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LETTER FROM THE PREZ

Dear Neighbors,

The Prez has gone fishin'! See you in the next newsletter and around the neighborhood.

THE PREZ.

KEN'S CORNER

From WALTER REEVES

July is Dollar spot and brown patch time. Here's what you need to know.

Because high nitrogen tends to favor the development of brown patch, discretion must be used when fertilizing. Disease development normally occurs between 60 and 80 degrees F. The symptoms of Dollar Spot are often confused with those of brown patch.

Bermuda grass and zoysia grass are susceptible to dollar spot.

Dollar spot occurs when nights are cool and days are warm in the spring and again in the fall. The spots of dead grass are about the size of your hand. They are very noticeable on closely mowed lawns. Dollar spot is associated with a lack of fertilizer and drought conditions. To control it, apply a moderate amount of fertilizer and irrigate deeply only one time per week. There are lawn fungicides available to control dollar spot. Read the label carefully and use the rate and timing that is indicated.

Brown patch is most prevalent on bermudagrass which has been heavily fertilized when night temperatures are above 68 degrees and day temperature are above 80 degrees. Dead patches of grass may start small but can grow and join together to make patches more than 3 feet apart. Sometimes, there will be a ring of brown, dead grass surrounding a patch of green grass. To control brown patch, fertilize bermudagrass moderately in summer and if you irrigate, do it in the late evening or very early morning. There are lawn fungicides available to control brown patch. Read the label carefully and use the rate and timing that is indicated.

KEEP GRASS HEALTHY Remember that the fungus that causes brown patch is constantly present. It can not be eliminated. Your grass gets sick because it is weak and becomes susceptible to the disease. You can help keep the grass strong by fertilizing only when the grass needs it: during the cool months for fescue and during the warm months for bermudagrass.

WATERING Never water in the early evening. The best time to water is in early morning. Turfgrass is much more susceptible when it has lush, green growth plus warm nighttime temperatures. Warmth at night can not be avoided but lush growth can be moderated. The second step is to water at the right time. Since brown patch needs 14-16 hours of wet leaf surface to reproduce itself, water only after the dew has dried in the morning.

Remember to change your oil in your mower now. Also remember to keep your mower blade sharp.

Report street light outages or to have request Georgia Power cut back trees around your street lights.

Call 888-891-0938

The Buzz on the Bugs of Summer

By Scott Smith “Mr. Pest Control”

Why do fireflies light up? What goes into making a pound of honey? There are many interesting facts you probably don't know about the seasonal insects frequenting backyards this summer. I have created this list of some unique, but true factoids about the bugs of summer. First, however, an important reminder. Please empty any containers such as birdbaths, water trays for flower pots, wheelbarrows, toys or anything else which is holding water every 7-10 days to help prevent mosquitoes in our neighborhood, if possible. The mosquitoes continue to get worse with all the rain.

Ants: Some ants can lift 20 times their own body weight. If a 175-pound man had the comparative strength of an ant, he could lift four tons or almost 9,000 pounds.

Bees: Honeybees may make 10 million trips to gather enough nectar to make a single pound of honey. The total distance traveled by all the bees to create this much honey may equal twice the distance around the world.

Fireflies: Firefly light is usually intermittent and flashes in patterns that are unique to each species. Each blinking pattern is an optical signal that helps fireflies find potential mates.

House Flies: House flies taste with their feet, which are millions of times more sensitive to sugar than the human tongue. House flies also generally stay within one mile of where they were born.

Ladybugs: Ladybugs bleed from their knees when they feel threatened. The foul-smelling fluid seeps from their leg joints, often leaving yellow stains on a surface.

Mosquitoes: Only female mosquitoes bite humans. They are generally attracted to dark colors and the carbon dioxide you exhale. Males live on plant juices and other liquids from decomposing organic material.

Although these and other insects have fascinating characteristics, some pose health and property risks when taking up shelter indoors. If you suspect a pest infestation in your home, call SmartGreen Pest & Mosquito Control to inspect and treat the problem. Butler Creek residents receive discounted services! Call us at 404-937-7088 or email me at scotts@smartgreenpestcontrol.com...Thanks!

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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

Farmers Market / Dinner at the Depot – Every Monday from 3:30pm – 8:30pm at the Depot in downtown Kennesaw, across the street from the Southern Museum.

July 29 – Classic Car Cruise in downtown Acworth from 4:30pm – 9:30pm. The Lake City Cruisers partner with the city and the downtown Acworth merchants to hold these Classic Car Cruises. The event is free to the public. A \$2 entry fee is requested for all vehicles in the cruise. All proceeds go to the Horizon Field, an all-inclusive special needs sports facility in Acworth. For more information contact Jeff Chase at jchase@acworth.org or call 770-917-1234.

August 1 – National Night Out at Swift-Cantrell Park from 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

August 5 – Hero Run 5K at Downtown Kennesaw, starts at 8:00am. Register online at www.active.com, or in person at Big Peach Running Co. – Kennesaw. Race day registration opens at 6:30 a.m.; the 5K race begins at 8 a.m.