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.

**Seal the Deal:** The Board has scheduled our newly resurfaced roads to be sealed the week of May 8, 2017. This is standard procedure for new asphalt. Bates Paving, which resurfaced our streets, will be doing the sealing. The schedule will be similar to that of the resurfacing done in August. However, all of the work will be completed in four days as opposed to two weeks. The scheduled work includes:

- **Monday, May 8:** Twain St., Fitzgerald Ln., Lessing Ln. (east of Fitzgerald), and drainage areas will be sealed.
- **Tuesday, May 9:** Areas sealed on Monday will be painted (speed bumps and curbs).
- **Wednesday, May 10:** Ferber Ct., Lessing Ct., Lessing Ln. (west of Fitzgerald), and drainage areas will be sealed.
- **Thursday, May 11:** Areas sealed on Wednesday will be painted and striped.

One of the most common concerns during roadwork is access to our homes when our section of the neighborhood is being sealed. **We will not have access to our homes using vehicles during the entire day of sealing.** The Board encourages those residents to park on the streets in the part of the neighborhood that is not being sealed or on Lessing Ln. outside the gate. The street outside the gate on Twain St. will also be available for parking. Please do not park at the entrance of the neighborhood north of Lessing Ln. (Lessing Way). That is a school bus stop zone and garbage trucks need to be able to access that neighborhood. The Board will contact the adjacent neighborhood HOAs to inform them of the upcoming roadwork. The gate at the end of Twain Street will be opened during the duration of the sealing process. The roads should be available to drive the afternoon after the painting is completed.

**Garbage/Recycling Schedule:** Heavy vehicles can damage newly sealed roads, so the Board has contacted Waste Management and RAD trash companies to coordinate a revised schedule for the week of May 8. **ALL TRASH AND RECYCLING WILL BE PICKED UP ON MONDAY, MAY 8, BY 7:00 A.M.** Therefore, it is recommended that we all put out our trash and recycling containers Sunday night to ensure they have been picked up. There will be no other service the rest of the week. Regular service will resume May 15.

**Patience is a Virtue:** The Board has worked very diligently to have the streets resurfaced and now sealed. While it is an inconvenience for everyone, we must make every attempt to respect the advice from Bates with respect to driving on roads having been sealed. **Streets sealed on Monday cannot be driven on until Tuesday afternoon. Streets sealed on Wednesday cannot be driven on until Thursday afternoon.** A resident found driving on newly sealed roads before the cones are removed is liable to a fine assessed to their property. Thank you for showing patience during this process.

**In Other News:** In addition to the roads, the Board has also worked diligently to improve the look of the neighborhood. This includes:

- A new sign installed at the entrance of the community
- A new spot light installed for the sign
- New lights along the sidewalk at the entrance
- A flood light aimed at the Ironwood tree at the entrance
- Solar lights placed at the mailboxes on Lessing Ln. and Fitzgerald Ln.
- Drainage area along the circle area at the entrance cleaned and trimmed

**Trash Talk:** The Board was able to negotiate a new contract with Waste Management for both one and two pick-ups per week (including recycling). These new prices are slightly lower than any of the competitors. The contract begins July 1, 2017 and will be adjusted for those of us who already use WM. The new rates include:

- ✓ **Two trash pick-ups & 1 recycling: \$17.95 per month (billed quarterly)**
- ✓ **One trash pick-up & 1 recycling: \$13.95 per month (billed quarterly)**

Contact **Waste Management customer service** at **520-744-2600** if you want to discuss delivery options.

**Clean Sweep:** The roads will be professionally swept every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the even months (**June 17, August 11, October 13, and December 8**). It is imperative that we respect the “**no parking on the street**” policy and move our trash containers to ensure all parts of the neighborhood streets are cleaned. **Our next neighborhood sweep will be done Friday, June 17.**

**Parking:** Just to clarify, **parking is prohibited on all of our streets, all day, every day.** This has been the policy for years to allow easy access for trash and recycling vehicles, provide safer roads for pedestrians, and improve the overall aesthetic value of our neighborhood. While the Board understands the occasional times that we have guests visiting and need to use the street to park, all residents are expected to park all vehicles in driveways and garages. Friendly reminders have been utilized to remind residents of the policy. However, residents who violate the policy on a regular basis are in jeopardy of receiving a fine or having the vehicle towed. **So, thank you for respecting the “no parking on the street” policy.** In addition, parking any part of a vehicle in the yard is also prohibited.

**Garages - Cars vs. Storage:** Some of us use our garages for vehicles. Some use them for storage. Some use them for both. We need to remember that if we have a parking issue, and we use our garage for storage, perhaps it is time to clean out the garage.

**15 MPH:** There are many children living in our neighborhood playing in the streets and those who walk their dogs. We all need to take it easy driving in and out of the neighborhood to ensure their safety. Thank you.

**Gate News:** Unfortunately, some drivers still choose to use the wrong gate to enter or exit the community. Please, wait for the appropriate gate to open for access in or out of the neighborhood. **If you would like to purchase a remote for the gate, call Alltech Gate Systems at 747-4441.**

So, there it is. The neighborhood looks great! Countryside Valley is a wonderful neighborhood in which to live, to raise kids, and to entertain friends and family. Now, it is our turn to keep it that way by taking pride in our homes and properties to attract potential buyers and feel good when we return home each day.

The next monthly Board meeting will be on **Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Countryside Community Center on Bald Eagle.

Respectfully,

*Todd Autenreith*

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