

# Butler Creek Current

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## BOARD MEMBERS

- Cathy Bailey, President
- Carrie Jones, Vice President
- Julie Doering, Secretary
- Jerry Cheek, Treasurer
- Scott McGaffey, Grounds Committee
- Ken Schwartz, ACC Committee
- Bob Remkus, Facilities/Amenities

## Pool Opening Party

Friday, May 21, 2010  
6 p.m.—8 p.m.

Celebrate the last day of school and the opening of the pool on Friday, May 21, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Pizza will be provided.
- Bring your own drinks.
- Last names A—L please bring a salad or appetizer to share.
- Last names M—Z please bring a dessert.

Call Julie Doering, 770-426-6913, if you have questions about the party.

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## Annual Meeting

Thanks to everyone who attended the 2010 annual meeting. We had a productive discussion about the Pavilion Committee, shade at the pool, the budget, and introduced the new Board members. The minutes from the meeting are

posted on the Butler Creek website if you are interested in reviewing them. Call Julie Doering, 770-426-6913, if you have questions about the minutes.

## **Neighborhood Watch**

As many of our neighbors head out of town for vacation this summer, please try to pay extra attention to your surroundings and report anything suspicious. In the past few months, several items have been stolen out of neighbors' cars that were left unlocked overnight. Ideally, all cars would be parked in garages, but if that's not possible, please make sure your car is locked. Cars that are left out overnight and unlocked, are just too tempting for criminals. Never leave valuables in plain sight in your car, even if it is locked. If you use a GPS system, the Cobb County Police Department recommends wiping away the circle it leaves on your windshield.

If you're going away on vacation, make your house look occupied by leaving on some lights and a radio or television. Stop your mail and newspapers while you're gone. Make sure all of your doors and windows are locked before you leave. Even if you are home, it's a good idea to keep your garage doors closed. You can call 770-499-4181 for zone patrol residence checks while you're on vacation.

## **Outdoor Burning Ban Returns**

The annual outdoor burning ban for Cobb County went into effect on May 1 and runs through Sept. 30. Cobb Fire and Emergency Services is responsible for enforcing the ban. During these five months, we are not permitted to burn leaves, tree limbs, or other yard waste. Recreational fires and bonfires are allowed under certain circumstances and restrictions, and with a permit.

## **Yard Waste & Clogged Gutters**

Clogged gutters and catch basins hamper the flow of rain water, creating slow drainage and potential flooding of streets and private property. Clogged basins have become a growing problem so Cobb Department of Transportation reminds residents not to blow lawn clippings and yard debris into the streets. Yard debris and lawn clippings are considered litter, and according to county code, it is unlawful to throw or leave litter in the road. If you use a lawn service, please remind them not to blow grass clippings into the street.

## 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT

### BUTLER CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 44051  
Kennesaw, GA 30144  
[www.butlercreek.org](http://www.butlercreek.org) (resident, bcha2000)

Per neighbors' requests, yet another reminder on parking. All of our homes have at least a two car garage and ample parking room in our driveways—please use it. If you must park on the street, make sure you are parked legally. If you live in a cul de sac, do not park in the middle of the street because it creates an unsafe situation for children and other cars. If you see cars parked illegally and/or unsafely, call the police.

### Reminder:

Annual homeowners association dues of \$350 must be paid by May 31 to remain in good standing and avoid late fees. Our dues pay for neighborhood maintenance, amenities and activities and are some of the lowest in our area. Please mail payments to P.O. Box 44051, Kennesaw, GA 30144.

## Pool Rules

As we head into summer, we hope that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the common area. A few reminders about its use:

The pool and tennis courts are open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. If you see cars in the lot, or people at the pool or tennis courts after 10 p.m., please call the police. Although the installation of the cameras has greatly reduced the amount of vandalism, homeowners are still our most effective defense against property damage. If you see something suspicious, please report it.

Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied to the pool by a resident age 18 years or older. Residents under the age of 18 are not permitted to supervise children in the pool area, even if they are siblings. Children who are not completely potty trained, must wear swim diapers in the pool. Leaking diapers must be reported to Bob Remkus, 678-612-3895, so the pool can be chemically treated.

The tennis courts are to be used for tennis only. To protect the courts, which we paid \$5,322.74 to resurface in 2007, there are to be no bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, etc. on the courts. Please do not play tag or any other non-tennis games on the courts. Pets are not allowed on the tennis courts or in the pool area.