

Over The Fence - January 2012 www.countrywalk.org



Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a very blessed Christmas season. With the hustle and bustle of the holidays behind us, the board will resume meeting on January 17th. Homeowners are invited to bring their questions and concerns to the meeting at 7PM in the Community Room. **New in 2012, the board of directors will be holding open meetings on a quarterly basis. Watch future newsletters and the website for the meeting dates.**

I hope everyone has noticed the street signs throughout the neighborhood. They have all been refinished and new reflective street names decals make them much easier to read. The new lights will be going up in the amenities area parking lot very soon. This will improve the lighting and make the area a much safer place.

Just a reminder, the HOA dues bills were mailed to all homeowners during the 1st week of December. The payment must be received on or before January 15th to avoid the late fee.

Please contact Neighborhood Management Services at 770-222-2000 or email pvnms@bellsouth.net if you have any questions or concerns about your bill.

**Remember, Cobb County Schools Open Back up on
Tuesday January 10th!!!!!!**



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 for a party?

A: Denise Haney handles the reservations for the Pavilion. Email Denise at ghaney123@comcast.net or call her at 770-485-9349.

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 homeowners that park on the street making it difficult to navigate throughout the neighborhood?

A: This issue is handled by the Powder Springs Police Department. Please contact them to report any driving hazard that you notice.

Q: When does the ACC Committee meet?

A: The committee meets the first and third Monday's each month. If you have requested a meeting with the committee, they will contact you to set up a time to meet with you.

What if I have a dead or dangerous tree, do I have to get approval to remove it?

A: If a tree is dead or is a danger to anyone, please remove it immediately and submit of the documentation from the tree service regarding the condition of the tree along with the modification form for our records. If a tree has already fallen, you do not need approval to clean it up!



White Oak Wildlife Removal

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While there are some other pest removal companies around, you want to make the right choice first. That's why you want the "Masters of Wildlife Removal". We will work fast and efficiently to remove your pest.

We educate and work to prevent future disturbance and we remove your pest in as humane manner as possible.

We specialize in snakes, opossums, and squirrels, but we will remove most any pest!

Board Q/A

Q: If I submit a modification form, how long will it take to get a response from the ACC Committee?

A: The ACC Committee does the best they can to respond promptly – usually within a week to 10 days. However, the covenants give the committee up to 45 days to respond. It is rare that it will take this long.

PAINT SECTION



When painting your home, you may choose your paint color scheme from the paint color book or repaint your home the current colors provided your colors were approved by a previous board. Check with Neighborhood Management Services to find out if the swatches of your current colors and approved modification form are on record.

The paint color books are available for check out at the Neighborhood Management office. A \$50 deposit is required when checking out the book.

Please call 770-222-2000 or email pvnms@bellsouth.net to make arrangements to check out a color book.

Please note: Before painting or making any change to the exterior of your home you must receive approval from the ACC Committee.

MAILBOX SECTION



Global Home Product is the place to call for replacement parts or repairs for your mailbox. The phone number is 770-409-8292 or you can visit them online at <http://www.ghpweb.com/>

OTHER REMINDERS

Just a reminder, keeping the leaves and debris cleaned off of your roof, yard, driveway and walkways not only improves the appearance of your home, but protects your roof and keeps your driveway and sidewalk free of the stains. Keeping your lawn cleaned up, keeps your grass from dying off underneath the debris.

Please place your debris in brown paper yard waste bags or reusable containers and place it at the curb for collection by the City on Mondays.

[CLICK HERE FOR 2012 CW ACC STANDARDS](#)

This and That

Please call One mans trash, your local Country Walk Business for help in junk and debris removal at 678-446-0388

LET'S GET HAULING

1. HAVE A NEED?  Do you need unwanted junk hauled off, yard debris disposed of, construction waste or old appliances removed? We are meeting customer needs Monday through Saturday 7am to 6pm.

2. CONTACT US!  **EMAIL, PHONE, OR "TEXTIMATE"**
Simply snap a picture of the items or material to be removed and text it! You'll receive a prompt, hassle free estimate!

3. ON OUR WAY!  Now that your on the schedule, here we come to Quickly, cleanly and professionally haul away the unwanted!

JOB DONE!
WE ACCEPT CASH, CARD OR CHECK

SPREAD THE WORD!
We are sure that you will be so pleased with our service, you will tell everyone you know!

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THE ORIGINAL QUALITY SERVICE
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**The next regular monthly meeting
of the board will take place on
January 17, 2012.**

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Welcome	TBA	TBA

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

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 full payment of \$505.40 due on or before January 15, 2012. Make check payable to Country Walk HOA. Sorry, no cash or credit card payments 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, call Neighborhood Management Services at 770-222-2000 or email pvnms@bellsouth.net.

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.

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
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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.

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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.



2011-
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Schedule
\$375.00

Marietta High – Dodgen Middle
Harrison High – Kell High – McEachern High

*Register On-line at www.mariettacommunityschool.com

FALL QUARTER	WINTER QUARTER	SPRING QUARTER
<p><u>Oct. 8 – Nov. 5</u> Saturdays 8:00am – 2:30pm</p>	<p><u>Jan. 17 – Feb. 16</u> (All except Harrison) Tuesdays/Thursdays 6:00pm – 9:00pm</p> <p><u>Jan. 17 – Feb. 21 (Harrison)</u> Tuesday/Thursdays 6:00pm – 9:00pm *NO CLASS – Jan. 26*</p> <p><u>Jan. 21 – Feb.18</u> Saturdays 8:00am – 2:30pm</p> <p><u>Feb. 25 – March 24</u> Saturdays 8:00 am – 2:30 pm</p>	<p><u>April 10 – May 10</u> Tuesdays/Thursdays 6:00pm – 9:00pm</p> <p><u>April 14 – May 12</u> Saturdays 8:00am – 2:30pm</p> <p><u>Summer Schedule</u> TBA</p>

