2025 WINTER NEWSLETTER

Message from the CW BOARD

****HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!****

Extending warmest wishes to you and yours during this holiday season! Thank you for all you do to help make our neighborhood a wonderful place to live. We are truly grateful to serve you.

2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOME/YARD DECORATION CONTEST!!

Our Holiday Decoration Contest has begun! Last year's contest was a big hit! Shout out to everyone who participated. It was a tough competition. Can you regain your title this year! GOOD LUCK!!!

REMEMBER TO VOTE for your fav yard by emailing their address to the HOA OR posting the address/pic on the FB page. On December 20th, final count of votes & WINNERS for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place will be announced.

Covington West HOA Board of Directors

- Barry Young, President
- Paul Clayton, Treasurer
- Donna Goll, Secretary

Please don't hesitate to email us at: **covingtonwesthoa@gmail.com** with any questions or concerns.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 19, 2025 thru Jan 7, 2026
FBISD Student Holiday Break

January 1, 2026
City's Great Homes Update Program opens! Any exterior renos planned? Consider applying!

Important

January 31, 2026
Annual HOA Fee due Jan 1, 2026. After Jan 31, 2026, LATE FEES will be added.

Editor's Note – Below is where I get our contest signs. Tamara is great! She also does shirts, etc. If you need something like this, support this Local Business!

End of the Year Real Estate & Market Recap

Feds lowered rates a tad, but not much. Market rates in our area fell a bit, but so did our taxes. That's the good news. Thinking of selling or buying a newer home? Don't wait for rates to drop, buy your dream home now, refi it later. PSA: 50 year mortgages? NO! Imagine all the extra interest over the extended 20 years?!!

WINTER LAWN CARE TIPS FOR OUR SOUTHERN REGION:

*Rake lawn thoroughly to remove fallen leaves, dead grass and other debris.

*Mow less often & raise mower blades.

*Mulch beds: Mulching conserves soil moisture. Make sure not to put mulch directly against the plant stem or tree trunk to avoid rot.

*Adjust watering schedule: Reduce frequency and duration of watering to allow the lawn to go into dormancy normally.

*Use an APP: A good lawn app for your phone that can send notifications and customizd care for your lawn is Scotts' *My lawn: A Guide to Lawn Care*.

*Follow Local Horticulturist Skip Richter on 740AM weekends, & on his website, FB, or Instagram. He has a good Lawn Care & Weed & Pest Schedule for our area.

Gentle Reminders:

*With kids home during the holidays, keep an eye out for speeding vehicles, especially food and delivery drivers!

*Leash pets when walking outside of your backyard

*Clean up after your dog while walking

*Please remember to put away Trash and Recycle bins the day of collection.

*Note that the City mandates Heavy Trash NOT be put out until the day/night before pickup. Makes for neater neighborhoods & a well-maintained City.

*Remember to cut up tree limbs in small bundles in order to be picked up.

* Unused vehicles or non-running vehicles need to be moved out of the driveway or the street & stored in your garage or moved to a storage lot.

Keeping an older neighborhood neat and clean makes for better market values leaving good impressions for any prospective new buyers.

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FUN FACTS you cannot live without Knowing!

- Honey never spoils.
- The heart of a blue whale weighs around 400 pounds.
- A chef's hat has 100 creases.
- A sneeze can travel at up to 100 miles per hour.
- Scotland's national animal is the Unicorn.
- Kangaroos keep growing until they die.
- The number of Americans 50 or older who live alone are about 24 million.

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