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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Dear Neighbors,

We welcomed March in with cold weather and rain; definitely atypical weather for Kennesaw. Thankfully, March also brings the first day of spring and with it comes the winter cleanup of yard debris, tree removal, planting, painting, roofing and house repair. The Board asks that you keep in mind the ACC guidelines that have been established to maintain a standard of quality and uniformity in our community when you are making changes. The guidelines can be viewed in their entirety on the Butler Creek website at www.butlercreek.org. The form to obtain ACC approval for changes, prior to improvement, is also on the website entitled "the Architectural Control Committee Project Request Form".

Common Areas

Butler Creek maintains a wonderful common area for all to enjoy. We have made many improvements over the years to keep the area looking nice for the community and to entice potential home owners. We ask for your help in keeping this area up to the standards of our community by cleaning up litter and taking care of the nature trail, tennis courts, pavilion and pool area.

With this being said, unfortunately, we have noticed an increase of dog waste around the entire common area. We provide a separate garbage can and bags for dog owners to clean up. Not cleaning up after your pet is inconsiderate to your neighbors and unsanitary for the children who play in the common area. In addition, please clean up your dog's waste if he "makes a deposit" in the middle of the nature trail. It is as easy as grabbing a stick and clearing it out of the main walking area; we shouldn't have to watch every step we take when enjoying nature.

Neighborhood Updates

- A little late, but necessary for bragging rights, is the winner of the Butler Creek Christmas Decorations award for 2018. A big shout out to the Salvador family at 2660 Caylor Circle NW.

- The salt has been changed in the pool pump. This maintenance is needed every 5 years.
- We will be making periodic reviews of the common area now that the 6 real time/motion activated video surveillance cameras are up and running. (This will allow us to catch and address our “poop” or litter offenders). Also we plan on performing minor maintenance during the year.
- Our security guru is currently doing an audit on the Key Fob Access Database records, specifically confirming key fob pairing to homeowners. This audit will result in some neighbors being contacted to confirm their fob access ID#. Key fobs issued but not confirmed will be disabled. If you have misplaced your fob they can be purchased for \$25 from the board.
- Yard of the Month awards will start in March. Judging and awards will be at the end of every month.
- Tennis courts will be resurfaced in June. We will make every attempt to work around team’s schedules.
- New mulch will be spread in the common area in the Spring.
- Amenities in the pool and tennis area will be pressure washed in the Spring.
- ACC letters have been sent to homeowners for various infractions.

Butler Creek Tennis

Our tennis community is in full “swing”. If you are pulling a team together please remember to:

- Submit your team information to the board.
- Collect fees for non-residence players and deliver to board prior to 1st opening day game per revised guidelines on the website.

The teams will have scheduled practice nights; therefore, if you would like to schedule play time please check the Butler Creek “reserve my court” for days reserved. You can also reserve the pavilion on this site, which is www.reservemycourt.com. The facility description is Butler Creek Pavilion – Kennesaw, GA.

Parking

We have started to address some of the safety concerns in the neighborhood. Our first step was addressing the parking on the street in low visibility areas. Many residents have been very accommodating to change their parking habits and we thank you very much! The problem isn’t completely remedied, but it is getting better.

The second concern is the speed at which many residents have been driving through the neighborhood. This is a residential area. People walk their dogs on the street, kids play in yards; as neighbors to each other we all need to keep speed in mind. The speed limit on our streets is 25 mph, speeding up and down the roads will ultimately end up in an injury, so please watch your speed. If changes aren’t corrected within the community, the board has decided to try and take measures, such as having local police patrol the neighborhood.

Upcoming Events

- We are planning a “community planting” for the front of both entrances when the potential for frost is gone. We will be in need of additional hands to help with the planting. When a date is set we will send out an email with the specifics.
- The pool opening will be in May. We have had many new neighbors move in over the past year and would like to plan a “pool opening” party as a meet and greet, welcoming them to summer in Butler

Creek. We are in need of a volunteer to help with the planning, if you are interested please email bchoatreasurer@gmail.com.

- The Annual Board meeting will be in May, date to be announced next month. We are in need of board members! Please consider volunteering your time and become part of the board.

Reminders from Cobb County

Outdoor Burning

From May 1 – September 30, you may not burn leaves, tree limbs, or other yard waste, forest land, or use air curtain destructors for land clearing.

Recommendations Needed

We are looking for recommendations for contractors to refurbish the community bathrooms. If you know of someone, please email the Butler Creek president at butlercreekhoapresident@gmail.com. Thanks!

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 and will provide you with your user name and password for the Butler Creek website so you can have access to resident-only material on the site. The neighborhood website is www.butlercreek.org