

COUNTRYSIDE

HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

5110 Waxwing Lane Rapid City SD 57702

Jan—Mar | 2022



NEXT HOA MEETING

Date: April 12th , 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: ZOOM or in person TBD

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT

Doug Traub

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Dave Simpson

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Dan Smith

Kathy Dirk

Justin Thiry

Dave Bertsch

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CHAIR: Tom VanVlack: 605-484-0797

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Chad Enger

Eric Boe

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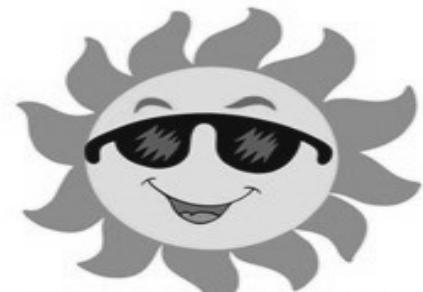
Jason Brandsted

Tim Crawford

Wendi Albers



*Valentine
Edition*



**A BIG WARM
WELCOME
TO OUR NEW
COUNTRYSIDE
RESIDENTS**

Our 2022 Boardmembers

Congratulations to our new board Leadership.
Thank you to our former President and Vice President and
WELCOME new board members!



**A member of our
Countryside
community is gone but
not forgotten.**

Edward L. Kepner III, 79 years old passed away at Ft. Meade Veteran's Hospital on January 9th, 2022. Ed served on the Countryside HOA board for many years and was a valued member of our neighborhood.

Ed served over 20 years in the U.S. Navy, earning many awards along the way and retiring as a Navy Senior Chief. His second career was spent in the auto industry, in sales and management until his retirement in 2008.

We offer our sincere condolences to his family and love of his life, Peggy.
Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Playground Committee

Seeking Volunteers

The Countryside HOA board has decided to upgrade our park! How you ask?.....That's where **YOU** come in. The board has decided to put together a *Playground Committee* to provide options on what to buy, where the items will go in our park and who will install them. Are you interested in joining the team? The committee will meet frequently before our next HOA board meeting in April. The plan is to have some options to provide to the board - who will have final approval. Please reach out to Tom VanVlack at 605-484-0797 as soon as possible -there are a lot of decisions to be made before the next board meeting in April.



Common Area Committee

Seeking new Contractor bids for lawncare

Do YOU know a lawncare specialist who could use some work this summer through fall?

The Countryside HOA is seeking bids for mowing of the common areas for the 2022 season. Bidders will need to be an established lawn care business with liability insurance. The areas to be mowed are the park area and approximately four outlaying parcels for a total of 8 acres. Typically, this needs to be mowed weekly from mid May to mid July and bi-weekly or less through October. Bidders should be familiar with automated sprinkler system as light maintenance and adjustment will be required for the park. To obtain a complete bid scope and proposal requirement, please contact Mark Meissner at mmeissner@rapidnet.com.



Reminder

Kindly pick up after your pets.

It is hard for our residents to enjoy their walks along our neighborhood trails when walkways are lined with poo that hasn't been picked up. Keeping our fur friends leashed in the neighborhood is one way to combat this problem. We all understand that *sometimes* our fur babies *may* sneak out *once in a while*. But we ask that if you have noticed your fur friend has gone on a solo adventure, please grab a poo bag and retrace their known whereabouts, because chances are - they have left something behind for our neighbors to step in — which makes people cranky — and who wants cranky neighbors?

Valentine Fun

Question: What Valentine's Day candy was first created on equipment made for lozenges? **Answer:** Sweethearts

Question: When did Sweethearts first get their shape? **Answer:** 1901

Question: "Wearing your heart on your sleeve" has origins from honoring which Roman goddess? **Answer:** Juno

Question: In the Victorian era, mean-spirited Valentine's Day cards were called "___ Valentines." **Answer:** Vinegar

Question: Another Victorian-era term for a mean and comically mocking Valentine's Day card shares a name with what TV show? **Answer:** Penny Dreadful

Question: Who wrote the oldest-known Valentine's Day message? **Answer:** The Duke of Orleans

Question: From where was the oldest-known Valentine's Day message sent? **Answer:** Prison

Question: When was the oldest-known Valentine's Day message written? **Answer:** 1415

Question: Sweethearts production was temporarily suspended in which year? **Answer:** 2019

Question: About how many roses are sent for Valentine's Day each year? **Answer:** 50 million

Question: Valentine's Day celebrations may be traced back to what Roman holiday traditionally celebrated on February 15? **Answer:** Lupercalia

Question: Who invented the first Valentine's Day candy box? **Answer:** Richard Cadbury

Question: On average, how many marriage proposals are there on every Valentine's Day? **Answer:** 220,000

Question: A single red rose surrounded by baby's breath is called what by florists? **Answer:** A signature rose

Question: Letters to Juliet are sent to what city every year? **Answer:** Verona, Italy

