

Countryside Homeowner's Association Newsletter –May 2022

The following is a summary of results from the annual meeting on April 13th, 2022. Please note that dues reflect an increase & must be paid by within 30 days of being invoiced. Thank you for paying promptly!

—ANNUAL DUES INVOICE—

Annual Dues are \$125.00 and are to be paid within 30 days of invoice date

Please make check payable to and mail to:
Countryside Homeowner's Association
PO Box 606
Essex Junction, Vermont 05453-0606

Note: Invoice statements are only mailed to households in arrears and will include late fees of \$2/month

Budget Discussion and Outcome

Those in attendance of this year's meeting were in favor of the use of funds in this year's budget.

Major Projects

No major projects are planned for this year.

Pool/Tennis Maintenance

This year, the pool shed and cabana will be painted, and the tennis courts power washed to improve traction. Additional grass will be seeded around the poolyard walkway. And the Board is working to provide additional shade at the south end of the large pool.

Community Events

The neighborhood will continue to support and organize several small-scale events for our residents. Please contact us if you have an idea for additional community events. This year's events are:

- **Neighborhood Yard Sale.** Start clearing out the clutter! The yard sale will be **Saturday June 11th 8:00am-3:00pm**. You set up in your yard/driveway/garage; the association will advertise and obtain permits.
- **2nd and 4th Thursdays at the Rec Area.** Come to the Rec Area (pool/tennis area) and meet your neighbors! The Board will provide music (maybe recorded, maybe live); **Bring your own** beverages (no glass, please!), folding chairs, and lawn games from 6:30-8:30pm. Watch for emailed reminders. (Haven't registered an email for your household with the Board? Write to secretary@countrysidevt.org!)
- **Pickle Ball.** We're hosting **Pickle Ball clinics** again on **Thursday June 9th** and **Tuesday June 14th at 6:00pm**, no sign-up required. There will be **pick-up games each Wednesday from 6:00-8:00pm** beginning in June. For more information, please call Betty Schifferle at +1-802-871-0999 or contact Gail Connors at +1-802-316-7182/gesconnors@aol.com.
- We will hold the annual **Countryside Community Social** beginning at **6:30pm on Sunday August 28th** at the Rec Area. See you there for swimming and ice cream! Feel free to bring your own chairs and/or lawn games!

Mind Your Pets! Please respect your neighbors' property and remember to pick-up after your pet. This is especially a springtime nuisance resulting from winter dog-walkers, but also persists all year. Thank you!

Deeded Covenants Reminder

Also, please remember this is a deeded-covenant neighborhood; we all must abide by the covenants. Please remember to check the covenants about pets, fences, trees, recreation vehicles etc. For a copy, see our website: <http://www.countrysidevt.org/COUNTRYSIDE%20DEED%20COVENANTS.pdf>

- CHA Board Approval needed for ALL tree removal, 6 inches or greater in diameter.
- ALL Campers, RVs or Boats stored off-site after Nov. 30
- ALL fencing needs CHA Board approval
- ALL Snowmobiles/trailers removed by April 30th

Selling Your Home

Whether by owner or with a realtor, a re-sale certificate from the Countryside Homeowners Association is NEEDED! Please contact the Treasurer in ADVANCE of your closing date. Any questions, please contact the board.

Communication Channels

Email: The Board asks for your help in establishing a comprehensive list of email addresses in order to improve the efficiency of communications regarding community events and allow us to perform mid-season changes to the pool/tennis lock combinations in response to compromise. If you haven't already, please provide at least one reliable email address per household by emailing your name and address to secretary@countrysidevt.org.

Front Porch Forum: Still the best way to know what's happening in the village, the neighborhood and with your neighbors. Join today: <http://www.frontporchforum.com/>

Countrysidevt.org website: This is the neighborhood promotional piece and place for board member contacts, association documents, and calendar of events. www.countrysidevt.org

Pool Opening & Lock Combination

The pool will be open for the season **beginning Saturday May 28th and closing Monday September 5th**. Tennis nets are already up! And the pool and tennis court **lock combinations have been changed to [REDACTED]**. Please manage your family's knowledge of this combination carefully in an effort to mitigate vandalism. Last season, members of the Board observed after-hours use by nonresidents with knowledge of the combination. Please be sure to provide an email address to support mid-season combination changes should this become necessary. (See above.)

