

# Butler Creek Current

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## Dues Reminder

Annual dues are \$350.00 and must have been received by May 31, 2010. Thanks to the majority of homeowners for paying their dues on time. If you have not paid, please do so right away. Dues that were not received by June 10, 2010, have been assessed a late fee of \$35, as stipulated by Article V, Section 8a of the Butler Creek Bylaws and Covenants. If payment is not received by June 30, 2010, the amount owed will start to accrue interest monthly at 10 percent annum. According to the bylaws, homeowners who have not paid their dues in full, including any additional fees, will not be able to use the amenities. If you have questions about dues, please e-mail Jerry Cheek, HOA Treasurer, at [jcheek1@bellsouth.net](mailto:jcheek1@bellsouth.net). Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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## Wi-Fi @ the Pool

Ever wish that you could be more productive while you're sitting at the pool while your kids swim? Butler Creek homeowners of record can now request access to the wi-fi connection in the common area. Just send an e-mail to [butlercreek@att.net](mailto:butlercreek@att.net) to obtain your password and

get surfing. Remember that items at the pool often get wet so please be careful with whatever electronic devices you choose to bring with you. Also, please make sure that any web surfing you do is family friendly.

## Pavilion Update

The pavilion committee is busy soliciting bids and design ideas from various builders, with construction expected to begin in August. For safety reasons, we are waiting until the kids go back to school so the pool area won't be so busy. Homeowners will have an opportunity to provide input on the proposed design before construction begins. The projected cost for the pavilion is approximately \$25,000, which is well within the approved budget. Some of the features currently being considered include ceiling fans, seating, electrical outlets and an area for grilling. We will have a meeting at the pool in the next month to present the committee's findings and solicit feedback from homeowners.

### Step by Step

As we prepare for the construction of the pavilion, we will be removing the decorative pavers that comprise the walkway between the parking lot and the playground to make way for a poured concrete sidewalk. If you would like your pavers, e-mail [butlercreek@yahoo.com](mailto:butlercreek@yahoo.com). If individuals remove the stones piecemeal, it could create a tripping hazard, so we will take them out all at once.

### The Dumpster Company

In an effort to reduce the number of heavy trucks in the neighborhood, we are encouraging homeowners to use the Dumpster Company for garbage service. If you have not already done so, please consider switching. Call 678-867-7777 today and ask for the Butler Creek rate of \$39 per quarter, which includes recycling and yard waste. Also, they only take off four holidays a year. It's a win-win.

## Cobb Reading Program

The Cobb Library System is taking part in the sixth annual Atlanta Hawks and Atlanta Thrashers Check-It-Out Reading Challenge for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The program is designed to encourage kids to read throughout the summer months. By reading at least five books, participants can earn a free ticket to an Atlanta Hawks game and a free ticket to an Atlanta Thrashers game. Tickets are valid for 2010-2011 regular season home games.

After reading their selected books, participants can then visit [checkitoutreading.com](http://checkitoutreading.com) to receive their rewards. Each student completing the program can choose from among three selected Hawks and Thrashers home games to use the tickets. Additional tickets for family members can be purchased at discounted prices. The last day to register for the challenge is Aug. 15. For more information on the challenge and its regulations, visit [checkitoutreading.com](http://checkitoutreading.com), or your local library.

## 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT

### BUTLER CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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

### Zone Patrol

Going on vacation? You can call 770-499-4181, to request that the police conduct a zone patrol residence check while you are away. Remember to make your house look occupied, when you're not home—leave a light on, make sure there are no newspapers in your driveway, or packages on your porch. It would also be a good idea to leave a radio playing. Have a safe trip!

### Reminder:

With summer here and the kids playing outside, please remember to slow down when driving in the neighborhood. The posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour. It's also a good idea to make sure the street is clear of children before backing out of your driveway. When we're looking for something as big as a car, it's easy to overlook someone who's only three feet tall.

## Do Your Duty

Early voting began on June 4 and runs through July 16 at the elections office in the West Park Government Center, 736 Whitlock in Marietta. No reason is required and registered voters may cast their ballots in person 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The office will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2010 for Independence Day. Voters can also choose to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot. Applications are available at [cobbelections.org](http://cobbelections.org).

If you are not currently registered to vote, June 21 is the last day to register before the general primary and special election. If you have moved and did not notify the Cobb Board of Elections and Registration, you must do so by June 21 so that you can vote in the proper precinct.

### Parking

A reminder to all homeowners to please keep our streets from becoming a parking lot. Every home in this neighborhood has adequate off-street parking—please use it. If you see a car that is parked illegally, unsafely, or that appears to have been abandoned, please call the police.

### Shade at the Pool

For those of you who are missing the shade from the trees that had to be taken down this spring, there's good news. Our new shade structure has been ordered and will be installed this month.