

## **Recipe of the Month**

### **English Pub Split Pea Soup in a Croc-Pot**

TIME: Prep: 15 min. Cook: 5 hours YIELD: 8 Servings

#### Ingredients:

- 1 meaty ham bone
- 1-1/3 cups dried green split peas, rinsed
- 2 celery ribs, chopped
- 1 large carrot & 1 sweet onion, chopped
- 4 cups water & 1 bottle (12 oz) light beer
- 1 TBSP prepared English mustard
- ½ cup milk
- ¼ cup minced fresh parsley (optional)
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- ¼ tsp ground nutmeg

#### Directions:

1. Place ham bone in slow cooker. Add peas, celery, carrot & onion. Combine water, beer & mustard; pour over vegetables. Cover, cook on high 5-6 hours or until tender.
2. Remove ham bone from soup. Cool slightly, trim away fat and remove meat from bone; discard fat and bone. Cut meat into bite-sized pieces; return to slow cooker. Stir in remaining ingredients. If desired, top with minced parsley.

### **Watch the White Board in the Clubhouse**

**For meal/party sign-up sheets** – we really do need an accurate count to plan for and appreciate early signups.

**For groups that are looking for others to participate** (water aerobics, pool league, horseshoe teams, arts and crafting, women's lunch outings, etc.).

### ***Kingsville Symphony Orchestra***

#### **Holiday Concert - Saturday 11/23 12pm**

Edward Jones Auditorium T A&M Kingsville  
Tickets \$10-\$30 at Kingsville Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Center, TAMUK or online at [kingsvillesymphony.org](http://kingsvillesymphony.org)

### ***Welcome Back Cookout***

Club House – 5pm Friday 11/8

We're doin' burgers and fixin's. Bring a dish, or not ☺

### ***Campfire and S'mores***

***Sunday 11/17 6pm***

Bring your chair and join us at the community fire pit by the clubhouse

**Veterans Day 11/11 9:00AM**

### ***Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer***

At the Flags in the Butterfly Garden

### ***Holiday Decorating***

We will be decorating our clubhouse on Saturday 11/30 at 10am & need help to make it a special for all to enjoy. Come join in the merry making!

We also encourage lights and decorations at your site (hint, hint). Who knows, Santa might come visit those with decorations this year.

### **Road Trip of the Month**

#### ***La Sal Del Rey***

(Translation - King's Salt) One of 3 naturally occurring salt lakes in South Texas and is estimated to be 7 times saltier than the ocean. Located 51 miles south of our park you will find a wonderful place for hiking and birding. Wildlife enthusiasts will find plenty to see in this US Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge. Migrating geese, ducks, shorebirds and Sandhill cranes as well as wintering long-billed curlew.

**Directions** – Head south on 281 for 47 miles. Exit onto TX-186 and head east for 3.6 miles to the kiosk on the north side of the road.

***'Any day spent with you is my favorite day. So today is my new favorite day.'***

***-A. A. Milne***

### **RV Tech Tip of the Month – LED Lighting Upgrades**

Incandescent and halogen lights create heat (think fires, melting and higher energy costs) but an easy upgrade to interior LED lighting will improve RV safety, reduce energy costs, and in most cases will increase satisfaction with the lighting in your RV. Many bulbs and fixtures are available at home supply stores, but are most easily found on a few good websites such as [m4products.com](http://m4products.com), [CampingWorld.com](http://CampingWorld.com) or RV.NET. There are also some great tutorials at [m4products.com](http://m4products.com) that will help you identify and select the correct replacement bulbs. It is suggested that RV owners should at minimum replace high use lights to minimize the heat/fire issues.

# Newsletter



November 2019

Greetings Countryside Family!

Fall is the time of year for harvesting, gathering, & enjoying the abundance that is the season. Whether it is enjoying the wonderful citrus or pecans from the park trees or perhaps the still available valley watermelons, all are sure to please.

There are some great happenings on the calendar too. Don't miss the Ranch Hand Breakfast on the weekend before Thanksgiving as well as the Butterfly Festival in Mission in early November.

Our personal favorite is the gathering of our 'family' for another season here at Countryside RV Park. All have loved, nurtured and grown great friendships with their winter family which has blossomed and grown into the sweetest fruit life has to offer. If you are new to the park, we think you will find a wonderful place to set some roots for a few days or for many seasons.

*Together is the best place to be. Welcome home!*

*--- Carol and Mike*

## Golf Tournament Schedule

Mondays - Closed

Tuesday - Ladies 10:00 am 9 holes

\* If temperature is below 60°, tournament at 1pm

Wednesday - Men's 9:00 am 18 holes

Thursday - Winter Texans Tournament  
1:00 pm \$5.00

Fridays - Men and woman 10:00 am 9 hole

\* If temperature is below 60°, tournament at 1pm

## November Calendar

55<sup>th</sup> Annual Greek Festival 11/1-11/3  
Corpus Christi (St Nicholas Greek Church)

Texas Butterfly Festival (Mission) 11/2-11/5

Daylight Savings Ends 11/3

Welcome Back Cookout Clubhouse 5pm 11/8

Robstown Peddlers Show 11/8-11/10

31<sup>st</sup> Annual Jewish Food Festival 11/9-11/10  
Corpus Christi (Congregation Beth Israel)

Veterans Day - 9AM Pledge at the Flags 11/11

Campfire & Marshmallows (6pm) 11/17

Ranch Hand Festival & Rodeo 11/22-11/24  
(car show, music, shopping, night parade)

Ranch Hand Breakfast (King Ranch) 11/23

Kingsville Symphony Orchestra (12pm) 11/23  
(Holiday Extravaganza -TAMUK)

Kingsville Farmers Market (9am-12pm) 11/23

Thanksgiving @ our club house (3pm) 11/28

Decorate the park for the Holidays 10am 11/30

Please see Carol for more information on any of these events

## Annual Ranch Hand Breakfast

Saturday November 23 from 7-11am

King Ranch, Highway 141 Kingsville

Tickets \$6 at the gate or at King Ranch Locations

Authentic cowboy breakfast cooked & served outdoors at the historic King Ranch. Team roping, old-time cow camp cooking demonstrations, storytelling & music entertainment are a must see for everyone.

## Thanksgiving Dinner Pot Luck



Come and give thanks Thursday Nov. 28 at 3:00pm  
Turkey and gravy will be supplied. Bring your own drinks and potluck item. Sign Up sheet in club house