

Over The Fence - February 2012 www.countrywalk.org

We truly appreciate everyone who paid their HOA dues in full and to those who made the first installment on time. As a reminder, if you did not make the January payment or contact the NMS office to make payment arrangements, your account is now past due. For everyone that chose to pay on the installment plan, the second installment of the dues is due on or before March 15, 2012.

We have had numerous complaints about dogs running loose in the neighborhood. Please respect the leash laws! All pets must be kept on a leash when outdoors. Both the City of Powder Springs and Cobb County have ordinances regarding dogs. Dogs must be kept on a leash and owners must clean up after their pets.

The new parking lot pole lights have finally been shipped and should be arriving very soon. This will be the final stage of the improvements to the parking lot lights. Watch for the new pole lights to be installed in the next couple of weeks. Once the job is completed, we will have a much brighter and more secure amenities parking area.

Many thanks to everyone who attended the January board meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the board will take place in April at the annual meeting. On December 1, 2011 the board met in executive session and voted to reduce the number of regular board meetings to 6 per year. Board meetings will take place during the following months each year: January, April, June, August, October and November. The Annual meeting of the board will continue to take place in April each year. The November meeting will be the budget workshop so that the board can prepare for the upcoming year.

Neighborhood Management Services is working on getting the 2012 ID cards ready for distribution. Watch your email, the website and the newsletter for the dates to pick up your new ID cards. This year you will need to provide proof of residence for everyone in the household that is receiving an ID card when you pick up your cards. If you are a new resident please contact Neighborhood Management Services to make an appointment during office hours to have your photo taken for your ID card. Please email pvnms@bellsouth.net or call 770-222-2000 for additional details.



We're looking for fun people who would like to serve on the social committee this year.

If you're interested, please email Mary Thorson at mthor6393@aol.com Any help that you might be able to give would be greatly appreciated.

Board Q/A

Email your questions to the board at boardmember@countrywalk.org. Look for your answers in the next newsletter.

Q: How do I reserve the community room?

A: *Phyllis Britt handles the reservations for the Community Room. Email Phyllis at keylargo4evr@yahoo.com or call her at 770-439-2975. Please remember your HOA dues must be current to reserve the room. Please keep in mind that Phyllis is a volunteer and works full time when trying to contact her.*

Q: How do I reserve the pavilion?

A: *The Amenities Manager, Denise Haney handles the reservations for the Pavilion. Email Denise at ghaney123@comcast.net or call her at 770-485-9349. Please remember your HOA dues must be current to reserve the pavilion.*

Q: How do I obtain a Country Walk ID card?

A: *Contact Neighborhood Management Services at 770-222-2000 or email pvnms@bellsouth.net to arrange to have your ID photo taken or to email a photo along with your information. Proof of residence will be needed to pick up your ID card (s).*

Q: What do I do about the stray dog or cat that keeps coming around?

A: *Cobb County and the City of Powder Springs both have ordinances regarding pets. All pets must be kept on a leash when outdoors and owners must clean up after their pets. Please contact Cobb County Animal Control regarding animals that are running loose. If you know who the animal belongs to, you may contact Neighborhood Management Services, they will be happy to send a notice out to the owner.*

Q: What can be done about my neighbor's dog that barks all night long?

A: *Unfortunately, this is a common problem reported by many homeowners. This is a violation of the City Noise Ordinance and needs to be reported to the City of Powder Springs Code Enforcement. Please call 770-943-1666 and ask for code enforcement.*

Q: A few of you have asked about reviewing the end of the year Country Walk financial statement.

A: *Every year the end of the year financial statement is available to the homeowners at the annual meeting. The annual meeting takes place in April every year.*

Q: Are the security officers paid by the City of Powder Springs and by Country Walk HOA for the hours that they patrol the neighborhood?

A: *No. The officers that provide security patrol in Country Walk are off duty. Country Walk pays each officer individually for the hours that they work security. The checks are made payable to the officer, not to the City of Powder Springs Police Dept.*

Q: What are the most common things the officers find when they patrol in Country Walk?

A: *The officers frequently find kids in the amenities area that are out after curfew. Officers frequently run kids from other neighborhoods out of the amenities area. The kids turn on the amenities lights and ride their skateboards and bicycles on the tennis courts, damaging the court surfaces. The officers stop speeders and persons running the stop signs in the neighborhood. They have stopped persons for DUI and drug possession as well. Their patrolling has prevented and stopped much of the vandalism that was taking place. Please remind your children that the field and amenities area is closed at dark. Effective immediately, officers will be calling parents of any minor found in the amenities area after dark to come and pick up their child.*

2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS & AGENDA WORK SESSIONS

The City Council meets at 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers,
4488 Pineview Drive
(The City Council has a pre-meeting at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Council Meeting,
4488 Pineview Drive, Conference Room)

The Agenda Work Session begins at 5:00 p.m., City Hall,
4484 Marietta Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room

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| <u>January-2012</u> Council Meetings: January 2 & 16 Agenda Work Sessions: December 28 & January 11 |
| <u>February-2012</u> Council Meetings: February 6 & 20 Agenda Work Sessions: February 1 & February 15 |
| <u>March-2012</u> Council Meetings: March 5 & 19 Agenda Work Sessions: February 29 & March 14 |
| <u>April-2012</u> Council Meetings: April 2 & 16 Agenda Work Sessions: March 28 & April 11 |
| <u>May-2012</u> Council Meetings: May 7 & 21 Agenda Work Sessions: May 2 & May 16 |
| <u>June-2012</u> Council Meetings: June 4 & 18 Agenda Work Sessions: May 30 & June 13 |
| <u>July-2012</u> Council Meeting: July 16 Agenda Work Session: July 11 |
| <u>August-2012</u> Council Meeting: August 20 Agenda Work Session: August 15 |
| <u>September-2012</u> Council Meeting: September 17 Agenda Work Session: September 12 |
| <u>October-2012</u> Council Meetings: October 1 & 15 Agenda Work Sessions: September 26 & October 10 |
| <u>November-2012</u> Council Meetings: November 5 & 19 Agenda Work Sessions: October 31 & November 14 |
| <u>December 2012</u> Council Meeting: December 3 Agenda Work Sessions: November 28 |

Parent Information Night

Sponsored by the McEachern High School Community Culture Committee

Thursday, February 9th from 6:30 to 8:30pm

Freshman Center Classrooms



Please join us for an informational evening.

