HOA Monthly Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday @ 6:30 pm of each month at the Whispering Pines Fire Station except in December we have no Meeting. You are all invited to the meetings, please try your best to attend. We encourage open dialogue at board meetings and desire your input and participation.

Your Countryside South Homeowner's Association has invited you and your families to join us for "COOKIES AND ICE CREAM"

Tuesday July 1st @ 6:30 pm at the Picnic Shelter

Join us for a good time, come meet your HOA Board, meet your neighbors, keep in the know, share your suggestions, offer your input, become a board member.

## NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE Sat June 7th

The HOA Board is here to continue keeping Countryside South one of the finest and safest and most valuable communities in the state. Our HOA Board consists of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Chairman of the Architectural Control Committee (ideally consisting of 3 individuals) a Facebook Coordinator and other non- officer members. In the twenty-some years of this development many, many residents have served on this HOA Board and we thank them. However, many residents have not. We also understand that life gets in the way of volunteering and in almost every one of the HOA volunteers' individual cases they have had to work around those situations, that's why it is nice to have more board members than needed to help cover for each other when possible. We need your help.

The ANNUAL MEETING is the last meeting of the year in November. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to get the Board realigned and ready for a new year of meetings. The Annual meeting is typically where officers are elected or reconfirmed. For 2025 we will need to fill the Vice President position and would like to add members to the ACC committee. In spite of the fact that for 2024 the HOA had no President we still somehow managed to have all but one scheduled monthly meeting, enjoy an ice cream social event at the picnic grounds, hire a groundskeeper and improve many household improvement projects. On that note Countryside South just keeps getting better and better with a neighborhood that desires to modernize their homes, it just looks nicer and nicer driving through every day. Thank you, neighbors, for caring for our little slice of heaven.

Now that summer is practically here, Residents are reminded that the SPEED LIMIT IS 25 MILES PER HOUR. There are many children who play in yards adjacent to the street. These children and many adults also walk and ride their bicycles in the streets. Please remember that the hills, curves and blind spots make it difficult for drivers to see children and adults who are on the streets. We still have to be very concerned with the fire trucks, construction vehicles or ambulance's ability to get through so please keep your boats, campers and cars off the roads and on your driveway or in your garages. Please remind your guests, delivery people and contractors of these concerns as well.

The Covenants of the Countryside South Homeowners Association were written at the time that the development was established. The covenants were designed to protect both the homeowners' property values and their quality of life. As time has passed and homes have been bought and sold numerous times, many questions have arisen as to what is or is not allowed in regard to exterior improvements. It has become common for board members to receive phone calls from current homeowners, potential buyers and realtors asking for explanations as to what

is and is not allowed in relation to various aspects of the covenants, particularly in regard to fences and sheds/outbuildings.

Therefore, the board recognizes the following:

- 1. The basic needs of maintaining property values and the quality of life of our residents have remained unchanged.
- 2. Over time, the needs of some residents for privacy and storage have changed.
- 3. When approving exterior changes to structures or additions of storage sheds and fences, the ACC Committee and the HOA Board need to do so in a fair and equitable manner. The board has reviewed past practices and is currently using a request sheet that we call the Elements of Harmony that has been used by previous boards as a tool for evaluating the appropriateness of proposed improvements to homeowners' property. This form can be found on our website: csshoa.org. Please start your process by reviewing this form.

section 11 (a) boats camper trailers or recreational vehicles may be kept on a lot provided that they are kept in a semi enclosed area and concealed from the surrounding street and neighborhood with the approval of the ACC committee.

Pets Policy: As per Section 12 of the CSSHOA Restrictive Covenants states all pets must be confined to the owner's property. Pets kept outside must be in an enclosure or on a leash. The number of pets per household shall be limited to (3) three.

## The weather is warmer and the night time prowlers are back in the neighborhood checking car doors. Please lock your car, house, and sheds.

IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD - call the sheriff. The number is (605)394-2151. If you feel there is an imminent threat to wellbeing or property, call 911.

If you see suspicious activity but nothing is stolen from you, CALL THE SHERIFF TO REPORT IT ANYWAY. The wannabe thieves you saw may have actually stolen something from one of your neighbors. Your call could help.

The sheriff's department has said in the past they will increase patrols in our neighborhood if there is suspicious activity, but they cannot do so unless they are notified of such.

If you want to share details about a suspicious situation with the HOA board, you can <u>email</u> countrysidesouthhoa@gmail.com.