One Week Class at Marietta High School Only

Holiday Break Class – December 27, 28, 29, 30 - 8:00am - 4:00pm
Spring Break Class – April 2, 3, 4, 5 - 8:00am - 4:00pm

Two Week Classes at Marietta High Only

Thursday, Sept. 15 & 22	6:00pm – 9:00pm	Thursday, Nov. 3 & 10	6:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturday, Sept. 17 & 24	8:00am – 4:00pm	Saturday, Nov. 5 & 12	8:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, Sept. 18 & 25	1:00pm – 5:30pm	Sunday, Nov. 6 & 13	1:00pm – 5:30pm
Thursday, March 1 & 8	6:00pm – 9:00pm	Thursday, April 19 & 26	6:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturday, March 3 & 10	8:00am – 4:00pm	Saturday, April 21 & 28	8:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, March 4 & 11	1:00pm – 5:30pm	Sunday, April 22 & 29	1:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Marietta Community School
1171 Whitlock Avenue
Marietta, Georgia 30064

www.mariettacommunityschool.com

Phone: 770-429-3170
770-429-3171
FAX: 770-429-3178

TENNIS

Are your children interested in learning how to play tennis?



This Spring Country Walk will be offering to CW kids a Quick Start Tennis Program designed to get children active and involved in tennis.

What a great way for families to enjoy the wonderful amenities that Country Walk has to offer! As details become available we will make sure that all info is posted in the neighborhood newsletter, but if you have any questions, please direct them to jessicajenai@hotmail.com.

See you on the courts!

McEachern Online Test Practice! Get ready for EOCT and College! Visit www.mceachernhigh.org for the actual links!

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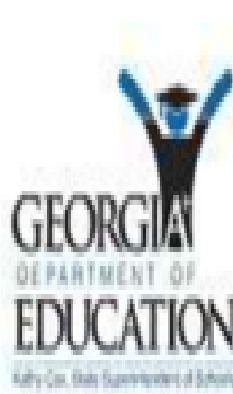


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Question of the Day

For teens, skipping class puts brakes on driving

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

5:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Nearly 13,000 Georgia teens had their driver's licenses yanked in 2010 for just one reason: They had too many unexcused school absences.

Under state law, 10 or more unexcused absences are all it takes for that coveted coming-of-age privilege of driving to come to a screeching halt. At least temporarily.

Students generally have ample warning about the law that's more than a decade old. It's spelled out in the student handbook, plastered on posters in some high school attendance offices and underscored in red-flag letters that go out, typically, after five or seven absences.

In Cobb County, an automated calling system alerts parents when unexcused absences reach the thresholds of five, seven, 10 and 15 days. That same system automatically prints a letter for the school to mail and sends an email to the parent, said Paul Pursell, the district's truancy coordinator.

Yet students in virtually every county lost their license for a year or until they turned 18, when the law no longer applies, according to data collected by the state Department of Drivers Services and obtained by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution under the Georgia Open Records Act.

Gwinnett, home of the state's largest school system, had the most absence-related license suspensions in 2010, with 2,269 out of a statewide total of 12,974, or about 17.5 percent, the data shows. Large numbers of license suspensions also were reported in most metro counties, including Clayton (619), DeKalb (960), Forsyth (503), Fulton (1,156) and Paulding (596).

The state suspended the licenses of 941 students in Cobb County, including a couple of friends of Osborne High senior Myra Hernandez.

"I told them that's what you get. You should stay at school," Hernandez said.

The law, she said, is "a really good idea" and a good motivator for students who can't wait to start driving, herself included.

David Lowry of Duluth doubted the law registered with his 15-year-old daughter because she likes school and doesn't skip class. But oft-absent students might respond to a fear tactic, Lowry said.

“With kids you have to hit them where it hurts, and that’s probably not being able to drive,” he said.

About half of the 50 states have laws linking student attendance to driving privileges, said Matt Lenard, policy analyst for the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). West Virginia was the first, with a law in 1988, he said.

Since the late 1990s, Georgia has been suspending the licenses of minors who drop out of school, miss 10 consecutive days of school or rack up 10 or more days of unexcused absences in a current or previous school.

The law also extends beyond truants to include students who are suspended from school for serious infractions, such as threatening a teacher; possession of drugs, alcohol or weapons; sexual offenses; or injuring another student.

In each case, the driver’s license is suspended for one year or until the student turns 18. There’s some wiggle room. Most schools give students and parents a chance to dispute the accuracy of their attendance report. A student also has a way to appeal and can apply for permission to drive to and from work if with a suspended license.

Does it work?

Most officials appear to gauge the effects of these laws based largely on anecdotal evidence, which is why the SREB is encouraging states to collect better data, Lenard said.

He said officials in West Virginia are very supportive of the law, and, in Tennessee, officials say it’s helped to drive up their graduation rates.

Cobb’s Pursell believes its been a “significant deterrent.” Whenever he meets with student groups and tells them that excessive unexcused absences can put their driver’s license at risk, there’s “always an audible gasp,” he said.

Paul Cromie, the attendance officer at North Gwinnett High School in Suwanee, said freshmen and sophomores seem most responsive, likely because they are so eager to be able to start driving.

Older students are sometimes more indifferent because they realize their driving status won’t be affected by their school record once they turn 18, he said.

Students who run afoul of the law, Pursell said, usually fall into two camps: students who have no interest in a driver’s license or no hope of acquiring transportation because of their family’s economics; and those who think it can’t happen to them or they can find a way to circumvent it.

“The reality is: Sometimes it’s not a motivator,” said David Johns, director of health and social services for Gwinnett County Schools.



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