

The Buckhead South Homeowner's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Neighbors – We've delayed this quarterly issue a bit in order to bring you the results of our April 8th Annual Homeowners Meeting. Officers reelected to serve for the 2014 year were: Keith Spitznogle, President (yes, I decided to run again and see how my upcoming work retirement will enhance this volunteerism); Phil Gore, VP; and Cyndi Castle, Treasurer, plus our newest Officer, Robin Maurer, Secretary. A reminder here that none of us are compensated – all are true volunteers interested in keeping things running smoothly for our neighborhoods. If you're interested in becoming involved, please contact me at buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com. I can also give you the dates of our monthly Officers meetings that all residents are welcome to attend.

Also at this Annual Meeting, financials were discussed, as well as potential upcoming projects. Updates on the various Committees were presented, as well as topics of concern including some septic issues within the neighborhoods, pool amenity options, county burning permits required for any individual brush work, and ongoing issues with illegal off road carts and bikes in our neighborhoods, and the damage these drivers are doing. If you wish to receive the full presentations, please contact me at the above email.

On April 12th, we saw the first event made possible by our new Social Committee Chair, Karen Dannett, and her small crew of helpers – The Egg-Citing Spring Fling. The children that attended had a blast collecting candy-filled eggs, with crafts, games, snacks and a giant bouncy house too. Thank you, Karen, for organizing this super day. We look forward to your next fall event. Keep reading here to hear more from her directly.

Now I'll let you sit back and relax, to read the rest of this newsletter. It's chock-full with information so keep going! 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.

Happy Spring, *Keith Spitznogle, BSHC President*

News from the Committees

The **Social Committee** held its first event, the BSHC Egg-citing Spring Fling, on April 12, 2014. It was well-received by our neighbors who attended with their children. We started with an egg hunt followed with a bouncy house, arts & craft table, sack races, wooden spoon relay races, hula hoops and sidewalk chalk art. There were refreshments and snacks for all to nosh on and we had a special appearance by the Easter Bunny who greeted all of our families and posed for photos.

Special thanks go to all who volunteered to make this event possible, including our president Keith Spitznogle & Marilyn, our vice-president Phillip Gore & Michelle, Kayla Gore & her BFF Destiny, Kim Ramhoff, Cyndi Castle, Julie Dobson, my daughter Kiara Williams & her dad Kewyn Williams & the biggest thanks of all goes to Sue Shea & Pete Morin. A gentleman said at the annual meeting that it would be nice to go back to the days when our neighbors knew our kids and I certainly agree with that. The Social Committee is here to bridge our neighborhood together with events that will not only entertain but allow us to meet and greet each other. Please look forward to our upcoming events in October and December to be announced. If you have ideas, or would like to help with the next event (please), phone or text me at (912)596-5636.

Karen Dannett, Social Committee Chair

The **Welcome Committee** continues to hand deliver Welcome Packets to new residents for 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 hop on it. We rely on a haphazard network of newspaper property transfers, lawyer/bank closings and realtors to find out and we don't always hear in a timely way, especially with home rentals. A special thanks goes out to Karen Dannett, who follows up with a visit & welcome basket whenever possible. 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 with your input.

Sue Shea, Welcome Committee Chair

The **Pool Committee** reports the pool opens for the 2014 season on April 19. To get the monthly pool gate code, you must have signed and returned the two 2014 pool forms sent to you in March with your annual dues notice. You will then be emailed the monthly gate code for use by your family. Do not give this code out to anyone else. If a neighbor tells you they were missed in the emailing, please refer them to buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com for resolution.

A few additional Pool Team members are needed for the 2014 year. These volunteer neighbors are tasked to monitor the pool activities and make it an enjoyable experience for all and are identified by their blue bags marked Pool Team. If you're a regular user of the pool, you're a natural to be part of this team. A Pool Committee organizational meeting was held April 16th 7pm at the pool; more to come.

Please note that given the increased use of our pool, pool floats will no longer be allowed in the pool unless the pool is empty of other swimmers. This is for safety reasons as well as the comfort of other swimmers. It's hard to see our littlest swimmers behind those floats!

Alec Breen, Pool Committee Chair

The **Landscape Committee** - Our planting work from last year is already coming in to bloom now. We'll continue to improve our entrances and common areas. If you have a passion for making our neighborhoods look beautiful and would like to get involved or have any materials to donate, email joonie624@comcast.net.

June Ciccone, Landscape Committee Chair

The **Design Review Committee** needs volunteers now! It won't be long before we transition to full homeowners association ownership from Ernest Homes, and then the Design Review processes will immediately fall completely under our responsibility. Per our covenants, we need a committee of (5) members, approved by the Officers, who shall have exclusive jurisdiction to approve or disapprove all items listed in Section 2 of Article VI "Architectural Control." At the same time a committee will be formed consisting of BSHC Officers, DRC Members, and up to an additional (12) homeowners to promulgate Architectural Review Guidelines and Design Review Procedures, to be known as "BSHC Architectural Review Guidelines (ARG)." The Architectural Review Guidelines will be utilized whenever approval is required for any matter within the jurisdiction of the DRC and a copy of the ARG will be available to any homeowners and posted on the BSHC website www.buckheadsouth.com. This same group will review and suggest necessary changes, rewording, additions, or subtractions to our current set of covenants to facilitate an improved Covenant version to replace all our various different covenant versions with one uniform all-encompassing version.

