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LETTER FROM THE PREZ

Dear Neighbors,

Can you believe the summer is already over? Well football season is here and baseball playoffs are just around the corner.

A few things have been brought to my attention in the past couple of weeks since I went fishin', so here goes...

Dog Poop. I don't feel like picking up my two dog's poop, but it's my responsibility to clean up after my pets, so I do. I get upset with some owners of large dogs who don't pick up their dog's poop around the tennis courts, where the grass is near the fence by the parking lot.

What's even more of an insult is that they feel laying a green bag over the poop is ok. That is not ok! I'm not the person who wanted that big dog so wo/man up and pick up YOUR dog's poop! If you won't do it out of social responsibility, don't forget you're on candid camera!

Street Parking. I don't understand why some neighbors feel it's ok to park on a curved road. First, it's very dangerous for someone driving in the opposite direction, and we have had several close calls with head-on collisions because of someone parking on a curve or on a hill. Second, it is very dangerous for pedestrians, who often barely have enough time to get out of the way because of limited road space. Stop this madness now before someone gets hurt. The HOA will be calling our local police and advising them to either give out warning tickets or tickets for illegal parking. Every home has adequate space in its driveway to park several cars, so please use that space and stop parking in the street. Don't press your luck, park in your driveway.

Objects growing near your curb. Each of you are responsible to ensure none of your plants, trees, or

bushes are in any way blocking or growing over your curb line. The HOA will be sending out awareness letters

requesting you to cut back or trim any obstacles that are causing a blind spot for drivers. Failure to comply will lead to HOA fines if necessary.

At our last HOA meeting there were a lot of complaints brought by neighbors pertaining to ground compliance. In particular, unattended lawns, broken windows, dead trees, damaged roofing or siding on houses. We have not done our jobs in enforcing the HOA bylaws, but this will no longer be the case. In the past months we have placed our focus on the common areas, but now it's time to address individuals who have not properly maintained their property. Remember that you moved into this neighborhood because of the beauty and amenities that Butler Creek offers, so let's ensure that we take care of our properties and keep surrounding areas clean and manicured. Let's continue to make Butler Creek a community we're all proud of.

Lastly, we will be holding The Neighborhood Garage Sale the second week in October, Friday the 13th and Saturday the 14th. If you are interested in joining please send an email to Teresa Vogel at atlantadixie@yahoo.com so she can provide you with a balloon for your mailbox.

See you around the neighborhood!
The Prez.

KEN'S CORNER

Time to look back over the past year to see what worked and what did not. All in all it was a good year for turf grass in our neighborhood.

We had good rain fall numbers that helped early spring growth but also caused some dollar spot and brown spot. All resources on this subject go back to proper watering and the use of fungicides. Be ready with the fungicide at first sight of the blighter. Keep some on hand for quick results.

Early on I became aware that I was not using pre emergent properly. This was a mistake that I will correct in the coming season by using more pre emergent. This got me off to a weed filled lawn in the early growth period of my yard.

The use of a hose end sprayer to control weeds worked very well for my Bermuda grass but did not work well to control weeds on my Fescue lawn. I had great results with just two applications. Granular weed and feed may work better for Fescue lawns.

I have noticed that many of us suffer from what I call multi-grass yards. I have multi-grass yard in my back and side. This is where your Bermuda grass, Fescue grass or centipede grass have mixed together creating a mish mash look that is less than appealing. I need to set up physical barriers to stop the mixing. I do remember some one at one of the local nurseries telling me about chemicals that can kill just the Fescue or just the Bermuda.

I cut back on fertilizer use and had great results. In the past I over fertilized, which burned my yard. I used Miracle Grow granular in a hose end sprayer, and this worked well. All in all I spent less this year on chemicals and had good results. Sometimes less is more. I know that the yard services are easy but I know that

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some of us have had mixed results. You can do it yourself but be vigilant and have a plan. Also you can focus on your yards problems. Yard services are cookie cutter and do not always focus on your individual issue.

Gutter maintenance. I have found that having my gutters cleaned twice a year works well. The use of screens gutter guards and fiber mesh is worth looking into. Remember that anything you do to modify your gutters will decrease efficiency. Have them cleaned at the end of November for fall clean out and end of May for spring clean out.

Now is a good time to cut back hedges. Winter color should be planted at the end of October. New mulch will also brighten the yard for the long winter. Best to do this after the leaves have fallen and been removed.

Remember to use only NON ETHANOL FUEL for all of your yard motors. Quik Trip has this fuel, just look for the pump with the red pump handle. Scalp your yard for final time at year end.

Winterize your mower. First change your oil, then use Sta-bil in the non-ethanol motor fuel and run that in your motor. At this time you need to run your mower dry by taking a rope or cord and wrapping it around your motor stop mechanism. Start your mower and let the mower run until all of the fuel is gone. Any fuel in your cans should NOT be stored over the winter season. Pour the remaining fuel into your car or trucks gas tank. Have a great Fall season!

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>.