

Butler Creek Current

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Pavilion Update

Our pavilion is finished. It looks great, and if you haven't already done so, take a minute to check it out. The structure is already getting a great deal of use, and we will be starting a sign-up system soon. As we have said, this is phase one of two or three total phases. We hope to add rails, built in seating, grills, stone around the posts, landscaping and an additional surveillance camera to deter vandalism.

The financials came in as follows:
The budget for phase one of the pavilion was \$28,000, which included funding from fiscal years 2009 and 2010. The actual expenditures amounted to \$28,786.18. The \$786.18 overrun was primarily for change orders necessary to meet Cobb county codes/specifications.

If you have questions about the pavilion, e-mail Carrie Jones, cjones0403@gmail.com.

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On-Street Parking

The board continues to get complaints about on-street parking. It's not only unsightly and devalues our homes, it's a safety hazard. Since the policy of self enforcement is obviously not working, the Board is working with the county to establish no parking zones within our neighborhood. If you know of a dangerous parking situation near your home, please call Ken Schwartz, 770-423-4905. Ken is compiling a list of problem areas to submit to the county.

Tree Topping

Many neighbors recently received an e-mail concerning tree topping. This e-mail was sent out without the knowledge or consent of the Board. The Board doesn't agree nor disagree with the recommendations in the e-mail. As long as properties are maintained according to the covenants, homeowners have the freedom to care for their trees as they see fit.

I n c r e d i b l e P u m p k i n T r a i l

Local businesses, families and community groups are encouraged to contribute their time and talents to help create unique, colorful and playful multi-pumpkin scenes to display near the Depot in downtown Kennesaw. Suggestions include, but are not limited to, groups of celebrities or historical figures, animals, funny faces, Halloween characters and traditional jack-o-lanterns. Pumpkins may be carved or decorated. Scenes will be judged and prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Best Theme, Most Humorous, Best Craftmanship, Best Use of Materials, Best Pumpkin Characters, Most Original, Most Creative Concept, Most Historic, Best Carved and Grand Champion.

The City of Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department will provide each decorating team with one sign marker. Teams must provide all components of the scene, including pumpkins, tables, props and decorations. Keep in mind that pumpkins may be exposed to various weather conditions, as well as birds, squirrels and other visitors. The use of paper or cardboard is NOT recommended due to its inability to withstand wind and moisture. While pumpkins are traditionally lighted with candles, in consideration of public safety and the duration of the event, decorating teams are encouraged to use battery operated light sources (on timers) to achieve the desired effect. The City of Kennesaw is not responsible for any damaged or stolen items.

The entry fee is \$10 per decorating team (non-refundable). Space is limited and entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Limit one entry per household/organization. Decorating teams can begin setting up scenes on Monday, Oct. 18. Installation must be complete by Friday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m. Scenes will need to be removed between Saturday, Oct. 30, and Monday, Nov. 1. Visit www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec/pumpkintrail to complete an entry form.

H a l l o w e e n

The annual Butler Creek Halloween party will be Sunday, Oct. 31, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the pavilion. We will have food and drinks. Trick-or-treat is from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. To ensure their safety, parents should accompany children when trick-or-treating, and make sure they look both ways before crossing the street.

V o l u n t e e r s N e e d e d t o D e c o r a t e F r o n t E n t r a n c e s

The Board is looking for volunteers to decorate the entrances to the neighborhood this holiday season. If you would like to offer your time and talent to help our neighborhood look its best for this festive time of year, please e-mail btlrcreek@yahoo.com. Thanks in advance for your support of this fun and high-profile project.

25 MPH SPEED LIMIT

BUTLER CREEK
HOMEOWNERS
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Street Smarts

If you drive in Butler Creek, you know there are kids in our streets. Please slow down, and exercise caution. Parents, please make sure your children are wearing helmets when riding their bikes or scooters.

Haunted Museum

On Friday, Oct. 22 and Saturday, Oct. 23 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Southern Museum in downtown Kennesaw will host the “Haunted Museum—The Curse of Kennesaw Mountain” a one-way ticket to terror. Enter at your own risk when you climb aboard the ghost train, but whatever you do, don’t be late; there’s no guarantee you’ll make it to your next stop. Recommended for ages 10 and up. For more information, visit www.southernmuseum.org.

There will also be puppet shows, storytelling, a petting zoo and pony rides for the little ones.

Neighborhood Directory

The file for the neighborhood directory is attached to this e-mail. We were hoping for more homeowners to provide updated contact information before we issued the list, but because it was taking so long, we decided to put it out with the partially updated information. You will notice that children’s names are no longer included in the list. It had come to the attention of the board that some homeowners had shared the list with vendors in an attempt to secure a discount on services. Clearly this is unacceptable. The list is for Butler Creek residents only and is not to be shared with anyone outside of the neighborhood. To update your contact information, e-mail btircreek@yahoo.com.

Financial Report

At the request of the BCHOA Board of Directors, Zack Carnes, CPA, completed an audit of the BCHOA financial records for the past two fiscal years. Based on his review of the bank statements and check register, he found that the accounting is being done properly. For more information, call Jerry Cheek, 770-419-7136.