

# BUTLER CREEK

## HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2015



### HOA BOARD

#### ***President's Comments***

It's been a pleasure to have served on the Butler Creek Board over the past three years. It's confirmed my view that we have a great neighborhood, and great neighbors. As with any community or organization, my experience on the board has also confirmed that a very small number of people do the work to make an organization run well and, conversely, it only takes a few people to not observe community guidelines to increase the work for all. Our board members, our block captains, and a select few neighbors (such as John Waters' great work on the nature trail) are examples of the few doing what is necessary to keep our neighborhood in great shape. On the other hand, parking is a visible example of how it only takes a few neighbors to make it difficult for all of us. In a less visible way, the few neighbors who have not paid their annual dues, or who choose to not comply with covenants and by-laws, increase the burden, and work, for the rest of us. We thank you all for your compliance with our covenants and by-laws.



#### ***Parking***

The neighborhood by-laws require that each home provide for adequate off-street parking. Far and away, our neighbors abide by the intent of this requirement, which is to allow for safe and effective travel through the neighborhood, and to make Butler Creek more appealing to visitors and prospective residents. It only takes a few homes to regularly park along the street to create a hazard for pedestrians and drivers. We understand that there are times, such as when our neighbors are entertaining guests that street parking may be necessary, but if everyone would regularly park their personal vehicles in driveways and garages it would be greatly appreciated.

**Cars parked in the wrong direction, or parked across from an adjacent driveway, are also subject to traffic fines from the Cobb County Police Department.**



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### ***Leasing of Homes – Requirement to Provide Leases To the Board***

As you know, in conjunction with the 2013 annual meeting, the neighborhood voted to prohibit leasing in Butler Creek. This prohibition became effective July 15, 2013 when the amended covenants were officially recorded with Cobb County. There are some exceptions to grandfather or provide hardship leases, but none of the exceptions apply if a homeowner has not provided leases to the board as required in the amended covenants. **Please provide all outstanding leases to the board by February 28, 2015.** After that date, any homeowner who has not provided a lease as required by the covenants will not be eligible for any consideration of grandfathering or hardship. Thank you for your consideration

### ***Neighborhood Watch***

*Please call 911 if you see any suspicious activity in the subdivision.*

*Thanks!*

**The speed limit  
on parts of I-285  
has recently increased.**

**The speed limit in  
Butler Creek has not.**

***25mph***

**Please email  
the HOA Board with  
updates of your email  
address or contact  
phone numbers.**

