

Over The Fence - September 2011 www.countrywalk.org

From the HOA President

Summer is winding down, the days are getting shorter and school is back in session. Just as everyone eases back into their normal routines after a long hot summer, so will the board of directors. The next open meeting of the board will take place on **September 20th at 7:00 PM in** the community room. Behind the scenes the board has been hard at work getting bids to replace the parking lot lights and repair or replace the faded out street signs. Coming to the board meetings is a great way to support your board members and find out what is going on in Country Walk. We hope to see you there.

The pool will close down for the season after Labor Day. It has been a wonderful pool season – Thank you Denise, Kay, Michelle, Shannon, Michael, Amy, Debbie, Jackie, Chris, Megan and Amanda for all your hard work keeping the pool running smoothly all season.

Just a reminder, anytime you are using the amenities – tennis courts, playground, pool, and basketball courts – you must carry your 2011 Country Walk ID card. ID's are spot checked year round, not just during pool season.

You may have noticed, additional trash cans have been added to the amenities area. The cost savings of using the additional cans over sharing the dumpster with the Country Store is approximately \$900.00 a year. Please do not place any amenities area trash in to the dumpster. Country Walk has a wonderful amenities area; please help us keep it clean by picking up and placing all trash in the trash cans.

Once again we are noticing many low hanging tree branches throughout 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 in the neighborhood.

Do you have a new neighbor or have you noticed someone new moving into the neighborhood? If so, please be sure and share your newsletter with them. Reading the newsletter is a great way to find out what is going on in the neighborhood. Please let Neighborhood Management know who they are and we will be happy to send them a hardcopy of the newsletter.

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

- **Powder Springs Police** handles people parking illegally in the street
- **Animal Control** handles animals on the loose
- **Cobb County and the City of Powder Springs** has ordinances regarding pets

Board Question and Answer

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: 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: 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.

Board Question and Answer

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: 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. If your current house colors were approved by the board and a copy of the approval is on file, you may repaint with your current colors. If not 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.**

ACC NEWS



If you plan to make any changes to the exterior of your home, please fill out a modification form. Mail the completed form along with detailed drawings, paint samples, roofing samples, etc. to Country Walk HOA, PO Box 693, Powder Springs.

You may obtain a modification form from our neighborhood's web site: www.countrywalk.org. Click on the ACC tab and the link for the form is located under ACC Approval Process. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact NMS at 770-222-2000 to have a modification form mailed to you or to make arrangements to stop by and pick one up.

After the Neighborhood Management Services receives the modification request, it will be copied and given to the ACC committee the same day it is received. The ACC Committee will get together and review the modification request; they will contact you if needed. **Please keep in mind the ACC committee members are residents just like you volunteering their time.** Our goal is to meet every first and third Monday each month. If there are requests that demand immediate attention, we will coordinate our schedules to meet the demand the best we can. Please remember, the covenants allow the committee 45 days to review and respond to all modification requests (CW Covenants, paragraph 10 (a) Architectural Standards.)



If you are painting your home, please contact Neighborhood Management Services and make arrangements to check out a paint book (a \$50.00 deposit is required and will be refunded when you return the book to the office). You may repaint your home the same color IF it was approved by a previous committee member or board member AND is approved by the current ACC Committee and a copy of the previous approval is in the records. However, you are still required to submit a modification form and obtain approval from the ACC. Please include any roof or paint samples and detailed landscape or construction drawings, measurements included, with your form so the approval process will not be delayed.

After the ACC Committee reviews your request, a copy of the approved modification form will be mailed to you by the NMS office. If your request is denied or you have been granted a conditional approval, the details of decisions will be provided in writing along with the form.

Thank you!

2011-2012 Board of Directors/Committee Chairs

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Pool Liaison	Tom Canzano	pool@countrywalk.org
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Tennis Tennis Liaison	Bob Johnson Shelia Marshall	770-943-8635
Welcome	TBA	TBA

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" 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

ONE MANS TRASH 678-446-0388

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



The Fall Festival will be held on October 29th from 1—3 pm in the amenities parking lot.

More information will be in the October NL and on the web site!



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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.

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



"Thank you, Country Walk Residents, for making our B2SB wonderful!! Varner Elementary was thrilled with the donations and the party was extra fun!! We look forward to seeing you all at our next social event!!"