Question: What do yellow roses symbolize? **Answer:** Friendship

Question: Kissing increases most people's heart rate to how many beats per minute? **Answer:** At least 110

Question: William Shakespeare mentions Valentine's Day in which of his plays? **Answer:** Hamlet

Question: Good Charlotte's "My Bloody Valentine" was inspired by what story? **Answer:** A Telltale Heart by Edgar Allan Poe

Question: How many heart-shaped boxes of chocolates are typically sold each Valentine's Day? **Answer:** 35 million

Question: What brain chemical is known as the "cuddle" or "love hormone?" **Answer:** Oxytocin

Question: What insanely popular website debuted on Valentine's Day in 2005? **Answer:** YouTube

Question: Saint Valentine was said to be martyred in what year? **Answer:** 269

Question: Who is known as the Mother of Valentine's Day? **Answer:** Esther Howland

Question: The love goddess Aphrodite was said to be born from what? **Answer:** Seafoam

Question: When was February 14 first declared to be Valentine's Day? **Answer:** 1537

Question: In what country is Valentine's Day known as "Friend's Day?" **Answer:** Finland

Question: Besides Valentine's Day, for which holiday are the most flowers sent? **Answer:** Mother's Day

Question: How many people typically buy Valentines for their pets? **Answer:** 9 million

Question: Why did women and girls eat bizarre foods on Valentine's Day in medieval times? **Answer:** To dream about their future spouses

Question: What state produces most of America's red roses? **Answer:** California

Question: The gentlemen of Jersey Shore refer to a great catch as what? **Answer:** "The rarest of roses"

Question: What notorious gangster orchestrated the St. Valentine's Day massacre? **Answer:** Al Capone

Question: What emperor called for St. Valentine's execution? **Answer:** Claudius II

Question: How much money do Americans spend on chocolate for Valentine's Day each year? **Answer:** \$1 billion

Question: Women purchase what percentage of all Valentines sold? **Answer:** 85%

Question: What major invention was patented on Valentine's Day? **Answer:** The telephone

Question: About how many Valentine's Day cards are exchanged every year? **Answer:** 1 billion

Question: How many stems of roses are sold on Valentine's Day every year? **Answer:** 189 million

Question: What percentage of coupled up men don't make plans in advance for Valentine's Day? **Answer:** 64%

Question: Julia Roberts joined the cast of Valentine's Day to replace which other star? **Answer:** Katherine Heigl

Question: What fruit was once known as a "love apple" for its alleged aphrodisiac properties? **Answer:** Tomato

Question: The first recorded speed dating event was held in what year? **Answer:** 1998

Question: The oldest living love poem was written on what? **Answer:** A clay tablet

Question: What country has a holiday on the 14th of every month? **Answer:** South Korea

Question: What is the Guinness World Record for the longest marriage ever recorded? **Answer:** 86 years, 290 days

Question: Cupid has what name in Greek mythology? **Answer:** Eros

Question: In Roman mythology, Cupid is the son of whom? **Answer:** Venus

Question: In Roman mythology, with whom does Cupid fall in love? **Answer:** Psyche



Are You Missing Out?

1. Our HOA facebook group

We have a **private group** for our current residents.

Neighbors have been posting things like:



- ◆ Lost and found items
- ◆ Lost and found pets
- ◆ Recent car "break ins" and theft
- ◆ Coyote and Rattle Snake spotting
- ◆ Movie Night in the park
- ◆ Garden harvest sharing!

Please visit Facebook and search for the private group

www.facebook.com/groups/rccountrysidehoa

You will be asked qualifying questions to verify Countryside (North) residency in order to be vetted into the group & approved by the site administrator.

The screenshot shows the RC Countryside HOA Facebook group page. It features a large banner with the word "Countryside" in a stylized font over a landscape illustration. Below the banner, the group name "RC Countryside HOA" is displayed with a link. A note indicates there are 122 members. There are buttons for "Manage" and "Invite". At the bottom, there are links for "Rooms", "Chats", "Topics", "Photos", and "Events".

2. Our HOA website

www.rccountrysidehoa.com

The website homepage features a header with the word "Countryside" and a "Covenants posted here!" note with an arrow pointing to the "Meeting Minutes" link. The main menu includes Home, Meeting Minutes, Fire Mitigation, Newsletters, About, Events, and More. Below the menu are four large thumbnail images: "About/Contact", "Events", "Newsletters", and "Architectural". A "Let's Chat!" button is at the bottom right.

A callout box on the right side of the website page contains the text: "Do your trees need to be cleared out or trimmed? Fire mitigation grants are available to countryside residents Just apply! You could be reimbursed up to 70%! Applications available on our HOA website!"

Do not send applications to the HOA, Please send them to contact below



Lieutenant Eric O'Conner is the point of contact for this program.

He can answer any questions you may have.
All applications should be sent to his office.

