

# Over The Fence - June 2011 [www.countrywalk.org](http://www.countrywalk.org)

## From the HOA President

Congratulations to all the Country Walk graduates! We wish you all much success in the future.

**School is out and so are all of the kids.** Please use caution when driving in the neighborhood. Please remember if you or your children are using the amenities, pool, playground, tennis courts, etc., you must carry your 2011 ID card with you at all times. All children under the age of 13 must have an adult with them when using the amenities area.

**Over the past few weeks the board has had to deal with many problems.** The Powder Springs police and detectives are investigating the graffiti vandalism that took place earlier this month. The red spray paint was cleaned up as soon as the police finished collecting all of the evidence. The officers are out patrolling the area and talking to many of the neighborhood kids about the vandalism. A sincere thank you goes out to everyone who pitched in and helped clean up the red spray paint.

Additionally, many problems have occurred in the wooded areas of the Country Walk amenities. These areas are now posted NO TRESPASSING. Please consider all the wooded areas in the common grounds are CLOSED. The police and security officers have been asked to step up the patrols of these areas and anyone caught in these areas will be arrested and charged with trespassing. Please make your children and teenagers aware that these areas are closed.

We truly appreciate everyone who paid their HOA dues. As a reminder, if you did not make payment or contact the NMS office to make payment arrangements, your account is past due. **REMINDER: If you have not paid the HOA dues, your amenity privileges have been suspended.** If you have paid your dues and have not had a chance to pick up your 2011 ID card, you may pick it up from the pool checker anytime during pool hours.

**Behind the scenes the board has been hard at work.**

- **At the last board meeting the board voted and hired Master Tech** to repair a problem with the gutters that is causing water to leak into the community room.
- **The board is currently reviewing information on lighting companies** to replace the lights in the parking lot.
- **The street signs are faded out and it is difficult for emergency vehicles** to locate the streets within Country Walk. The board is currently working to purchase replacement street sign blades and refinish all of the street sign posts.
- **Vandalism, graffiti and other problems are very costly to the HOA.** The board is looking at many ways to reduce these problems in the amenities areas.

**We are once again receiving complaints about low hanging tree branches** hitting larger vehicles as they pass through the neighborhood. If your tree overhang the street, please make sure the branches are trimmed high enough to clear school buses, garbage trucks, etc. If your trees overhang the sidewalk, please make sure that the branches are trimmed high enough not to hit a pedestrian walking the neighborhood. Violation notices will be sent to all homeowners with low hanging tree branches along streets and sidewalks

### FYI Blurbs



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Country Store now offers dry cleaning drop off/pick up ser-



**Dr. Michael Hinojosa of Dallas Named Finalist For Cobb Superintendent.**

The Cobb County Board of Education named Dr. Michael Hinojosa of Dallas, Texas as finalist for the position of superintendent of Cobb County Schools. Visit [http://www.cobbk12.org/centraloffice/communications/news/2011/20110519\\_SuptFinalist.aspx](http://www.cobbk12.org/centraloffice/communications/news/2011/20110519_SuptFinalist.aspx) for more information.

## **Board Q/A**

Email your questions to the board at [boardmember@countrywalk.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 [dhaney123@comcast.net](mailto:dhaney123@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 types of things do I need to submit a modification form and receive approval from the ACC Committee before doing?**

*You must submit a modification form and receive approval from the ACC Committee before doing any of the following to your property:*

***Installing a new fence***

***Replacing an existing fence with a new fence of a different style***

***Replacing an existing fence with the same type of fence, but changing the foot print of it.***

***Before changing the landscape plan for your lot.*** You may however, remove dead bushes and add seasonal color without getting approval.

***Before adding any type of edging or retaining walls.***

*Repainting any part of the exterior of your home. You must choose your colors from the approved color book and submit the form for approval before painting. Note: This includes repainting your front door, shutters, trim or any portion of your home that is visible from the street.*

***Before adding any type of play equipment to your yard.*** Note: play equipment will only be approved for addition to a backyard.

