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From the HOA President

I hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Easter. A special thank you goes out to everyone who pitched in and helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. The children had a wonderful time.

The annual meeting and election of officers was held on Sunday, April 10, 2011. It was good to see such a great turn out at the meeting. I would like to welcome our newly elected board members; Shelia Marshall, Tom Canzano, Ann Taylor, Cheryl League and Mandy Cross. I look forward to working with all of them. The board of directors has many projects to accomplish in the upcoming year.

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 not picked up your 2011 ID cards, please make arrangements to pick it up on Thursday, May 19th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the community room. The 2010 ID cards are no longer valid. Please make sure you carry your 2011 ID card with you anytime you are in the amenities area.



The ACC Committee is holding a pine straw sale this month. They are offering the pine straw for \$4.00 a bale. I hope everyone will take advantage of the sale; fresh pine straw can really improve the appearance of your yard. Prepaid orders must be sent in by May 19th. The order form can be found in this newsletter or on the website at www.countrywalk.org.

• FYI Blurbs

Outdoor Burning

From May 1 through September 30, you may not burn leaves, tree limbs, or other yard waste, forest land, or use air curtain destructors for land clearing. Burning is allowed from October 1 to April 30 under certain conditions



The Country Store now offers dry cleaning drop off/pick up service!

Breakfast with the Mayor and City Council On Saturday, May 14, 2011 and continuing on the 2nd Saturday of each month, Mayor Pat Vaughn and Council invite citizens to join them at Bailey's Diner, 4093 Marietta Street, at 9:00 a.m



Last Day of School is May 25th!

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 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 will I receive my 2011 ID card (s)?

A: *Denise Haney will begin distributing the new ID cards on May 19th from 4:00 – 8:00 PM in the community room. Please remember your dues must be paid in full before you will be able to pick up your IDs.*

Q: What types of things do I need to submit a modification form and receive approval from the ACC Committee before doing?

A: *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 back yard.

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

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.*



IMPORTANT DUES REMINDER

Unless other arrangements have been made your HOA dues are now past due. Please contact Neighborhood Management Services to make arrangements for payment.

The NMS office will no longer accept cash payments for the HOA dues. NMS does not have cash in the office and is unable to make change. All payments must be made by check or money order and mailed to:

Country Walk HOA
PO Box 693
Powder Springs, GA 30127



The Social Committee needs your help.

The Social Committee would like to invite anyone interested in helping brainstorm and coordinate Country Walk's events. We will hold meetings on an as needed basis to share ideas to make each event a fun-filled success. We will hold our first meeting on May 10th at 6:30 PM in the Community Room to plan the End of School Year Summer Bash. If you would like to join or learn more information about our new committee, please contact

Carole Ellis: nsw@countrywalk.org or **Mandy Cross:** boardmember@countrywalk.org.

Pinestraw Order Form

Country Walk HOA Pine Straw Sale

\$4.00 PER BALE

ORDER YOUR PINE STRAW TODAY!

PICK UP YOUR ORDER ON SATURDAY, MAY 21ST IN THE AMENITIES AREA PARKING LOT.

Complete the order form below and mail it with your check to:

**Country Walk HOA
PO Box 693
Powder Springs, GA 30127**

Or drop it off at the NMS office, 4485 N. Town Square, Suite 220, Powder Springs.

Prepaid orders must be received by May 19th.

**COUNTRY WALK HOA
PINE STRAW ORDER**

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ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ **ALT. PHONE** _____

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: COUNTRY WALK HOA



City of Powder Springs Events

<http://www.cityofpowdersprings.org/>

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Powder Springs Farmers Market 2011 Vendor applications are now being accepted. Opening day is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2011. The Market will be open every Thursday from June through September from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m



The Powder Springs Farmers Market is operated through a combined effort of the City of Powder Springs, the Historic Downtown Merchants Association of Powder Springs, and the Powder Springs Farmers Market Advisory Committee.

Mission: To support and promote local farmers, home growers and purveyors of foods prepared with local products, by providing a community-based market where they can sell their goods directly to consumers, to encourage area residents to buy local, buy healthy and buy smart and to provide consumers with an alternative fresh produce shopping venue and an opportunity to connect with neighbors and the community in beautiful downtown Powder Springs.