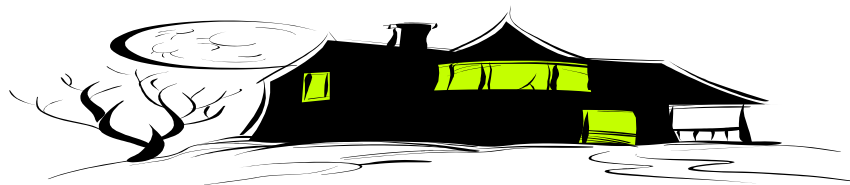
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Teen Halloween Party

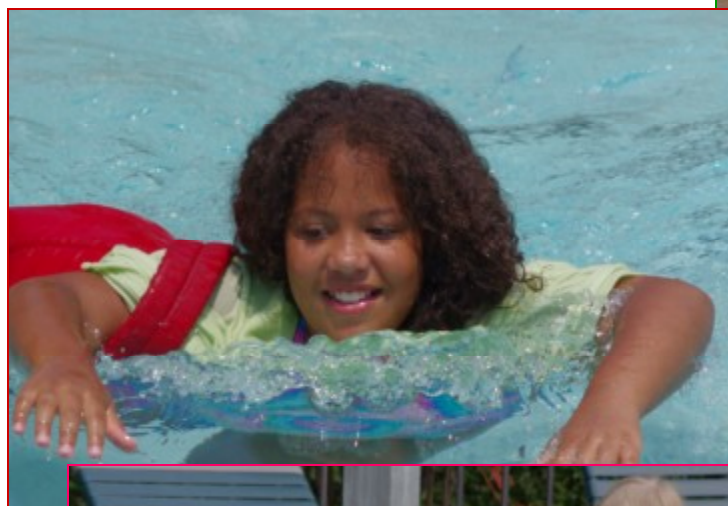
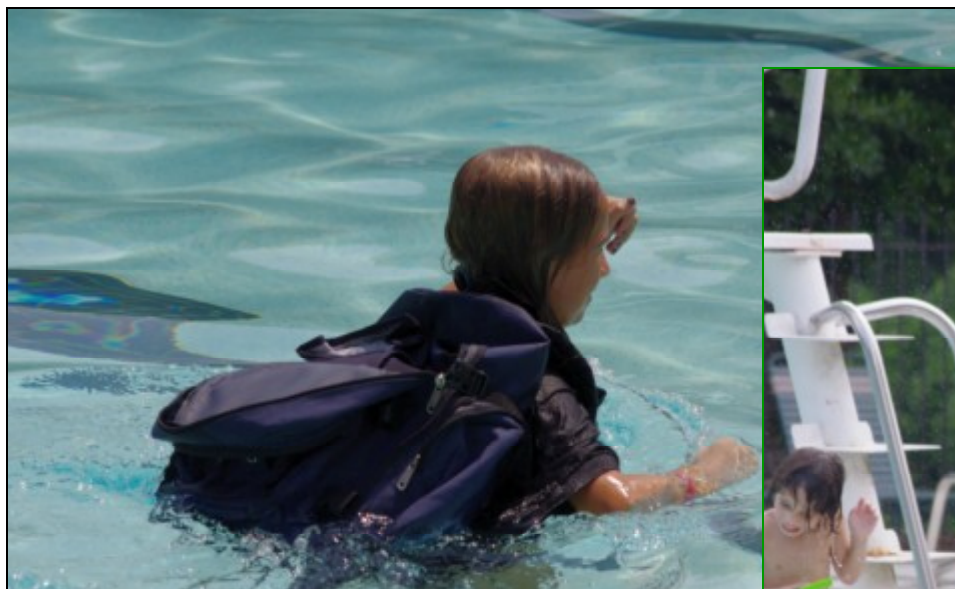
October 22nd 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

CW Community Room

- Ages 13 to 18
- Allowed 1 guest ages 13 to 18
- CW teen must have valid CW ID badge
- MUST be in costume to enter
- Waiver must be signed by parent of CW teen and by parent of guest teen - parents must pick teens up promptly at midnight
- Best costume contests for different categories and other fun and scary games - prizes will be awarded
- Food and drinks will be provided



Back to School Bash-Photos Courtesy Jarrod Breeze



TAPP MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT UNIFORM DRESS CODE POLICY 2011-2012

Students attending Tapp Middle School are expected to dress in a manner that is supportive of a positive learning environment and that is free of distractions. There is a direct correlation between student dress and student behavior. Students will be expected to observe modes of dress, styles of hair, and personal grooming, which support the learning environment. Students found in violation of the uniform dress code policy will be placed in In-School Suspension (ISS) until appropriate clothing is obtained. Repeated violations of the dress code will result in Out-of-School suspension (OSS) for insubordination.