Lieutenant Eric O'Conner
605-390-4114
Email: Eric.OConnor@rcgov.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next HOA Quarterly Meeting

April 12th 2022 | 7 pm

ZOOM MEETING or In person TBD

All residents welcome! Zoom link will be provided on our private fb group.

Park Committee Meetings

Contact Tom VanVlack for meeting dates and times. Multiple meetings between now and April 12th.

Annual Countryside Yard Sale

Start cleaning out your closets and attics! Get your items ready for this major community event! Usually takes place in mid May (actual date and time to be determined)

February 2022

Tue 1 Chinese New Year
Wed 2 Groundhog Day
Wed 2 Nat'l. Signing Day
Wed 2 World Read Aloud Day
Fri 4 Nat'l. Wear Red
Fri 4 World Cancer Day
Sat 5 Nat'l. Weatherperson's Day
Sun 6 Int'l. Day of Zero Tolerance to Female...
Wed 9 Nat'l. Pizza Day
Thu 10 World Pulses Day
Fri 11 Int'l. Day of Women and Girls in Science
Sat 12 Darwin Day
Sun 13 Galentine's Day
Sun 13 Internet Friends Day
Sun 13 Int'l. Condom Day
Sun 13 Nat'l. Cheddar Day
Sun 13 Super Bowl
Sun 13 World Radio Day
Mon 14 Valentine's Day
Fri 18 Nat'l. Drink Wine Day
Sun 20 Nat'l. Love Your Pet Day
Sun 20 World Day of Social Justice
Mon 21 Int'l. Mother Language
Mon 21 Presidents Day
Tue 22 Natl. Margarita Day

March 2022

Tue 1 Mardi Gras
Tue 1 Shrove Tues (Pancake Day)
Tue 1 Zero Discrimination Day
Wed 2 Ash Wednesday
Wed 2 Read Across America Day
Thu 3 World Wildlife Day
Fri 4 Employee Appreciation Day
Sun 6 Nat'l. Oreo Day
Mon 7 Nat'l. Cereal Day
Tue 8 Int'l. Women's Day
Thu 10 Mario Day
Thu 10 World Kidney Day
Sun 13 Daylight Saving Begins
Mon 14 Nat'l. Napping Day
Mon 14 Pi Day
Tue 15 Consumer Rights Day
Thu 17 Saint Patrick's Day
Fri 18 World Sleep Day
Sun 20 French Language Day
Sun 20 Int'l. Day of Happiness
Sun 20 Start of Spring (Spring Equinox).
Mon 21 Int'l. Day of Forests
Mon 21 World Down Syndrome Day
Mon 21 World Poetry Day

HELPFUL TIPS FOR NEW RESIDENTSand reminders for seasoned residents



LAWN LIGHT POLES Our individual lawn light poles are intended to provide safety and security for all of our residents in place of large city street lights. Please make sure your lawn light pole is in working condition and stays brightly lit.



PARK / COMMON AREAS: Residents are welcome to enjoy the park and walking paths throughout the community. Please be kind and pick up after yourself & your pets.



HOA FEE: The Countryside HOA fee is \$140 billed annually in July and due by August 1



HOA QUARTERLY MEETINGS: Quarterly meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday in January, April, July and October. The annual membership meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of September.



TRASH DAY: Mondays- The city provides trash & recycle bins. They should face the street and be placed at least 4 feet apart. The 4ft distance provides ample room for "the claw" and prevents close trash cans from being knocked over. .



WATER: Countryside was annexed into the city in 2016. Trash and water are billed together by the city, and water charges are based on usage. Contact the city for any concerns with water, trash or recycling. Keep your bill to use as a free pass to the city dump!



STREET PARKING: Per our covenants: *On-street parking is restricted to emergencies, deliveries and guests. No overnight parking on streets is permitted.* Please follow this rule for the safety



WILDLIFE: Fun to watch, but feeding the deer and turkeys is strictly prohibited.



MAILBOXES: You can have your mailbox re-keyed at the USPS if needed.



ANNUAL EVENTS: Community Garage Sale and Annual Clean Up each Spring - watch mailbox, newsletter & website for dates.

SHOP LOCAL with your neighbors

If you are
a Countryside Resident
You can advertise your
business here too!
For just \$40 each year

Email your advertisement to:
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OR
wendialbers@kw.com.

Mail your \$40.00 check to:
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5110 Waxwing Lane, Rapid
City SD 57702



For resident advertising
questions, please call:
Wendi Albers at 605.939.6106



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Do you have ideas for improving our neighborhood?

We love where we live and are always open to new ideas on how we can improve our neighborhood and the lives of all of our residents. If you have ideas your board members would love to hear them!

- 1. Come to one of our quarterly HOA meetings*
- 2. Share your concern with the board in a respectful manner.*
- 3. Provide board with possible solutions or seek the boards advice.*

***We live in a desirable area
and want to keep it that way!***