***Before replacing your roof.*** When submitting the application you must be specific as to the type and color of the material that will be used.

***Before doing any type of structural modification.*** This includes replacing your front porch, adding a sidewalk, adding a shed, enclosing a deck, replacing your garage doors or windows with a different style window or door, etc.

***Before removing any large trees.*** When removing trees, you must receive approval from the City of Powder Springs Arborist before submitting the application to the ACC Committee. Include a copy of the approval letter from the City with your application.

*If there is any question regarding the need to have approval from the ACC Committee, submit a modification form.*

## Board Q.A

**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: 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! Just clean it up ASAP.*

**Q: Where do I get the approved paint colors from?**

**A:** *Call Neighborhood Management Services at 770-222-2000 and make arrangements to check out a copy of the paint color book. You will need to stop by the NMS office to pick up the book. A \$50.00 deposit is required and will be returned to you when the book is returned to the NMS office.*

**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.*

## Pool Opening / Closing Information



POOL OPENS SATURDAY, MAY 28TH/POOL HOURS ARE 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
DAILY

4:00 - 9:00 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

POOL CLOSES FOR THE SEASON SEPTEMBER 6TH

## Pool Rules (also on web site)

### **Failure to abide by the pool rules will result in automatic suspension of amenity privileges.**

All Country Walk Residents must obtain a photo ID card in order to obtain access to the pool. All babysitters must obtain an ID card. To obtain a photo ID Card, please contact the NMS office at 770-222-2000.

- Lost ID cards will be replaced at a fee of \$20.00 per card.
- Each household is allowed one free babysitter card per season. If a second babysitter is required a \$25.00 fee will be charged for the card. Each household is limited to 3 babysitters per season.
- A babysitter is only one person and can't be listed as a couple.

### **Swimming at your own risk without a lifeguard on duty is not permitted.**

Each household will be given 25 "Free" guest passes per pool season. Guest passes will be maintained at the pool gate by the pool checker. The resident admitting the guest will be asked to sign in the guest, initial and date the book each time a guest pass is used. **After the 25 "Free" passes are used, a fee of \$5.00 per guest will be charged.**

### **NOTE: Babysitters are not permitted to sign in guests.**

Residents between the ages of 13 and 17 may sign in up to 1 guest at any one time with a note from the homeowner. The note must contain authorization / approval of the request to bring in the guest.

Residents over the age of 18 may sign in up to 6 guests at any one time. Any resident bringing in more than 6 guests at a time must make arrangements with the Amenities Manager to do so.

Homeowners must make arrangements with the Amenities Manager and /or Pool Monitors to have their children brought to the pool by a babysitter.

Homeowners planning to have a party in the pavilion **must** reserve the time with the amenities manager. Parties can only take place during the following times:

- Weekdays – 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM and 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Weekends – 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- Parties cannot exceed 4 hours
- Rental fee \$25.00 per party. A deposit of \$150.00 per party is required. Deposit refunded after party area is cleaned up.
- No Parties are allowed on holiday weekends except Social Committee functions.
- Homeowners having a party in the pavilion and pool area are required to hire additional lifeguards based on the number of persons at the party.

