

# Butler Creek News

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## Letter from the Prez

Dear Neighbors,

As you can tell, it's Spring time again in Georgia, and seems like it's been Spring since mid-January. Sorry that the newsletter is a little late this month, I've been busy with work and some charity events that will be going on in the near future.

If you haven't done so already, please get your ID and password for our new and improved web site, because very soon each person will see their HOA account history in the system. If you need any assistance in getting your ID or password, email Ken Watson at furman87@gmail.com, and he will gladly assist you.

We are working on a firm date for this year's Annual Butler Creek Home Association's Meeting. When we get the date we will have signs in the front of both entrances well ahead of time so you can join us.

I was able to order additional mailboxes, and found out that the specific mailboxes that we use were back ordered and just arrived. They will be available by March 15th if anyone needs one. Total cost is 181.00 and if you want someone to install it will cost you 210.00.

Last but not least congrats to the Butler Creek ALTA Men's Tennis team for winning their division in the Fall 2016 season. Spring season starts March 18th 2017, so come down to the courts to watch and cheer them on. Next letter will be on time, I promise you that. If anyone happens to have any interesting stories or information that would benefit the neighborhood or individuals please drop us a line and we will enter it into the next Bi-monthly new letter. Remember this is your community, if you can make it better, then you are helping all of us.

See You in The Neighborhood!  
The PREZ.

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## Ken's Corner

The reports are that an early spring means a poor growing season for turf grasses. Shorter dormancy will tax the turfs ability to store nutrients and may make the growing season longer with fewer resources. It will also be a bad year for weeds as the weeds have a longer season to get a foot hold.

Proper fertilization and a good weed control program will be your best weapon to stop weeds. Remember do not try to kill the weeds until the grass is up and actively growing as it may harm it. Weed killer will need to be used but in a proper way for good results. Never deploy roundup on turf grass unless you intentional want to kill it. Start trying to kill moss and change the type and brand of moss control for best results. Once the moss is weakened then a stiff rack to remove it is best. Now is a great time for root pruning. Any root that is visible is fair game, use a small hatchet.

Here is the best way to keep you yard weed free without spending a fortune on yard, and turf services.

1. First wait until your grass need to be mowed. Mow your yard then apply three days later.
2. Then use Spectracide weed stop for yards. The hose end sprayer applicator work great for broadcast application. Wait for two weeks, and then reapply.
3. For the rest of the season use Spectracide weed stop for yards in the regular bottle. Mix as directed and use a pump style sprayer for individual delivery of weed killer. Apply to yard as needed. If you see weeds, then apply the Spectracide weed stop for yards sparingly.
4. Fertilize only twice, once in early spring, and then again in late spring.

This is what I call the focused approach. You will only need two broadcast applications to kill weeds for the whole season. Then spot spraying to maintain a weed free yard. Remember, low wind and the temperature around 85 degrees when applying any weed killer. Cover shrubs and flowers as they may be damaged if the spray contacts them.

Please join us as we are going to do a trail clean up March 18th at 9:30 am. Refreshments and food will be provided for the volunteers. Please contact me to sign

up. Please call of text your name to Ken Scruby at 678-640-6031 to sign up. See you there and good luck this season.

## NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Notary Public – Nichole Krouse

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 12: Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 am. Spring forward, so set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 11.

March 18: Butler Creek Trail Clean Up at 9:30 am.

March 18: Touch-A-Truck, 10am – 2pm at The Depot Park, 2828 Cherokee Street.

March 19: The Super Hero 5K race benefiting Special Olympics through the Kennesaw Police Department's Law Enforcement Torch Run will be held Sunday, March 19 on Cobb International Parkway in Kennesaw. Registration opens at 7 am; a one mile fun run will begin at 7:30 with the 5K run/walk starting at 8. All participants are encouraged to dress up as their favorite Super Hero! The run/walk takes place on a certified, flat course within Cobb International Park. Details at [SuperHero5KKennesaw.com](http://SuperHero5KKennesaw.com).

March 21: Citizen's Police Academy first class, 6:30pm – 8:30pm. This will be an 11 week course to familiarize citizens about law enforcement and their local police department. Contact Officer Scott Luther at 770-919-0651 or [sluther@kennesaw-ga.gov](mailto:sluther@kennesaw-ga.gov). Submit applications to the Kennesaw Police Department.

## **Top 11 Termite Prevention Tips! By Scott Smith “Mr. Pest Control”**

After the long, cold winter experienced across much of the country, spring can't come soon enough for many people. Before we know it, daylight will last longer, flowers will start blooming and children will be spending more time playing outdoors. But, as the weather continues to warm, people may also start to see an unwelcome sign that spring has sprung – the presence swarmers or flying termites.

Spring is prime termite season as swarmers emerge to mate and establish new colonies, which often include vulnerable residential properties. Termites can literally eat a home out from under its owners, often without them even knowing until much damage has been done. They have the ability to chew through wood, flooring and even wallpaper undetected, 24/7, and can compromise the structural stability of a home within several years depending on the species. In fact, termites cause \$5 billion worth of property damage annually.

Luckily, there are many steps homeowners can take to help prevent termites from infesting their property. Here are 11 tips to protect your greatest investment from termites:

1. Eliminate or reduce moisture in and around the home, which termites need to thrive.
2. Repair leaking faucets, water pipes and exterior AC units.
3. Repair fascia, soffits and rotted roof shingles.
4. Replace weather stripping and loose mortar around basement foundation and windows.
5. Divert water away from the house through properly functioning downspouts, gutters and splash blocks.
6. Routinely inspect the foundation of a home for signs of mud tubes (used by termites to reach a food source), cracked or bubbling paint and wood that sounds hollow when tapped.
7. Monitor all exterior areas of wood, including windows, doorframes and skirting boards for any noticeable changes.
8. Maintain an 18-inch gap between soil and any wood portions of your home.
9. Consider scheduling a professional inspection annually. Wood-boring insect damage is not covered by homeowners' insurance policies.
10. Store firewood at least 20 feet away from the house.
11. **Call SmartGreen Pest and Mosquito Control Today!** Termites cannot be controlled with do-it-yourself measures. SmartGreen is proud to offer Discounted Termite Coverage to all Butler Creek residents.

Call us at **404-937-7088** or email me at **scotts@smartgreenpestcontrol.com**

Thanks!

