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LETTER FROM THE PREZ

Dear Neighbors,

May is already here and you know what that means - that's right, it's time for our Annual HOA Meeting.

This year's meeting will be held on Saturday, May 6th at 10am, down at the pavilion. We will review the past year's good and bad items and review next year's budget.

I have also attached our 2017 HOA Dues letter. Please review and mail your payment to our PO Box, as it is much easier to have one person keep up with everyone's payments.

We are looking to see if we can get together enough neighbors to go on an outing to The New SunTrust Park to see a Braves game. We are looking to rent a bus and get tickets for a group of about 45 people. More info will be coming out by the end of May, so keep an eye on the website and email for more information, and the cost for each person.

See you in the neighborhood,
THE PREZ.

KEN'S CORNER

Always read your weed killer instructions for best results. May is a good time to kill weeds. Always use weed killer that is safe for your grass type and be careful to follow the directions on the package. First thing in the morning three days after you have mowed the grass is a general rule. It lets your grass recover from mowing and the weeds will have grown enough to be affected by the weed killer. Low wind is also good with temperatures below 85 degrees. Shrubs and flowers can be harmed by spraying liquid weed killer. Use an old drop cloth to cover them when you spray that area. Mow often as weeds do not do as well as turf grass recovering from cutting. The reason mowing often is best is that you do not want to cut more than 1/3 rd the grass length at one time. It will stress the grass and could brown it up. If you start to mow and notice the cut reveals a very brown grass, then you may want to raise your blade.

QuikTrip now offers non-ethanol fuel at both locations north and south of Butler Creek on Cobb Parkway. Look for the pumps that have the red handle. The use of non ethanol will increase the life of your yard tools for many reasons. The primary problem with ethanol fuel is that it does not store well. It absorbs moisture from the air rendering it and your yard tool useless. It can cause your fuel lines to deteriorate at an accelerated rate because of the corrosive nature of the ethanol. Non ethanol fuel just works better and you will get more power out of that tool. I. There is no advantage to overfilling your tank. If for some reason you need to clear debris from the bottom, it will tend to spill out when you tip it over to one side. Tip your mower over and keep the gas tank cap so that it is up and not on the side that tips it down. Keep the fuel in a cool place with the lid tightly closed.

Always refer to your owner's manual for all maintenance of your specific machine. In general, change your oil on your mower now and once in July. Use only recommended oil for your mower. Changing the oil is easy. Run the mower out of gas, then open the fill cap and tilt the mower over to drain the oil out of that fill tube into a suitable container. You can also remove the drain plug in the bottom of the mower but it is not necessary. The fill cap method works great. Refill with the proper oil, and then check the level.

Always refer to your owner's manual for all maintenance of your specific machine. In general the proper way to check the oil is to place the mower on a level surface every time you mow your yard. Inside your garage is level. Check the oil when the mower is cold. If you have to check it after it is warm, then wait five minutes to let the oil drain back into the crank case. Remove the dip sticks, and clean it off with a paper towel or rag. Then put the dip stick back in but only until it touches the top surface of the fill tube. The oil will show on the dip stick and it should be on the cross hatches. Never over fill with the oil as your mower may performance suffer. If you overfill your mower engine just dump out the excess oil until it shows on the stick in the cross hatches. Too much oil will cause the oil to foam. If your oil foams up, it will reduce the effectiveness of the oil as now it is full of air. If you overfill your mower it may smoke badly puking oil out of any opening it can get out of. If overfilled it may foul your air cleaner and your spark plug. It may not run at all until the oil is removed. The air cleaner and the spark plug will then have to be replaced or just cleaned.

Auto tip of the month. Change your cabin air filter now. This filter cleans the air coming into your car when you run the heater and the air conditioner.. The amount of dirt in your filter will restrict air flow in your air conditioner.

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NEW RESIDENTS

If you have recently moved to Butler Creek, welcome to the neighborhood! We know that you will love Butler Creek as much as we all do, and to make sure that we all know who you are, please email your family information, address, emails, and phone numbers to our website administrator, Ken Watson, at furman87@gmail.com, and he will update the website with your information. The neighborhood website is <https://www.butlercreek.org>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 17, 2017 – The Mayor's Annual Golf Tournament benefitting the Kennesaw/Acworth Optimist Club. \$85 includes golf, lunch, gifts, and prizes.

16th Annual
The Mayor's Tournament
Sponsored by The Optimist Club

Cobblestone Golf Course
Saturday, June 17th, 2017
9:00am Shotgun Start
\$85 includes golf, lunch, gifts, and prizes
Raffle for a chance to putt for \$5,000

All proceeds benefit the Kennesaw/Acworth Optimist Club
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