

The Buckhead South Homeowner's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Neighbors – It was a quick summer, wasn't it? A special BSHC Thanks to Alec Breen and family for their continued support, dedication, TIME, and chairmanship of the Pool Committee again this year and to the entire Pool Team for such a successful pool season.

This summer saw much movement in our neighborhoods, from new houses being built to residents leaving and new neighbors coming in. We hope the Welcome Packets that have now become a regular part of joining Buckhead South helped our newest members here. The sight of those green bags hanging on the front door knob of a new resident's home is another reminder that we volunteers are working hard to welcome all from Day One.

As fall arrives, this nice cool weather becomes fall cleanup time both for our own personal homesites and in the common Homeowner's Club areas. Please remember that any significant improvements to your property exteriors are governed by the covenants you agreed to when buying or renting at Buckhead South. You can review the covenants on our website at www.buckheadsouth.com or contact any officer with your questions at buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com prior to the start of your project. Certainly porches or additions, fences, walls, outdoor structures and sheds are just some of the items that first require design approval from the DRC (Design Review Committee).

On a serious note, this past month I've received several complaints of golf carts and ATV's operating on our streets and in green spaces. The main gist of complaints is the seemingly unsafe operation of these vehicles, pulling kids on skateboards, kids hanging off the sides and back, and overloading especially of golf carts, and near misses at stop signs. County law states to operate a golf cart or motorized ATV on the street, the operator must be at least 16 years of age. BSHC does not permit motorized vehicles of any sort including golf carts or ATV's, on any BSHC green spaces or ball fields. First will be a warning, then a fine. Please for safety reasons more than any other, talk about responsible operation and safety with your children. Even if you don't own one of these vehicles, perhaps your children are riding on them.

There are a lot of fun fairs and festivals going on in the area this fall and holiday season, not to mention our own fairies and goblins that will be going door-to-door here this Halloween. I hope you and your family have a wonderful finish to the year and get a chance to take part in many of the great activities that abound here.

Are there newsletter omissions? Let us know and we'll get on it. Also, feel free to send your thoughts to me at buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com anytime. Happy Holidays to All,
Keith Spitznogle, BSHC President

News from the Committees

The **Landscape Committee** reports that as fall approaches, our neighborhood landscape will get an update. Some of the flowers planted for spring and summer didn't flourish where originally planted, so other spots will be found for them. Mums will be planted throughout, plus work to get electrical and irrigation installed for the Keller entrance in the near future. Once that happens, that entrance will get much needed attention. The Landscape Committee is taking ownership of the annual decorating of the entrances for the holidays. If you'd like to get involved in this task or anything else, or have any materials to donate, please email joonie624@comcast.net. You don't have to be a Landscape Pro; just have a passion for making our grounds look beautiful.

June Ciccone, Landscape Committee Chair

The **Pool Committee** reports the pool closed 9/30 with a very successful 2013 season. There were no costly maintenance issues this year and less behavioral issues and we can credit our new Pool Team for that. The expanded seating area helped greatly with our ever-expanding population, particularly for group events. The HOC officers have set aside funds now for two more umbrellas and additional chairs for next year. Other more costly improvements are under discussion and we will keep everyone posted. Your suggestions are always welcome at buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com. The bathrooms will remain open until December, and then we will turn off the water to preserve the pipes from freezing. Utilize the September gate code for access.

Alec Breen, Pool Committee Chair

The **Welcome Committee** notes that it was a very busy summer here for new resident moves – we delivered 11 Welcome Packets this quarter, giving new residents a fast and helpful start to living at Buckhead South. If you know of a new neighbor who needs one, or if you've been missed yourself, please let us know and we'll get on it right away. We rely on a haphazard network of realtors, lawyer/bank closings, and newspaper property transfers to find out and we don't always hear in a timely way, especially with home rentals. The Welcome Committee also produces this BSHC Quarterly Newsletter and we're pleased that it's become a useful fixture here. Please contact shea29v@comcast.net if you wish to become involved with the Welcome Committee.

Sue Shea, Welcome Committee Chair

Keep Buckhead South Beautiful

Fall is upon us, and some winter preparation now will reap good benefits into the new year. BSHC has negotiated a 20% discount at Home Depot on all paints and stains. Contact 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!

NOTE: Please do not use the street to dispose of your lawn clippings and leaves. Mulch, bag and contain in your property. Yard debris in the street will only cause issues downstream in our runoff culverts and drains.

TIPS: If you put straw or mulch down now when your perennials are still visible, you won't accidentally cover up the died-back plants and run the risk of smothering them. Deadheading (cutting off dead blooms) of flowering plants, especially knock-out roses, can give you a longer bloom time, often right into the new year. If you use your mower to pick up your leaves, don't lower the blade lower than normal mowing height or you will expose the grass roots to unwanted cold changes. Just a reminder, many exterior home improvements such as additions of fences or outbuildings, **must** be approved by the Design Review Committee first.

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

Other news Send news to 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

WANTED: Unwanted perennials or any color bricks for our Landscape Committee's use in our common areas. Contact June Ciccone 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

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 12-15-13 for the January issue.

Welcome Our Neighbors

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

Marianne & Gary Williams and children **Megan** (19), **Emily** (18), **Dominic** (9), **Grace** (7) and **Shannon** (5) of 14 Moreton Way have come to us from Denville NJ.