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Denise and Scott Haney are the amenity managers. Please call them if you have any questions at 770.485.9349 or email pool@countrywalk.org

School News

On May 24th and May 25th we will follow the early release schedule below:

- High Schools: ALL Students released at 11:30 a.m. (no regular dismissal at 3:30 p.m.)
- Middle Schools: Students released at 12:30 p.m.
- Elem. Schools: Students released at 1:30 p.m.

Varner News

Nominating Committee submits the following nominees for next year’s PTA Board.

President: Annette Carr

Co– Vice Presidents: Charisse Jones & Sean Tillmon

Secretary: Felicia Snead

Treasurer: Sharondalyn Newton

Elections will be held at our next PTA meeting on May 5th at 6:30 pm

Cantrell Stadium (McEachern High School)

Ceremony Date & Time		School	On-site Rehearsal Date & Time
Thursday, May 26, 2011	7:00 p.m.	McEachern	School Decision

McEachern Summer Camp 2011

McEachern High School and its ASTA/NSOA Student Chapter will be sponsoring its **19th Annual Summer String Camp** for your children. Camp will be held for TWO WEEKS ONLY.

It will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on Monday, June 20th and concluding on Thursday, June 30th. Classes will be held in the Orchestra Room and stage of the Alton Keith Performing Arts Center on the McEachern campus starting at 7:00 P.M. and concluding at 9:00 P.M.

Instructors will include Mrs. Susie Hines, Mrs. Robbie Ooten, Mr. Mark Pulley and Dr. Mooney

<http://www.mceachernhigh.org/files/McEACHERN%20SUMMER%20CAMP%202011.pdf>



ACC News

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Regular monthly inspections are taking place. We ask that everyone take a few minutes and take a hard look at your property. Is your home up to the Country Walk ACC Standards? **Does the lawn need to be mowed? Are the planting areas clean and mulched? Do the bushes need to be trimmed? Are there dead bushes or trees? How about your house – are the shutters still properly attached or have they come loose or fallen off? Does the house need to be pressure washed or painted? Are the screens missing or torn? What about your fence – is it rotting, broken or falling apart?** Many of these items can be taken care of with just a little effort and are inexpensive. If your home is in need of painting, now is the time to start budgeting for the project. The ACC Committee would like to remind you of the most common ACC violations noticed:

- Most planting areas / island areas are bare and in need to have the mulch refreshed.
- Debris in yard and island areas. Debris consists of leaves, sticks, pine cones, sweet gum balls, etc.
- Curb areas are full of debris.
- Gutters are full or overflowing with debris from trees.
- Roofs are covered with debris from the trees.
- Mailboxes are broken, rusty, falling over, etc.
- Trash cans left in the driveway or where they are visible from the street
- Lawn ornaments, bird houses & feeders, large numbers of planters, children's toys, rain barrels, etc. in the front yard.
- Edging that is visible. Black plastic edging must be buried in the ground so it is not visible from the street, all block edging must be approved by the ACC Committee before it is installed. Wire fence type edging, above ground plastic edging, etc. is not approved for use.
- Dead bushes and trees have not been removed.
- Shutters are hanging loose or have fallen off.
- All flowers and plants must be live, plastic or artificial flowers are prohibited.
- When mowing the lawn, the entire lawn (both front and back yard) should be mowed.
- Window Treatments must be white or off-white.
- Blinds must be in good condition. Broken or bent up blinds should be repaired or replaced.

Please remember the time to submit an application for modification and receive approval of your planned project is before the work begins. Please remember all changes to the exterior of your home need to be approved by the ACC Committee before the changes are made.

