

# *The Buckhead South Homeowner's Club, Inc. Newsletter*

*Serving the Hampton, Keller Crossing and Tranquilla Hall communities*

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## *President's Message*

Dear Neighbors – Summer is here and we're all reaping the benefits of the hard work that's been done to spruce up our Buckhead South community. The new stop signs, improved landscaping, drainage work, green space plantings, and additional pool seating have all added value to our neighborhoods. This work has often been done by volunteers and is very appreciated. Sometimes someone gets a kernel of an idea and I encourage them to run with it and the results have been outstanding. Please keep those ideas coming.

To further enhance our quality of life here, we have stepped up enforcement of our covenants. We are also forming a committee of volunteers to review our covenants written language for added clarity.

We met another milestone recently towards a fully autonomous HOA when the sales trailer at the corner of Victors Ct and Lou Page Ln was removed. We're all pleased, I'm sure, to see that gone.

I'd like to send a special thank you to June Ciccone and her family who have done so much volunteer planting in all three of our neighborhoods. We are already seeing the benefits of the flowers, plants and mulching. These perennials will grow and flourish even more next season.

Feel free to send your thoughts to me at [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com) anytime. Have we missed anything? Let us know and it will go in the next issue. Remember, school's out and there are kids about: have a safe and pleasant summer.

*Keith Spitznogle, BSHC President*

## *News from the Committees*

The **Covenants Committee** has formed a break-out group to review the language of all our covenants for better clarity and enforcement. We continue to ask that all residents respect and adhere to the covenants you agreed to when purchasing or renting a home at Buckhead South.

Submitted for *Will Griffin, Covenants Committee Chair*

The **Landscape Committee** has been making great strides getting our landscape spruced up at Buckhead South. Only a few areas are left to put down fresh mulch. As the season changes, more colorful flowers will be added. For those in Keller Crossing, please be patient as there is no water source at the entrance yet, limiting our ability to plant perennials there. Once the city puts in a water line, we'll tap in for irrigation to plant

flowers. If you have perennials to donate to our community landscape, please contact me at [joonie624@comcast.net](mailto:joonie624@comcast.net). We wish to thank those neighbors who helped out, donated bricks, or shared their plants. It's greatly appreciated and we all benefit from the results. Our plans now include power washing the Tranquilla Hall entrance and painting the pineapples. We need volunteers to get this work done! If you have a green thumb or just want to help, please contact [joonie624@comcast.net](mailto:joonie624@comcast.net). You don't have to be a landscape professional, just have a passion for making our grounds look beautiful.

*June Ciccone, Landscape Committee Chair*

The **Pool Committee** reports that the 2013 pool season is in full swing. New things you'll notice are umbrellas at some tables, enlarged seating area, and Pool Team members working to keep the pool amenities pleasant and fun for all. These volunteers can easily be identified by their blue bags marked "Pool Team." The recent malfunction to the pool code gate has been fixed and is now operational again. Remember to keep your monthly pool code handy and if you don't receive the next month's code in a timely way, notify [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com) for resolution.

*Alec Breen, Pool Committee Chair*

The **Welcome Committee** continues to send out Welcome Packets to new residents so that they get a fast and helpful start to living at Buckhead South. We have also been consulted by two other neighboring homeowner's associations about utilizing our Welcome Packet and procedures and so we shared the materials we created. The Welcome Committee also produces this BSHC Quarterly Newsletter and we're pleased that it is becoming a useful fixture here. The Welcome Committee also has begun a Welcome Home function for returning military residents, providing some lawn decorations upon request, and we recently did our first one. Volunteers are wanted to help plan entrance decorations for the holiday season this December. Please contact [shea29v@comcast.net](mailto:shea29v@comcast.net) if you wish to become involved in any Welcome Committee functions.

*Sue Shea, Welcome Committee Chair*

Our **Treasurer** reports that 2013 dues have been paid by 99% of our residents, and 89% of pool use forms have been returned. Questions? Contact me at (912) 756-7475.

*Cyndi Castle, Treasurer*

## Welcome Our Neighbors

♥♥♥♥♥ A heartfelt welcome to our newest neighbors of Buckhead South:

**Lisa & Scott Ichikawa** and sons **Alex** (11) & **Ken** (9) of 191 Victors Ct have just come to us from Toronto.

CW3 **Jeffrey Wallace** of 53 Victors Court just returned home from his 7<sup>th</sup> Army deployment to Afghanistan and Iraq. Welcome Home Jeff, good work.