You can learn more about...

- Gang Awareness
- Drug & Alcohol Prevention
- Bullying & Teen Violence



Terry Ford, Cobb Co.
Juvenile Detention



Marcos Sanchez,
Addictions Counselor



Keith Stevens
Cobb County Police

Awareness – Intervention – Prevention

Parents, Community, & Schools

Making a difference together

2012 Board of Directors/Committee Chairs

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Country Walk Homeowners Association
P.O. Box 693
Powder Springs, Georgia 30127

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Attached you will find your invoice for the 2012 Homeowners Association Dues. You may pay the \$532.00 in full by January 15, 2012 and receive a 5% discount or pay in two installments; see schedule below (*the additional \$30.00 for the installment payment option is to cover the lost interest and the administrative burden of the plan*).

If you choose to pay in installments, payments must be received **on or before** the following dates:

| <u>Due Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------|---------------|
| January 15, 2012 | \$266.00 |
| March 15, 2012 | \$296.00 |

OR pay in full by January 15, 2012 and pay only \$505.40. Make check or money order payable to Country Walk HOA and mail to the above address. Sorry, cash and credit card payments can not be accepted.

If the first installment is not received on or before January 15, 2012, a \$53.00 late fee will be added to the account. A \$30.00 fee will be charged for all NSF checks.

Please review the information on the invoice, make any necessary corrections and return it with your payment.

If you have any questions, please call Neighborhood Management Services at 770-222-2000 or email pvnms@bellsouth.net. If you have any concerns about the budget, please plan to attend the next monthly board meeting on January 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room.

REMINDER:

Your current Country Walk ID Cards expire on January 15, 2012. New cards will be printed upon receipt of your 2012 dues. Expiration date will be extended to March 15, 2012 for any homeowner choosing to pay the dues using the installment plan. Watch the newsletter and email blasts for the dates to pick up your 2012 ID cards.

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In order to update records and process your 2012 Country Walk ID Cards, please complete the following information and return it with your payment.

Resident (s) name (s) _____
Address _____
Home Phone _____ Cell phone _____
Alt. phone _____ Work phone _____
Email Address _____

Please list first and last names of all residents needing an ID card:

Please note: Information will not be shared. Cell and Work phone numbers will only be used in the case of a serious emergency.

WATCH THE NEWSLETTER AND EMAIL UPDATES FOR ID PICK UP TIMES. PROOF OF RESIDENCE WILL BE REQUIRED AT TIME OF PICK UP.

Varner Elementary School News & Dates

Varner Elementary News

Congratulations Danielle Cruse

Spelling Bee Winner!

Jared Smith, 1st Runner Up!



Varner Elementary Dates

2/1- Chick-Fil-A morning \$2.50 each

2/1-2/3- Scholastic Book Fair

2/2- Dressing Through The Decades: Students may dress up in decade attire (40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's). The cost will be \$1.00. All proceeds will benefit the Varner Relay for Life team.

2/2- PTA Meeting 6:00pm (3rd and 4th Grade Performance)

2/3- B4B (Reading program)

2/7- Sparkles Skate Night 5-8pm \$6 inclusive

2/15- Chick-Fil-A morning \$2.50 each

2/17- Principal's Breakfast (invitation only)

2/24- Spirit Day

2/24- School Dance 6:00pm-8:30pm

2/29- Chick-Fil-A morning \$2.50 each

Tapp/McEachern School News & Dates

Tapp Middle School Dates/News

CRCT Parent Information Summit

Tuesday, February 7

6:30 PM-8:00 PM



25 Cobb County Schools Recognized By State As Title I Distinguished Schools - Tapp Middle School!

Twenty-five Cobb County schools are among 824 Georgia Title I Distinguished Schools recognized by the Georgia Department of Education during its January meeting.

To earn the Title I Distinguished School designation a school must make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for three consecutive school years.

Schools that make AYP four or more consecutive years receive a monetary award, paid from federal Title I funds.

McEachern High School News



McEachern High places 2nd in the high school division for the reading bowl!

Thirty-eight schools in Cobb County sent teams to participate in the Cobb County Ruffin Reading Bowl in January 2012.

Powder Springs schools that participated were Tapp Middle School and McEachern High School. McEachern placed second in the high school division. These schools will advance to the regional competition, to be held at the University of West Georgia on Feb. 4.

The Ruffin Reading Bowl was founded by Helen Ruffin, a library media specialist in the Dekalb County School District. Students were given a list of books from the Georgia Children's Book Awards nominees. In a game format, they competed in teams with other schools to test their knowledge of these books.



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pamelapolk@bellsouth.net

Our advertising rates and ad agreement forms are on our website at www.countrywalk.org You will need to mail your ad agreement and check to the address on the agreement form. Checks are to be made payable to "CW HOA".

Thank you to the advertisers for their support!

McEachern, Lassiter and Harrison high school volleyball teams played in a tournament, Dig for the Cure, to benefit the Breast Cancer Foundation. The teams wore pink shirts and raised over \$8000 for the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation!

