



# CIMARRON COUNTRY NEWSLETTER

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## A Chat with your President. . . . .

My very first chat with you as President of the Board of Directors of CCPOA holds a LOT of information so please bear with me.

First I want to tell you that the Board is missing 2 of its 5 directors so we three are doing double duty and trying our best to prioritize these duties and get them done. So I sure hope that you will understand our situation and be more understanding of the things that we simply cannot accomplish until we have a full Board to get the job done right.

Along that line, remember that we have not had a quorum at an Annual Meeting for some time and therefore the present Board members are all on a one year only schedule. All FIVE Board member positions will be up for election. The good news is that our recent "survey package" has produced enough signed proxy forms to have a QUORUM at the meeting so the election of officers will be for a staggered 3 year based terms. The bad news, as usual, is that at least FIVE homeowners need to step up to the plate,

The next Board meeting will be Monday, November 21 at 7pm at my home. If you are considering running for a Board position, please call me and let me know that you will be attending the meeting as an observer so you can familiarize yourself with the job openings and what occurs at a meeting. My # 281-259-4227. Please leave a message if

there is no answer. I have faith that there are residents in CC who are able to donate their time.

The **2012 Annual Meeting for Cimarron County** has been set:

Date: Sunday – February 19, 2012

Time: 3 - 5 p.m.

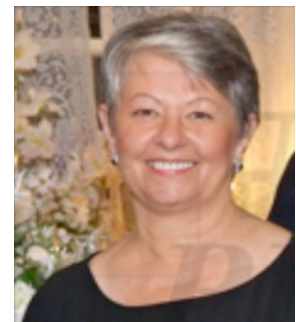
Place: Freedom Fellowship Church  
8103 FM 1488 (next to school)

Please jot this down on your calendar now so that you will not make other plans that day. This is an important meeting! Not only will we be discussing our subdivisions business but the end results of the "Survey" will be announced and discussed AND the brand new and improved CC Directory will be given out,

Last of all, but certainly not least, it is an opportunity to meet and get to know your neighbors and be a part of the community spirit I know is out there.

Happy Holidays!!!

Sandy Watson





## **OUTDOOR BURNING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Montgomery County has an exception to the Outdoor Burning Rule that differs from all other counties. Other surrounding counties permit burning of household refuse. If household refuse is burned in Montgomery County, it is a violation of county ordinances and violators are subject to a **fine up to \$500.**

Since Cimarron Country is not in an incorporated area, local ordinances do not apply.

Household Refuse includes garbage, rubbish, paper, and other decay-able and non-decay able waste, including vegetable matter and animal and fish carcasses) and is prohibited:

### **Plant Growth**

- On-site burning of Plant Growth, including trees, brush, grass, leaves, branch trimmings and other plant growth by the property owner or authorized agent is allowed if there is no practical alternative.

Current status of permitted or prohibited burning can be found at the Fire Marshal's page at the Montgomery County Website ([www.mctx.org](http://www.mctx.org)) or the Fire Marshal's page on Facebook.

## **ANNUAL CC FOOD DRIVE**

Each year CC residents are asked to donate food to the S.O.S. (Society of Samaritans) Food Bank in Magnolia. What a great way to increase the supply of food to help those in need. Your donations make an enormous difference in the amount of food distributed to feed hungry people in the Magnolia area. Any non-perishable food items will be accepted.

Canned goods - stews, pasta/meat, tuna, chicken, fruits veggies, beans

Peanut butter, jelly, any other non-perishable food items including packages of pasta and dry beans



Other household items such as diapers, cleaning products, and hygiene products are also very much appreciated.

The Cimarron Country Hospitality Service and Yard of the Month Committees will be at the Community Sign on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> between 2 and 5PM to accept your donations.

Our donations will then be delivered to the Food Bank for distribution to those who are perhaps less fortunate than us. This is a wonderful way to start off the holiday season – with a giving heart!



**ANNUAL**  
**CIMARRON COUNTRY**  
**CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST**

Cimarron Country will be having its annual Christmas Lighting Contest again this year. Judging will take place on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. The following categories will be judged:

- Best Lighting
- Religious Design
- Most Creative
- Special Excellence

If you would like to volunteer to be a judge, on December 18<sup>th</sup>, please send an email to [bod@cimarroncountry.org](mailto:bod@cimarroncountry.org) and we will contact you.



**2011 DECORATING CONTEST**  
**CHILDREN'S CHOICE AWARD**

To sign up your child (Ages 4-15) to participate, complete and sign this form and mail to CCPOA, 6315B FM 1488 Rd #200, Magnolia TX 77354 or e-mail the same information to [bod@cimarroncountry.org](mailto:bod@cimarroncountry.org).

Please note that parental permission is required and that parents will be responsible for driving the children around the subdivision.



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To: CC POA Board of Directors:

The following child would like to participate in the Children's Choice Christmas Decorating Contest:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature:

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## Montgomery County Outdoor Burning Update

Due to improving conditions and recent rainfall, the Ban on burning of limbs and leaves has been suspended. The ban on burning garbage or rubbish remains in effect year round and cannot be lifted.

Burning of rubbish or household garbage in subdivisions or on less than 5 acres is a Class C Misdemeanor with a fine up to \$500. Deputy Fire Marshals continue to issue citations, and will be on duty weeknights and weekends to assist with the enforcement of the ban on garbage burning.

### Current Conditions:

Conroe, Tx October 28, 2011

Most of Montgomery County is currently classified as "moderate" fire danger due to the long term lack of rainfall. Recent rains have led to some green up of lighter fuels such as grasses. As we move into Winter, fire danger will fluctuate dependent mostly on daily weather conditions.

Continued lack of rainfall and dead vegetation from winter freezes will be cause for concern in the coming weeks and months.

The Montgomery County Fire Marshal's Office will continue to monitor changing conditions and issue warnings whenever conditions warrant.

Montgomery County Commissioner's Court will consider whether or not to reinstate the burn ban at its next regular meeting on Monday, November 7.

Although the area remains in a long term drought, accumulations of brush can present a significant fire hazard as well. With the onset of our Winter weather patterns, there is a window of opportunity for residents to

dispose of brush accumulated over the past several months.

Although the MCFMO recommends other means of disposal, some residents will choose to burn. Before burning, residents must check for forecast weather conditions, and refrain from burning on any days where a fire weather watch or red flag warning has been issued by the National Weather Service. Always check before burning to insure that there is not a Burn Ban in place for your area.

Brush piles may not contain any rubbish or trash, and may only contain limbs and leaves gathered from the property where the burning is occurring. The burning may not cause a nuisance situation for neighbors.

**NOTE FROM BOD:** The heavy smoke being produced by burning of wet materials is something you need to consider – it is not a pleasant or healthy situation when your yard and subsequently your neighbors' yards and houses fill with the odor of smoke. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

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We hope that you and your loved ones experience a rewarding and joyous Holiday Season.

CC POA Board of Directors