Jamilie & Christopher Jenner of 602 Lou Page Ln come from Arizona, with a first baby due in November!

Tristan & Justin Needham of 39 MacBeth Ct just arrived from San Antonio TX with a baby girl due soon!

Jill & Jason Roncoroni of 52 Moreton Dr S. and sons **Aidan & Everett** just arrived for a 2-yr Hunter posting.

Wendy & Greg Gillooly and daughter **Erin** (15) of 455 Beauville Drive have just moved here from Pittsburgh PA.

Although complete information was not available at press time, we welcome these new neighbors as well:

Shelby & James Seebeck or 67 Forest View Dr W.

Lenlee & Brandon Bodie of 529 Lou Page Ln.

Janey & Tom Seaman, 34 MacBeth Ct. N.

Brenda & Laren Fleming, 223 Victors Ct.

Cassie & Jordan Williams, 510 Lou Page Ln.

Are you new to Buckhead South and have not been listed here or was your listing incomplete? Please let us know and we'll print it in the next issue. We also have a great Welcome Packet for you. Contact Sue Shea: shea29v@comcast.net

See calendar of events next page----->

Calendar Got something for the calendar? glkool47@aol.com

Apr - Oct 8 RH Farmers Market, every Tues 3-7, JFG Pk. Local produce, food, crafts & entertainment.

Apr - Dec Movie Night Under the Stars, every Sat 7:30-9:30 pm @ Ice Cream Stop, Publix Plaza, bring lawn chairs or car tuned to 88.5. G movies.

1st Thurs every month, RH Historical Soc. local history series, 7pm, free. 756-3697

Ft. McAllister programs: 727-2339 for full list of kids & adults hikes, workshops, hayrides etc.

10-3 RH Historical Soc monthly lecture: Lighthouses of the Southeast by historian/filmmaker Michael Jordan. 7pm, Free.

10-4 Isaiah Davenport House Museum, 324 E. State St, Savannah presents the 11th annual performance of "Dreadful Pestilence: Savannah's Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1820", a live interactive show Fri & Sat nights in October (Oct 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26) 7:30 & 8:45 pm, \$17 Adult (\$15 advance); \$15 Child (\$10 advance). Scary bits. Stars Tranquilla Hall's very own John Leonti!

Oct 4-6 Oktoberfest, River St, Savannah. Bratwurst, Weiner dog racing, Oomph dancing, music.

10-5 Pumpkin Patch Kids Fest, 9-1, JFG Park, RH

10-8 Last day for RH 2013 Farmers Market, 3-7pm. Resumes next April (but many of the same vendors will be at the Holiday Stroll on 12/14)

Oct 10-13 Annual Tybee Island Pirates Fest

Oct 11-13 Savannah Folk Festival, Ellis Square

10-14 Columbus Day holiday

Oct 18-20 Great Ogeechee Seafood Festival, JFG Park

10-19 Coastal GA Botanical (Bamboo Gardens) Fall Festival, Rt 17. Fun seasonal events, plant & craft vendors, sugarcane syrup making, tractor tram rides, 9-4, \$\$5 per vehicle or \$3 per person walk-in.

10-19 Candle Lantern Tour, Ft. McAllister State Park, 6-9 pm. Experience the fort at night guided by candlelight. Re-enactment of how confederate soldiers performed their duties & spent their evenings by the campfire. Normal park fee: Adult \$6.50, child \$3.75; free with GA State Park Pass.

10-25 Carver Elementary Fall Festival, RH, 9-2

10-26 Spooktacular Saturday, Pembroke downtown, 5k/10k run & walk, haunted house, jack-o-lantern contest, art show, music, food.

Oct 26-Nov 2 Savannah Film Festival, various sites.

10-27 25th Annual Shalom Y'All Jewish Food Fest, Forsyth Park, Savannah, All day

10-31 BSHC Halloween Night Trick or Treating, goblins abound, especially 6-8! Please turn on your front porch lights if you are participating.

11-11 Veterans Day observance at JFG Park, RH

11-28 Thanksgiving and first day of Chanukah

11-29 thru 12-24 December Nights & Holiday Lights at the Coastal GA (Bamboo Gardens) evening lights event. Rt. 17. \$5 per person. A festive walking tour with over 150,000 colorful lights, music and sweet treats makes for a magical night for all.

11-8 14th Annual Santa Scramble Golf Tournament, Sterling Links, RH

11-9 Rock N' Roll Marathon, Savannah

11-30 Annual Chili Cook-Off & celebration, JFG Park

12-7 RH Hometown Christmas Parade & Chili Cookoff, JFG Park.

12-7 Lighted boat parade & fireworks, Ft. McAllister Marina, 5:30 pm

12-14 Richmond Hill Holiday Stroll, crafts, food, music & Santa at JFG Park, RH, 10-3

12-14 Winter Muster Reenactment, Ft. McAllister State Park, demonstrations 9-4, battle at 5pm. Normal park fee: Adult \$6.50, child \$3.75; free with GA State Park Pass.

12-21 First day of winter -- so what, we live in paradise!

12-25 Christmas

12-26 First day of Kwanzaa

12-31 New Year's Eve, and at midnight: **Happy 2014!**

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