Gardening Tips

April has provided us with plenty of showers to wet our grounds and as May roars in we have our work cut out for us! Weeds, weeds, weeds, and more weeds! Let's roll up our sleeves, spray our arms and legs with bug spray, cut the grass and get to work on making a beautiful lawn and garden for the summer. There is still plenty of time to plant annuals and perennials for spring and summer color! Here's the list of things to do now:

- Fertilize centipede lawns. One application per year is all that is required.
- Fertilize and water tomatoes regularly.
- Plant tropical vines at your mailboxes or trellis for bright flowers and color. Mandevilla, bougainvillea, etc.
- Freshen mulch in planting areas. It helps to regulate soil temperature, conserve moisture, control weeds.
- Begin succession planting of hot weather annuals such as zinnias, marigolds, celosia, etc in May and continue through the month of June.
- Pinch back annuals to encourage bushy, compact growth. Begin to fertilize them on a regular basis.
- Great time to plant long blooming perennials like daylilies, purple coneflowers, Shasta daisies, etc.
- Plant dahlia tubers at the end of May. Also set your stakes in the ground too.
- Continue to plant perennials throughout the month.
- When ground temperature is 70 degrees F. began planting vegetables. Okra, pumpkins, sweet potato, eggplant, pepper plants, watermelon, peas, butterbeans, and tomato.
- It's too late to sow cool season grasses such as fescue, but warm season grasses such as Bermuda, centipede, and zoysia can be sown now.
- Use weed killer on lawns only if temperature is above 70 degrees F.
- Fertilize roses in May to encourage a second bloom, and continue feeding them on schedule through the month of June. Prune ramblers in June.
- Fertilize azaleas as soon as they finish blooming. Prune lightly if necessary.
- Fertilize flower beds with Dynamite, Osmocote, or Miracle Grow.
- Use Amdro on fire ant mounds, then treat mounds with insecticide 48 hours later.
- Use ironite on shrubs and trees to promote healthy color and promote root growth.

Let's not forget that plants aren't the only gardening activity. Great joy can come in small packages-container gardening adds great color and texture to any porch, patio or deck.

Starting an herb or vegetable garden is a great use of a small backyard space-you can't go wrong growing your own groceries! And let's not forget the birds-there are many plants that will attract the birds to your yard and many things you can have to keep them coming back time and time again.

Ann's Seven Steps to succeed in growing a beautiful garden:

1. **Select the Spot:** Consider the amount of sunlight and moisture the spot receives. Does it slope, is it flat, will the plant you're choosing like those conditions?

Effort saving Tip: Build a raised bed to make it easier to maintain, saving your back or compacting the soil by walking on it.

2. **Get Started:** Fun begins now. Gather gloves, shovel, spade, wheelbarrow and sand, flour, or spray paint to mark your area. Remove grass or weeds growing in area you're planting and place in compost pile.

Effort saving Tip: Invest in quality tools. If shovel blade is sharp, it slices soil better and makes less work for you.

3. **Prepare your Soil:** Plants thrive and reach their potential in quality soil. Check to see how moist it is, how well it drains.

Money Saving Tip: Organic matter, such as compost, improves any kind of soil by helping water drain through clay, and makes sandy soil hold more moisture and nutrients. Be sure to use your home-made compost in your new garden so you don't have to spend as much money on other amendments.

4. **Best Shopping Tips:** Shopping is one of the best parts of gardening. But before you jump in the car, make a list of plants that are suited for your garden conditions.

Money Saving Tips: If you have a lot of space fill, buy fast spreading species such as lambs ears, ajuga, bee balm and lily-of-the valley. They grow quickly giving a carpet of color cheap.

5. **Planting Secrets:** There is an adage among gardeners. Dig a \$10 hole for a \$5 tree. In other words, get your new treasure off to a great start by planting them right. Dig a hole twice as wide but no deeper.

Time Saving Tip: Fill your planting holes with soil you dug from them. Resist the temptation to fill the holes with rich amended soil, otherwise roots will not grow outside of the holes.

6. **Get Rid of Weeds:** Keep your garden beautiful by stopping weeds. A 2 to 3 inch deep layer of mulch keeps weeds at bay, helps maintain moisture during dry periods, and if you use straw, shredded bark, peanut hulls, etc. it slowly breaks down and improves your soil.

Effort Saving Tips: Be sure that you pull weeds when they are young before they have a chance to mature and spread seeds around the garden. They are easier to pull from the ground too.

7. **Time Saving Tip:** Take a couple of minutes every day to look at your garden. If you notice and treat issues such as aphids, Japanese beetles or black spot early, you can usually prevent them from becoming major problems.

One last tip, find a friend or neighbor to exchange plants with. I had a neighbor walking by admiring my gardens and before she left she invited me to come to her house to gather some of hers!





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