**1 guard per 7 – 15 party guests  
2 guards for 16 – 30 guests**

**NO PARTY CAN EXCEED 30 GUESTS DUE TO THE FIRE CODE**



## Pool Rules (also on web site)

- The children's pool is for the use of children 5 years of age and younger only. **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT OR BABYSITTER AT ALL TIMES IN THIS POOL.**
- Residents must be at least 13 years old in order to enter the pool without a parent or guardian.
- Deck chairs must be kept a minimum of five (5) feet from the pool edge.
- **NO GLASS CONTAINERS OF ANY KIND** are allowed in the pool / pavilion area.
- NO KEGS of BEER are allowed in the pool / pavilion area.
- NO chewing gum will be allowed in the pool / pavilion area.
- Unauthorized personnel are not permitted on the lifeguard stands at any time.
- Running / horseplay in the pool / pavilion area is extremely dangerous and will not be tolerated.
- Fifteen (15) minutes at each hour is designated as "break time". Everyone under the age of 18 must leave the pool during this time. This includes young infants with their parents.
- **NON POTTY TRAINED CHILDREN** must wear a swim diaper. Swim diapers may be purchased from the pool monitors.
- Non-swimmers will not be permitted in the deep end unless accompanied by an adult.
- Beach balls are acceptable in the pool. No other balls are permitted in the pool / pavilion area.
- All radios, boom boxes, etc. must be battery operated. **NO ELECTRICAL CORDS ARE PERMITTED IN THE POOL AREA.** The volume should not disturb others in the pool area.
- NO pets are permitted in the pool / pavilion area at any time.
- Proper swim attire must be worn to enter the pool. Cut off shorts are not proper swim attire – cotton fibers clog the filters. All undergarments must be concealed from view. NO string or thong swim suits allowed. Violators will be asked to leave the pool area immediately.
- Food and beverages are not allowed within 5 feet of the pool edge.
- It is the responsibility of all swimmers to pick up their trash.
- Proper use of pool furniture is expected by all adults and children.
  
- **INTOXICATION RULE: Anyone who appears to be under the influence of alcohol and is in danger of injuring themselves or others, is loud or boisterous, or acts in a disorderly manner, will be ejected from the pool / pavilion area immediately.**
  
- Lost and found items should be turned in and / or retrieved from the pool monitor.
- The HOA reserves the right to withdraw pool privileges from any person who abuses the Life-guards, Amenities Managers, Pool Monitors or Pool RULES. If the person is a minor, his/her parents will be notified. All rules and consequences will be strictly enforced.
- The HOA and the Amenities Managers reserve the right to change and/or add to the pool rules at any time.

Emergency Form (also on web site)



## Country Walk Pool Emergency Information – 2011

Please print all information clearly.

Resident's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Resident's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please provide name and phone number of someone we may contact in the event of an emergency)

List first and last names of all persons living at the address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The above information represents all family members living in my household during the summer of 2011.

Homeowner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)



## Pool Discipline Consequences (also on web site)

### **2011 Pool Discipline Consequences**

**THIS DISCIPLINE PLAN AND THE CONSEQUENCES WERE DETERMINED BY THE COUNTRY WALK BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Disciplined pools are safe pools. Therefore, discipline will be maintained at all times. NO SWIMMER will be exempt from discipline. Discipline will be described in two (2) categories and dealt with accordingly.

#### **VIOLENT BEHAVIOR**

Violent behavior includes but is not limited to: fighting, verbal harassment of the pool staff, vandalism, tripping, vulgarism, stripping, theft, or anyone under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances.

The following consequences will be imposed:

**1<sup>st</sup> OFFENSE:** Immediate ejection from the pool and a two (2) week suspension of privileges will be given.

**2<sup>nd</sup> OFFENSE:** Offender will be referred to the Board of Directors for permanent ejection from the pool for the remainder of the season.

#### **NON-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR**

Non-violent behavior includes violation of any pool rule, public display of affection, running, roughhousing in the pool or pavilion area, and loud boisterous conduct.

The following consequences will be imposed:

**1<sup>st</sup> OFFENSE:** Verbal reprimand.

**2<sup>nd</sup> OFFENSE:** Removal of pool privileges for a period of two (2) weeks, with notification of the Board of Directors and the homeowner. Continued misbehavior will result in loss of pool privileges for the remainder of the pool season.

**THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THESE RULES OR CONSEQUENCES. ANY PERSON WHO IS EJECTED FROM THE POOL AREA AND REFUSES TO LEAVE OR THREATENS THE LIFEGUARD WILL BE REPORTED TO**

**THE POWDER SPRINGS POLICE.**

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### **Our Wonderful Amenities Managers!**



Denise and Scott Haney are our amenities managers. If you have any questions about our amenities please call Denise or Scott at 770-485-9349 or you can email Denise/Scott at [pool@countrywalk.org](mailto:pool@countrywalk.org)



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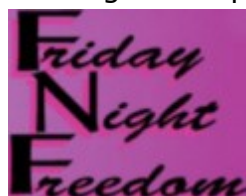
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## Social Committee News

### Teen Events

Friday Night Freedom will begin again in June due to May Graduations. This special teens' night is a CW tradition that we're glad to see back. Stay tuned for more information on what to bring and expect. All teens welcome!



- **June 24: 9pm-12am teen swim**
- **July 29: 9pm-12am teen swim**
- **August 12: Back to School Bash/Teen Night**  
 B2SB: 6:30-9 pm / Teen Night (13 & up with parent waiver only – no exceptions!)  
 9:30 pm-12 am

### Country Walk Summer Social Calendar-Summer 2011

Happy Summer! We hope that you are having a wonderful summer, and the Country Walk Social Committee has a lot of things planned to make sure that you can enjoy fun in the sun with your neighbors all season long. Please check out the calendar below:

- **June 4, 2011: 6:30-9pm Summer Bash at the Pool** Neighborhood cookout with games and activities for all ages.
- **July 4, 2011: 4th of July Parade and Celebration**



The parade is shaping up really well this year, and we would like to invite every single member of CW to participate! If you are a veteran or active member of the military, please plan to march with us! Also, we will have these parade divisions:

- Patriotic Tots (kids in strollers)
- Patriotic Pets
- Kids in Costume
- Adults/Families in Costume
- Non-Motorized Floats (wagons)
- Motorized Floats (trucks, convertibles or other motorized vehicles)
- Bikes

We are currently in need of a trailer or someone to volunteer the back of their truck for our drumline. Please contact Carole at [carole.j.ellis@gmail.com](mailto:carole.j.ellis@gmail.com) if you can help with this need.

We will finish up the parade at the pool where we will award prizes for most patriotic in each division, enjoy lunch, play games and judge a pie/dessert contest! If you are interested in helping with the parade, please email [carole.j.ellis@gmail.com](mailto:carole.j.ellis@gmail.com). See you there!

## Social Events Continued



- **July 9, 2011: 9 pm-11pm: Adult Pool Party**

The CW Social Committee will post a board of events outside the pool on the front of the clubhouse and inside the pool where you check in. Please check the board for updates in between newsletters! Have a great summer! Thanks, CW Social Committee



# Congratulations on Graduation Class of 2011



**Please congratulate our new officers for the 2011–2012 school year for McEachern High School.**

**Co-Presidents:** Dawn Archie and Wanda Morris

**Vice President:** Faye DiMassimo

**Secretary:** April Evans

**Co-Treasurers:** Cynthia Hall and Michele Rice

**Committee Members:** Karla Bush, Shelly Render, Deborah Salmon-Ford, Connie Holloway, and Janice Ritchey

**Administrative Liaison:** Ms. Ashley Jimerson

These ladies are looking forward to serving our school community and are excited to get started...

## Storm Relief Donation Drive Update

### **Country Walk Residents DO NOT Mess Around!!**

Our Tuscaloosa Storm Relief Donation Drive was successful beyond what any of us could have hoped for or imagined! We are sending an entire truck load of much needed items to our neighbors in Alabama. We also collected enough money to send **THIRTY** \$10.00 gift cards! Thank you all so much for your hard work in collecting and delivering your donations! You have truly made a difference in the lives of many!!!

Kim Howell and Leesa and Brad Raam

~*Special Thanks* to Sung at our Country Store for allowing us the use of his storage until we were able to have the items transferred to the Salvation Army. Also a huge *Thank-You* to Mary Thorson and Jeremy Cross for helping sort, box and load items into storage – we couldn't have done it without you!