If you are interested in participating in any of the above functions, please contact Keith Spitznogle, BSHC President at buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com (912)727-2812. The covenants re-write project needs to be completed before the ownership transfer is completed, so time is critical here. Please help.

Keep Buckhead South Beautiful

Spring is here and, and with it spring cleanup begins. BSHC has negotiated a 20% discount at Home Depot on all paints and stains. For details, contact buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com. 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 are doing any backyard burning, bear in mind that you must have a permit from the county/fire dept first, and there are only certain times of the year this is allowable.

Many exterior home improvements such as additions of fences or outbuildings **must** be approved by the Design Review Committee first. Go to our website www.buckheadsouth.com to download the forms or contact any Officer.

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 we have a lot of energetic neighbors with various skills and there are many opportunities to contribute your talents, large and small. Please join in. 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, especially that recent case of dog food! Wet food is an extra treat for these wayward pets who normally only get dry food, and goes a long way for new inmates that will not eat due to depression or poor health. 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?

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 6-15-14 for the July issue.

Welcome Our Neighbors ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

A heartfelt welcome to our newest BSHC neighbors:

Sonia & Gabriel Martinez, 630 Lou Page Ln, and sons **Diego (7)** and **Mateo (2)**, come to us from nearby Savannah. We're glad you chose Buckhead South!

Kim & Jim Ramhoff and daughter **Savannah (3)**, 473 Lou Page Ln, are welcomed from Raleigh-Durham NC.

Candi & Tracy Burke and children **Holden (15)**, **Hensley (13)**, **Canon (10)**, and **Kerrigan (8)** of 413 Beauty Dr has moved here from down the road and we welcome you all!

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

Amanda & Scott Nipple, 670 Lou Page Ln and baby **Zander (10 mos.)** come to us from Savannah and Knoxville TN before that. Welcome!

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

Calendar

Got something for the calendar? glkool47@aol.com
While we love to print community events, this is not an endorsement by BSHC. Also, it's best to call ahead to verify actual dates & times.

STANDING DATES:

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

1st Sat of each month, 9-11am, from March thru Oct: Cars & Coffee at the Richmond Hill Historical Soc Museum. Share your cool car and/or see others. When you buy coffee there you help out the Historical Society. Contact (602)397-5300.

Apr – Oct, every Tuesday 3-7pm: RH Farmers Market at JFG Park. Local produce, food, crafts & more!

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

Ongoing: Many family events at Ft. McAllister State Park, including kids summer day camps. Call 912-727-2339 or stop by.

OTHER HAPPENINGS THIS QUARTER:

4-18 Canoeing with the Stars at Ft Mcallister, 6-8pm. \$25 fee includes entrance fee. Explore Shark Tooth Sandbar by canoe.

4-19 Pool opens!

4-20 Easter Sunday

4/24-27 Vidalia Onion Festival: Celebrate the onion!

4-26 Children's Fishing Derby, JFG Park, 7:30am registration, derby ends at noon. Free lunch to participants. 5 limit catch. 912-312-1210

- 4-30 Last day to pay your BSHC dues without penalty.
- 5-2 5th Annual Richmond Hill Bryan County Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, Sterling Links, 11AM. Contact RHBC (912-756-3444)
- 5-5 Cinco de Mayo
- 5-11 Mother's Day
- 5-24 Memorial Day at Ft McAllister, 9-4pm. Family fun, demonstrations. Entrance fee 912-727-2339
- 5-26 Memorial Day, JFGregory Park
- 6-14 Flag Day
- 6-15 Father's Day
- 6-18 2nd Annual Resolution Runz, sponsored by RHBC Chamber of Commerce; Details (912)756-3444
- 6-15 Father's Day
- 6-28 Ramadan begins at sundown.

UPCOMING:

- 7-4 Independence Day at Ft. McAlister, 9-4. Re-enactments, games, iced watermelon, bring lunch. Entrance fee applies if you don't have the annual GA park pass.
- 7-5 4th of July at JFG Park, Day: food, games & music; Eve: fireworks
- 7-29 Eid-al-Fitr (end of Ramadan).
- Aug 1-17 Savannah Voice Festival savannahvoicefestival.org
- 9-1 Labor Day
- 9-24 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown.
- 10-3 Yom Kippur begins at sundown.
- 10-13 Columbus Day
- Oct 17-19 The Great Ogeechee Seafood Fest @ JFG Park, Contact RHBC Chamber of Commerce (912)756-3444 for details, be a vendor, or help out.
- 10-31 Halloween. BSHC neighbors leave your front light on if you are giving out treats, 6-8pm
- 11-2 Daylight Savings Time ends, your clocks *fall* back 1 hour beginning today.
- 11-11 Veterans Day. Ceremony at JFG Park 11 AM.
- 11-27 Thanksgiving
- 12-16 Hanukkah begins at sundown.
- 12-25 Christmas
- 12-26 Kwanzaa begins.
- 12-31 New Year's Eve. Goodbye 2014, Hello 2015!

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