

# Country Walk Update

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*Special points of interest:*

- Monday, July 4th Fire Truck
- Weed Pulling
- Website Information

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## Changes Require Approval From The ACC

One of the functions of the board of directors is to act as the Architectural Control Committee. Part of our mission is to uphold the standards for the community set by covenant and by agreement. As a general rule, any structure changes or additions require ACC/board approval. This includes decks, patios, screened porches, gazebos, fences, and swing sets. Any color scheme changes also require prior approval. General landscaping is encouraged but usually does not require board approval. (Unless it is a major change to your property) You can get more information from a board member or on our website on the ACC page. You can also find the appropriate forms you need to submit to the ACC for approval. Also remember, when doing a deck, patio or

fence you need to submit a copy of the survey map you received at closing or when you purchased your home with a sketch of the project and its dimensions.



## Monday, July 4th

The board would like to welcome all of our new homeowners and existing homeowners to get re-acquainted with everyone. Come to the north east cul-de-sac at 1:30 pm (after the parade), and enjoy a brief neighborhood parade behind the Brownsburg Fire Department fire truck. The last two years they have

hooked up their hoses and let the kids have a great time playing in the water. Later that night you can enjoy the city fireworks at Arbuckle Park, which usually start around 9:30pm.

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## Neighborhood Etiquette

- Don't throw trash (including grass clippings) in the ponds or on the street.
- Don't play music loudly or late at night, remember sound travels long distances.
- Don't allow your pets to wander freely throughout the subdivision.
- Don't store your boat, boat trailer, or recreational vehicle on the street. (this is not allowed per our covenants)
- Maintain your property in good condition.

## Steps in Solving a Problem With Your Neighbor

- Talk to your neighbor in a non-confrontational, friendly, manner (remember there are always two sides to every issue).
- Explain the problem and ask for their help.
- Listen to their side of the issue.
- Try to work out a solution or compromise.

## Weed Pulling Extravaganza

Over the past few years we have had several volunteers assist in pulling weeds in the common area flower beds and around the trees.

The weeds have arrived, and we have scheduled Saturday, June 25th at 8:30 AM to meet as a community and help pull the weeds. It would be nice to get about 15-20 people helping so we can get everything looking good in a quick amount of time. Last year we had a great

group of people help and we were finished in about 2 hours.

Please meet at the gazebo promptly at 8:30 AM, and bring trash bags, gloves, kids, neighbors and cold water.

Keeping the weeds at bay not only looks nicer but it also helps maintain or grow our property values. We look forward to seeing you there!



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## Pride of Ownership

You know the house when you walk or drive by. It's the one where the garbage cans don't sit out every week several days after trash day. It's the one where you don't look for sheep to start grazing because the lawn remains un-mowed and its gone to seed. The owners try to park in their garage or at least on the driveway whenever possible. The trim always seems to have a fresh coat of paint. The lawnmower or grill doesn't sit in the front of the garage for weeks at a time. Thanks to all of you who take pride in your home. The whole neighborhood appreciates it!



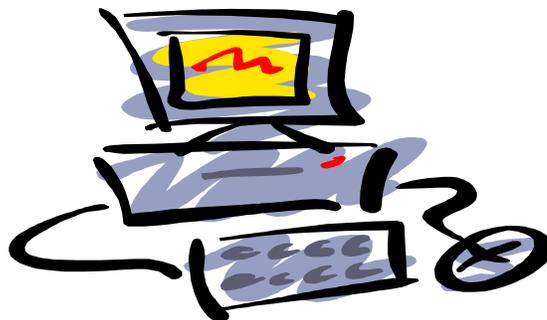
## Our Website “[www.countrywalkhoa.net](http://www.countrywalkhoa.net)”

The Country Walk Homeowner's Association sponsors a website for the convenience of each of the homeowners and any guests looking for more information.

One can find the latest news, the most recent financial updates, ACC guidelines, local website links, homes

for sale and more.

Occasionally, emails are sent when new items are added to the website. Everyone who is a homeowner can sign up to receive these emails. Go to our home page and hit the link to go to the sign up form.



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## WHAT DOES A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD DO?

Q: What does a homeowners association board do?

A: They are **volunteers** who work with other homeowners in the association to: plan and budget for current and future expenses; work with neighbors to resolve conflicts; work with homeowners to uphold covenants; work with property managers to make sure all billing for dues is completed; work with property managers to collect all past due amounts; work with attorneys when past due amounts become really past due; publish information about the community for current and potential new residents on a website; work with realtors to know what a great neighborhood we have; work with the school corporation concerning issues effecting our

area's students; work with the town to plan infrastructure improvements or to address snow removal issues; work with the police to patrol our neighborhood when neighbors forget to go slow with all these children around; work with county taxing personnel to verify the correct amount is being charged; work with landscapers when they mow over a tree or scrape up a fence or leave ruts in someone's yard; work with the fire department to show our kids how nice they are and how high those hoses can shoot water on the hottest day of the year; pick up trash along ponds and other areas of the property; pull weeds in our property's common area; reviews old ACC requests, etc. Sound like a great time? Elections are held each year at the annual meeting in October!