## Storm Relief Donation Drive Update



## Gardening Tips-By Ann Taylor

Oh my, who let it get so hot! June is here and boy did it make an entrance! Needless to say, but it is dry and much rain is needed. Not the stormy kind we had the other night but the slow soaking type that give our lawns and gardens the drink they thirst for. We had several trees and limbs down from that storm. Some even had them fall on their homes causing damage. I couldn't help but notice neighbors helping neighbors the next day. That is what it is all about. We all should be aware of our surroundings and pitch in when it is needed. Thanks neighbors!

I once had a writing instructor whose advice has lingered through the years: "learn the rules like an expert so you can break them like a master." This advice applies to gardening as well as it does to grammar. There are some gardening rules you do need to follow, such as choosing the right plant for the right site. But other gardening rules are meant more as gentle guidelines than absolute mandates.

This is especially true in container gardening, where new gardeners often rigidly follow the "thriller, filler, and spiller" model. It's a great guideline starting with tall, spiky plants in the middle, then adding mounded plants around it, then tucking in plants that cascade down the sides of the pot. When applied with a creative eye for color and form this rule produces stunning arrangements. But it is not the only way to design a beautiful container. A tall glazed urn with a single type trailing plant (such as creeping Jenny) cascading over the sides like a waterfall or a low, squat container planted with hens and chicks or other groundcover succulents are stunning even though—a maybe even because—they break the "thriller, filler, spiller" rule. Just food for thought!

Summer is here! For container gardeners, that means the battle is about to begin. Who will win—the sun or your plants? Here are three tips to ensure your container plants stay happy all season:

**WATER.** Plan to water once a day. Twice if in full sun and high temperatures, rainy days, take a break.

**FERTILIZE.** Containers need feeding, low release when planted, every two weeks quick-release food.

**CHANGE IT.** Throughout the season, replace fading plants with new ones

## Gardening Tips-By Ann Taylor

Now to our monthly garden schedule:

- Each week a shrub needs one gallon per foot of height.
- You can safely remove one fourth the foliage of any healthy tree during the growing season.
- Look for small seedlings under Lenten rose. They can be moved to other spots now.
- Lure slugs and snails under a hollowed out half-cantaloupe near hosta. Check at noon every few days and scrape them into a bucket of soapy water.
- Conserve water by using a soaker hose for plants and shrubs.(applies 1 gallon per foot per hour)
- Circular, dead, brown spots could be “Brown Patch”, correct fertilization and watering practice before using a fungicide.
- Mulch vegetable garden. I use three sheets of newspaper to cover the ground around each plant then I cover the paper with straw or mulch.
- Plant annuals in small beds that make a visual impact but are easy to water.
- Fertilize outdoor plants regularly.
- Raise the height of your mower by one notch to help your lawn grass withstand dry weather.
- Pick okra and squash regularly. If you leave fruit on it halts blooming on the entire plant.
- Keep lawnmower blade sharp because a ragged cut makes grass use more water.
- Try not to kill the big green caterpillars on parsley and other plants because they are the precursors to beautiful swallowtail butterflies.
- Prune back hydrangeas when most of the blooms have faded. This will make more branches which may give more flowers this fall.
- Water the lawn only once a week making it a deep, thorough soaking, one inch.

I do hope these tips give you are start to a fun and beautiful yard and garden and make it a little easier for you this summer so more time can be spent at the pool.

As I mention earlier, there were many limbs, pine cones, sweet gum balls, leaves and such blown and scattered everywhere. So we all need to check our yards and do the necessary cleanup and mulching to help maintain our beautiful neighborhood and if you see a fellow neighbor needs help, be a good neighbor by doing what you can to help out. Pay it forward!

On any given day, you'll see me playing in the dirt, will you join me?





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