*Are you new to Buckhead South and have not been listed here? Please let us know and we'll get on it. We also have a great introductory info packet to give you.*

## Keep Buckhead South Beautiful

Many of you have been sprucing up your homes and yards, and to help BSHC has negotiated a 20% discount at Home Depot on all paints and stains. Contact [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com) for details. Between sprucing up our common areas, an ongoing task, and your own property work, we can keep Buckhead South looking stellar!

**TIP:** This summer heat strains lawns so get the best results from your water irrigation system. According to the GA Extension Service, lawns need 1 inch of water a week, preferably in two half-inch waterings. Run your sprinklers between midnight & 4am when evaporation is lowest. If your automatic sprinkler system features multiple daily settings, instead of watering 15-20 minutes per zone, try cycle irrigating: set your irrigation zones to run 3 times a session, but only 6 minutes each cycle. That gives each part of your lawn time to absorb the water before repeating, preventing wasteful water runoff. Wasted water runoff runs not only across driveways and roads but can also drain unseen into the planned swales between properties providing no benefits to your lawn.

If you have easy economical ideas for maintaining our properties, please share with all in our next newsletter. Send to [shea29v@comcast.net](mailto:shea29v@comcast.net)

Just a reminder, many exterior home improvements such as additions of fences or outbuildings, **must** be approved by the Design Review Committee prior to start. *Keith Spitznogle, BSHC President*

**Other news** Send news to [shea29v@comcast.net](mailto:shea29v@comcast.net)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** and always welcome for the various committees or for just a small specific seasonal project. We know there are a lot of energetic neighbors out there with various skills -- we can always offer you ways to contribute your talents, large and small. Contact [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com)

**WANTED:** Unwanted perennials or any color bricks for our Landscape Committee's use in our common areas. Contact June Ciccone [joonie624@comcast.net](mailto:joonie624@comcast.net)

**WANTED:** your extra pet (cat/dog) dishes, leashes, toys, bedding or wet/dry food for an ongoing collection drive for the South Bryan County Animal Shelter on Rt. 144 Spur. Many thanks to those that contributed this past quarter – we were able to deliver a large box of goodies to the shelter. Please continue to drop off items at 29 Victors Ct. front porch anytime and we'll deliver!

**LIST HERE:** If you're forming a book club, card group, walking group, kids play group, etc or have an existing group looking to add members, please send us your information and we'll post it in the next newsletter. What better way for our neighbors to meet one another than through a common interest?

**TELL US:** Is one of our residents about to return from overseas military deployment? We can help with your Welcome Home decorations. [shea29v@comcast.net](mailto:shea29v@comcast.net)

*Take the BSHC Quarterly Newsletter on the road! Send us a pic of you reading our newsletter in a fabulous locale, and we'll happily post it on our website.*

*GOT NEWS? We'd love to share your items of interest with everyone in the BSHC. Send us your local event dates, or any other pertinent news. Next newsletter deadline is 9-15-13 for the October issue.*

**Calendar** Got something for the calendar? [glkool47@aol.com](mailto:glkool47@aol.com)

- Apr - Nov RH Farmers Market, every Tues 3-7, JFG Pk. Local produce, food, crafts & entertainment.
- Apr - Dec Movie Night Under the Stars, every Fri & Sat at dusk (8:30ish), Ice Cream Stop at Publix Plaza Bring lawn chairs. G & PG movies only!
- May – Sep Friday on the Train, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at Richmond Hill's Station Exchange, across from JFG Park. A free community event of music, ice cream and more. Bring lawn chairs.
- 7-4 Ft. McAllister July 4<sup>th</sup>, 9-4. Re-enactments, games, iced watermelon, bring lunch. Gate fee.
- 7-6 RH Salutes the Red White & Blue at JF Gregory Park. Music & Fun. All day market of food and handicrafts; 9pm fireworks
- 7-15 thru 7-19 Ft. McAllister Jr. Ranger Camp, ages 8-12. Reservations 727-3134
- 8-2 RH Historical Society monthly local history series, first Thursday of the month, 7pm. 756-3697

Go to [www.richmondhillgalive.com](http://www.richmondhillgalive.com) for updated listings.

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