Pool Hours & Attendants

While the pool is open from dawn to dusk, pool attendants will be present daily for high-use hours. PLEASE note that our pool attendants are paid to lock and unlock the pool area, ensure the pool area remains safe and clean, check for ID cards, and are available to call for help in the event of an emergency. **They are doing these things per our community's agreed-upon rules for the pool facility (see below); please help ensure that members of your household and guests treat them accordingly.** And please remember: **The pool attendants are *not* lifeguards: Residents and their guests swim at their own risk at all times!** Their daily hours will be: **1:00-7:00pm**.

Your Board Members

This year's board members are listed here, as well as on the website:

[TBD; need a volunteer!]	President		president@countrysidevt.org
Evan Einhorn	Vice-President	802-872-1169	vicepresident@countrysidevt.org
Sam Hooker	Secretary	802-876-5043	secretary@countrysidevt.org
Micah Hagan	Treasurer	802-497-4034	treasurer@countrysidevt.org
Matthew Phillippo	Director	802-872-9885	board@countrysidevt.org
Robert Vickery	Director		board@countrysidevt.org
Kara McDonough	Director	802-598-8796	board@countrysidevt.org
Gail Connors	Director		board@countrysidevt.org

Pool Rules

A complete copy of recreation area policies is available at the pool house. For your convenience and safety, please review the pool policies following.

Recreation Area Use and Hours:

- Use of the pool and tennis courts is reserved for CHA residents and their accompanied guests. Members and guests use the facilities at their own risk.
- The tennis courts are open from dawn to dusk. Please restrict playing time to one hour if others are waiting.
- The pool is open from dawn to dusk for residents over 18 and minors accompanied by an adult 18 or older. Entry during hours without a pool attendant is by coded lock. From 1:00-7:00pm daily, an attendant is present, and children age 12 and over may be at the pool unaccompanied. The attendant is not a lifeguard; everyone swims at their own risk.
- When an attendant is on duty, pool and tennis court entry will be by CHA identification card. A \$5.00 fee will be charged for replacement of lost cards (one free is allowed per summer; more than one is a cost to the resident).
- Residents' children age 12 and older may bring one guest aged 12+ per visit when swimming without parent/guardians present. Additional guests must be accompanied by an adult homeowner or renter.

Safety:

- The attendant has complete authority in the matter of safety and discipline in the recreation area. Tennis courts are for tennis and pickleball only; rollerblading, skateboarding, cycling and scootering are prohibited.
- An adult in the pool enclosure must accompany children under 12.
- The shallow pool is for children less than six years old, or at the attendant's discretion.
- There is to be no horseplay, running, pushing, or diving in either pool.
- The last person(s) to leave the pool / tennis area must lock the gates.

Miscellaneous:

- No smoking or vaping at the Rec Area.
- No glass is allowed in the recreation area; no food, gum or pets inside the pool enclosure.
- No disposable diapers are allowed in either pool; the fibers from these diapers can clog the pool filters.
- Please keep all gates closed and locked when neither a resident nor an attendant is present.

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****CHA ANNUAL INVOICE ENCLOSED****

CHA Identification Card Application

If you have never had a card or cannot find yours, and anticipate using the recreation area at any time during the 2022 season, please fill out this form and give it to the pool attendant

Family name(s) _____

Adult First Names _____

Children's names & dates of birth:

Street Address _____

Emergency/Daytime Phone #'s _____

Emergency Contact & phone #

I/We and our family members have read the CHA Recreation Area policy statement and agree to abide by it (all adults please sign below)

New homeowners' cards are free. Enclose \$5.00 for a replacement card.