

### Recipe of the Month

#### **Sweet Hawaiian Croc-Pot Chicken**

Combine

1 cup pineapple juice

½ cup brown sugar

1/3 cup soy sauce

Pour over 2 lb. package of frozen chicken tenders in a Croc-Pot (use liners for an effortless cleanup).

Optional – add pineapple, onion or bell peppers to pot for full cook time

Cook over low heat for 6-8 hours.



Winter Texan Card Nights  
In Clubhouse  
Tuesday & Thursdays at 7pm

### Road Trip of the Month

#### **Quinta Mazatlan, McAllen, TX**

Enjoy a historical Adobe mansion & a nature & birding center (600 Sunset Drive) -Open Tuesday-Saturday 8-5

*Special Tour Schedule:*

*Garden Tour Wednesdays 10-11 am*

*Forest Sculpture Tour Thursdays 10-11 am*

*History Tour Fridays 10-11 am*

*Songbird Stroll Saturdays 830-10 am*

### **Indoor Walk Fit Class**

Monday & Wednesday 830-930 am

In the Clubhouse

Space limited to 6 total participants

### **Are you looking for someone to play with?**

Consider putting a posting up in the clubhouse

Billiards, Motorcycle Riding, Cards, Day Trip, Breakfast Buddy, etc.. Chances are, they are also.

Let us know if you need paper or assistance on a posting.

### **Christmas Take Down**

*Volunteers sought to help store the seasonal decorations in the park & clubhouse.*

**Sunday 1/3 1 pm** - Thanks in advance

### **Water Aerobics 10 AM at the Pool**

**Mondays and Wednesdays**

**Space limited to 10 total**

### **RV Tip of the Month – Safety & Emergency Preparedness in RVs**

It's time for us all to review what to do in an emergency and hopefully this will prompt some good conversation in your RV. Fires are a reality in RVs. For those who have seen them, an RV burns very quickly and prevention is the key to serious injury.

- Have a plan and know how to evacuate. This is a good time to make sure you know where the emergency windows are and how to open them. Plan how you will get out the window (use blankets and pillows for padding).
- Check your smoke & carbon monoxide detectors. Know where your extinguisher is and how to use it.
- Always cook with a lid nearby in case you need to cover over flames – never use water on a grease fire.
- Know how to shut off the propane gas at the tank.
- Don't leave small electrical appliances plugged in while asleep or when you are away from your RV.
- Don't exceed your amp rating (30/50) as this can damage the RVs wiring and melt the protective coating which can then start fires.

#### Additional safety information and ideas

- **Dial 911** for fire and medical emergencies. Local paramedics are available, but we only have a volunteer fire service with extended assistance times, so you need to prevent fires and know what to do while they are small.
- **After notifying 911 services, contact the office** or ask another person to contact us so that we can help lead EMS to your site. Minutes matter in an emergency, and if notified, the office can meet the EMS crew and get them to your site efficiently.
- Always post RV park office number and address from the park pamphlet on your refrigerator so that you will have this information while talking to an operator.
- Post your emergency contact number on a window or entry door to your RV so that others can alert you to an issue. This is especially a good thing to do if you have a pet inside.
- For those with motorhomes, flashing lights and honking horns are a universal way to signal that you need assistance.

# Newsletter



January 2021

Happy New Year Friends!

Isn't it glorious to know that we will be enjoying mild weather and lots of time outside in the weeks to come. Yes, that is the beautiful part of the RV life...we get to choose where we will live, and we sure are glad you chose Countryside.

2021 is our 6<sup>th</sup> winter season as stewards of this beautiful park that many have called their winter home for 1-23+ years. We wouldn't be here without you. Thank you for your support. There are 43 new winter Texans joining us to discover that this place, and most importantly, that its people, are really special. As we like to say...this is the family we get to choose. ☺

Due to Covid concerns and restrictions, many of our usual events and many of the local festivals are on hold. Fortunately, we have generally good weather and many friendly neighbors to visit with. To help with the boredom, we have also identified 2 road trips for you to consider this month. Additionally, keep an eye on the postings in the clubhouse for additional ad hoc events including motorcycle group rides (you can also drive your car if you want to come along).

Lastly, we hope you find the tech tip this month informative and timely. RV safety is so important to us all and this is an attempt to get us all thinking and acting for our well-being.

May your 2021 be wonder filled,

*Carol & Mike*

## Golf Schedule

**Sign up ½ hour before tournament please**

Tuesday – Ladies 10:00 am 9 holes

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

Wednesday – Men's 10:00 am 18 holes

Thursday – Winter Texans Tournament  
11:30 pm \$5.00 (@ golf clubhouse)

Fridays – Men and woman 10:00 am 9 hole

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

## January Calendar

New Year's Day	1/1
Christmas Take Down (clubhouse) 1pm	1/3
Park Campfire 5pm	1/10
Martin Luther King Day	1/18
National Hugging Day (we all like them ☺)	1/21
Group Photo (clubhouse) 245pm	1/22

## Other Things to do in January

Don Wes Flea Market, Donna, TX.  
8-4 Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday

South of the border visit to Nuevo Progreso, Mexico  
(shopping, dining, medical, etc.)

## Community Campfire

**Sunday 1/10 5:00pm by the clubhouse**

Bring your chair and come join

## Arts & Crafts at Countryside

Bring your project of choice and join with other artisans as they create and get inspired.

**Wednesday 10am-12pm in the clubhouse**

## Day Trip to Mission, TX

### National Butterfly Center

Did you know nearly 150 species of North American butterflies can be seen only in the Lower Rio Grande Valley (LRGV) of Texas, or by traveling to Mexico? In fact, more than 300 species of butterflies may be found in the LRGV, and more than 200 species have been seen at the National Butterfly Center.

This 100-acre wildlife center and native species botanical garden contains trails for exploring and observing and is open daily.