

February 2011- FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Many thanks go out to everyone who paid their HOA dues in full and to those who made the first installment on time. The due date for the payment was extended to January 21 to allow everyone a chance to get out after the winter storm. 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, 2011.

Once again we are receiving numerous complaints about dogs and cats 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.

At the January board meeting there was a good deal of discussion regarding getting volunteers involved to help save the association money. Many thanks go out to those who volunteered. We understand that there was a group ready to move in and tackle redoing the restrooms. We hope you will stand by while the board regroups and prioritizes the projects that need to be done this year.

Do you have a question for the board of directors? Beginning in this issue, the board will be answering homeowner's questions in the newsletter. Look for the new Question and Answer section. Your questions can be emailed to boardmember@countrywalk.org.

Neighborhood Management Services is working on getting the 2011 ID cards ready for distribution. Watch your email, the website and the newsletter for the dates to pick up your new ID cards.

ACC COMMITTEE NEWS

As winter drags on, please remember you must still maintain the outside of your home and your yard. Branches, pinecones, leaves etc should be cleaned up on a regular basis from the yard and gutters. Debris should also be cleaned of your roof, sidewalk and driveway to keep your home looking neat and maintained.

If you are planning to paint your home this spring, contact Neighborhood Management Services and check out a book of approved paint colors. After choosing one of the approved color schemes, submit the Modification Form for approval by the ACC Committee.

Q & A

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

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. This year we will be going over the end of the year financial statement line item by line item with the homeowners.*

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.*

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: 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.*