Blouse/Shirt: Colors: **solid** white, **solid** black, **solid** tan, **solid** burnt orange (Texas orange)
Collar or turtleneck required
Style: Long or short sleeves (no sleeveless)
NO EMBLEMS OR LOGOS

Skirt or Jumper: Colors: **solid** tan or **solid** black
(girls) **NO SHORTER THAN THREE INCHES ABOVE THE KNEE**
No cargo pockets allowed
NO EMBLEMS OR LOGOS
No denim material

Slacks/Pants: Colors: **solid** tan or **solid** black
Style: Uniform slacks/pants (plain or pleated front)
No cargo pockets allowed
NO EMBLEMS OR LOGOS
No denim material

**Sweater or
Sweatshirts:** Colors: **solid** tan, **solid** black, **solid** white, **solid** Texas orange
Style: cardigan or pullover, long sleeve and sleeveless styles must be worn with uniform shirt
NO HOODED SWEATSHIRTS ALLOWED
NO EMBLEMS OR LOGOS

Casual Fridays: *Students may wear blue jeans (no holes, patches, rips) with a Tapp spirit shirt or a uniform shirt*

Belts: **BELTS ARE REQUIRED: SOLID, PLAIN BROWN OR BLACK. NO LARGE BELT BUCKLES.**
NO EMBLEMS OR LOGOS

Socks: Solid color: **black or brown. NO EMBLEMS OR LOGOS**

Shoes: No open-toed shoes, flip-flops, or sandals
Pants must be worn over boots
Shoes MUST be black or brown

Coats: Coats or jackets will be removed during the day so that the uniform is visible.

Accessories: No oversized purses allowed. No oversized earrings allowed.

All pants must be appropriately sized to eliminate any bagging or sagging. All shirts are to be tucked into the pants, skirts, or jumpers. A belt must be worn if belt loops are on the garment.

NO SHORTS, CAPRIS, OR CROPPED PANTS ARE ALLOWED!

Varner Elementary School News

Receive Emergency Alerts on Your Mobile Phone

If you would like to receive emergency alerts, breaking news and important parent information from the Cobb County School District, you can do so by simply **texting the letters "CCSD" to 84700.**



Varner PTA needs YOU!

In addition to all the operational functions, Varner PTA works hard to organize, fund and support activities and programs to ensure that all Varner students have the best possible elementary school experience. Our goal is 100% parent and student membership. Anyone and everyone can be a member.

Membership is only \$5.00.

PTA Goals for 2011-2012

- 100% Participation or 800 PTA members: parent, student, community members
- 100% Teacher & Staff Membership (Oak Tree Award)
- Members volunteer 3 hours of their time this year.
Volunteer opportunities are everywhere.
- Improve Communication between School & Home
Email blast's and [Varner Elementary PTA facebook](#)
- Raise \$5,000 for a school new sound system
- Raise \$10,000 to start a Varner Track



McEachern News

2011-2012 Student Council Officers

Please congratulate the following students who will be serving as Student council officers next year.

Student Body President- Christa Spears
Vice President of the House- Yamilee Raymond
Executive Secretary- Brianna McClain

Senior Class President- Shannon Parrott
Senior Vice President- Andrenise Jackson
Senior Secretary- Stephanie Hernandez

Junior Class President- Nicholas Moore
Junior Co-Vice Presidents- Jordan Moore and Alice Limontas
Junior Secretary- Hannah Lomax
Junior Treasurer- Bryson Walker

Sophomore Class President- Kaitlyn Valenzuela
Sophomore Vice President- Amy Dao
Sophomore Secretary- Terrence Rice
Sophomore Treasurer- Ava London



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http://www.meachernhigh.org/contact/sign_up_form.html

Introducing the McEachern Messenger



McEachern Messenger is a new E-Newsletter that provides monthly information about important events and news that is taking place at McEachern High School. You may download the McEachern Messenger directly from this website or we will deliver it directly to your email when you sign up to receive our communications.

http://www.meachernhigh.org/McEachern_Messenger/August_Meachern_Messenger.pdf



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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".

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