

Butler Creek Current

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Thanks to everyone who attended the Neighborhood Watch meeting on October 13 at the pool.

Officer Fowler and his commander from Cobb County Police came to speak to us about how we can continue to make our neighborhood safe and secure.

He encouraged us to call the police whenever we see something or someone suspicious. Your call can remain anonymous!

Also:

- Check PENS Alert email for crime reports.
- Watch your neighbor's home.
- Ask for copies of a police report.

-Keep copies of leases on Board file.

-Press charges for criminal trespassing.

-Profanity in the common areas is not allowed. Call 9-1-1 and meet with the parents.

Officer Fowler is currently working on "Gold Star Integrity Community" project with several realtors. More information will follow.

In addition, always lock your car. Install motion sensor lights. Close your garage door at night. Make your house look occupied; leave TV and lights on. Keep a 'suspicious log' notebook. Three phone numbers to keep by the phone:

Call: 911 for suspicious activity

Dispatch 770-499-3911

Zone Patrol 770-499-4181 (Cobb Police will perform resident checks when you're away on vacation). Officer Fowler recommends sending an email



to the Board each time the police are called so a record can be kept as to how many suspicious incidences are being reported.

MAILBOXES

Butler Creek mailboxes and posts need to be in good condition or they need to be replaced by the homeowner.

Periodically check to see if the top bolts that hold the numbers need to be tightened.

The Board has voted on new numbers that will allow EMT's and Cobb Police to easily see in the dark. Look for the new numbers around the end of December. These were not available when the new mailboxes were

initially ordered.

If you need a replacement mailbox or post please call Luba at Global Home Products, 770-409-8292.

A MESSAGE FROM CRIME PREVENTION

You may ask what is suspicious? Everyone has a different opinion. The best guideline to use is if a situation you see requires you to make an excuse to explain it, it is suspicious enough for you to call police. For example, a person is walking through the neighborhood and you are fairly certain he/she does not live or work there. Or a car that drives by your house late at night and you know it does not belong in the neighborhood. What if you are wrong? What if you call the police on a relative of a neighbor or a delivery man looking for an address? Don't be embarrassed! You can remain anonymous if you prefer. The worst thing you have done is increased police patrol in your community by having a uniform patrol car drive through your neighborhood. Just call the police and have them check the situation out. If he or she is legitimate, they will be released and allowed to complete their business. If they are not, the police will take appropriate action. Before you convince yourself a burglar is a visiting relative, pick up the phone and call 9-1-1.

Carry your cell phone with you when you are out walking. Make every attempt to watch your neighbor's home. Drive by the pool parking lot at night. Report anything suspicious.

911- Call when anything suspicious is occurring.

770-499-3911 - Non-emergency number for Police Dispatch.

770-499-4181 - Zone Patrol and Residence Check when you are on vacation.

IMPROPER PARKING



The Board continues to receive complaints regarding cars parked on SPT, especially on hills and curves. Cobb code enforcement officers often encounter violations of the county code in residential neighborhoods. Vehicles must be parked along the curb, facing in the direction of traffic flow, have a valid tag and be operational.

Vehicles may not be parked in designated 'No Parking' areas, where they restrict the safe flow of traffic. There are no county restrictions on the length of time a vehicle may be parked on a residential street. This is enforced only by the police, so call if there is an issue. Officer Fowler recommends calling 9-1-1.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Do you like to decorate the outside of your home for the holidays? The ACC Committee will be voting and awarding one homeowner for the best holiday display on December 19. Homeowners must be in good standing and dues must be up to date.



25 MPH SPEED LIMIT

BUTLER CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 44051
Kennesaw, GA 30144
www.butlercreek.org (resident, bcha2000)

Reminder:

If you are not receiving neighborhood alerts or the newsletter via email and would like to, please send an email to btlrcreek@yahoo.com and request to be placed on the BC email list.

Common Area

The pool is now officially closed and the new safety cover has been placed. The Board has recognized it's time to replace the roof on the pool house. Please watch for email updates on when this project will begin.

If you have children that routinely play at the common area, please be aware that there will be workmen on the site and to watch for nails. The Board wants to ensure that everyone remains safe.

N E I G H B O R S I N N E E D

Neighbors in Need' is a network for assisting neighbors who are in need of a helping hand. The concept is simple; match up volunteers with those who have a short term need for help. Families need help for lots of reasons including illness or accident, new baby, spouse serving in the military, storm damage, hospitalized family member and death in the family.

Volunteers of all ages can help with making meals, grass cutting, grocery shopping, babysitting, general yard work, car pooling, and handyman work.

If you'd like to volunteer or have a neighbor in need please contact Donna Mereider at (770) 424-6832 or neighborsinneed@comcast.net

