

The Buckhead South Homeowner's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Neighbors – Summer is here, along with all the best aspects of our neighborhoods. The pool is in full swing, tennis courts are being used, and the playground is always a favorite. With summer activities also come concerns for safety, and we continue to ride herd on illegal and unsafe operators of golf carts and other motorized vehicles. We're also addressing concerns with after-hours use of our pool parking lot. The pool closes at 9pm, it's too dark to use the playground by then, and unless you're using the tennis courts, there should be no reason to be in the pool parking lot. We've had some unfortunate instances of vandalism at that time of night and we are asking that all HOC members, especially those that live in nearby houses that can hear gatherings there, keep an eye out for troubling activity.

Mark your calendars for our first Fall Festival, set for Sunday afternoon, October 26th, at the pool house. Details are listed below. Meanwhile, have a safe and fun summer,
Keith Spitznogle, BSHC President

News from the Committees

The **Social Committee** asks you to set your calendars now for the BSHC Harvest Festival, October 26, 2014 from 2:00-5:00 pm, to be held in the pool area. It will have an autumn carnival theme filled with fun games, hay rides, mini donut eating contest for fun, and BYOP (Bring Your Own Pumpkin) for decorating. Refreshments will be available.

Also, the BSHC Winter Wonderland will be December 7, 2014 from 3:00-6:00 pm, also held in the pool area. There will be craft stations for making paper snowflakes, write letters to Santa and BYOO (Bring Your Own Ornament) for decorating, which will be placed on our holiday tree before our official tree lighting at 6:00pm. Refreshments will be available.

Will any of you volunteer to assist at any of the events? I welcome anyone who would like to join the Social Committee as well, so please phone/text me at 912-596-5636. It would be nice to share your talents with our community. We also need a person or group that is talented musically to lead us in a sing-along of general holiday songs. We will also need holiday decorations and lights, so please donate any unwanted items to me by November 22, 2014. We'll use some to decorate our events and others will be used to add to the decorations at our neighborhood entrances to assist the Landscape Committee with that project.

Karen Dannett, Social Committee Chair

The **Welcome Committee** hand delivers Welcome Packets to new residents for a fast and helpful start to living at Buckhead South. From what we've done so far this quarter, we expect this summer will generate a lot of residential moves just like last year. 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** -- summer is in full swing here and the pool is getting a lot of use! The replacement furniture is in use. Just a reminder that you are 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.

The recent pool area vandalism has been very disheartening, and the video surveillance system we installed is paying for itself now. This system tapes 24/7 to help provide identity of all culprits. Our HOC policy is to press charges in all cases.

A reminder 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** – We are sorry to announce that June Ciccone, our first Landscape Committee Chair, has relinquished this role due to work commitments. June did a stellar job bringing her vision and hard work to energize our common areas with new plantings and we thank her and her family. Much of the work done last year is coming into full bloom now, but there is always room to grow (sorry for the pun). If you are interested in assuming this Landscape Committee Chair volunteer position, please contact buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com. You don't have to be a professional landscape person, just be someone with a passion for making our neighborhoods look beautiful.

Keep Buckhead South Beautiful

To help you spruce up your homes and yards, BSHC has negotiated a 20% discount at Home Depot on all paints & 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!

TIP: 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. This runoff runs across driveways and roads and can also drain unseen into the planned swales between properties, providing no benefits to your lawn.

TIP: 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.

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.

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

Welcome Our Neighbors ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

A heartfelt welcome to our newest BSHC neighbors:

Sara & Danny Goldrick & son Ty (9) and daughter **Katie** (7) of 56 Forest View E. lived locally for years and just bought a house in Keller Crossing. Welcome!

Julie & Richie Kelman-Smart and daughter **Amber** (9) and newborn son **Leo** of 454 Beaulieu Drive have come to us from Oxford, England. We're happy you're here!

Kristen & Kirk Jacobsson and daughter **Elle** (starting 8th grade) of 454 Lou Page Ln come to us from Cincinnati OH. We're so glad you chose BSHC!

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

Courtney & Andrew Beal of 398 Dalcross Drive arrived in June. Welcome!

Kelly & Matthew McLeod of 20 Lou Page Ln are new to the neighborhood. Glad you joined us!

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

"Job Well Done!"

We feel it is important that the Buckhead South community acknowledge and congratulate our children and young adults on all their achievements and endeavors, from sports which typically get highlighted, to the many other positive academic, music, social, artistic and volunteer endeavors that equally deserve our praise and admiration for a "Job Well Done!" In each successive Newsletter we would like to include a section to do just that -- publicly thank our kids for all the hard work, determination, and effort it takes to accomplish these superlative tasks, and give more focus to the many positive and good things in our children's lives. We apologize for anyone missed in this issue but these are our submissions for the last quarter.

Dean's List: Tiffany Whetzel, a Junior in Psychology, 4.0 Armstrong State University.

Honor Roll Students: RHHS: Alecia Breen, Chad Castle, Jacob Collins, Madison Doney, Savannah Terry. RHMS: Maddie Castle, Jake Castle, Trinity Jennings, Dany Shwayri, Tristan Terry, Tripp Tucker. Elementary Honor Roll: Jacob Mims, Sydney Mims, Madeline Palmer

College Bound: Giovanni Marte, RHHS 2014 graduate, enrolled in Georgia Southern University.

Congratulations to ALL for their great achievements! Did we miss your child's recent milestone accomplishment? We want to know so please send us your news for the next issue. buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com

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

BUNCO ANYONE? The Gator Gals is a long-running Bunco group with members from all 3 Buckhead HOA's. We invite anyone to join us for a girl's night out. We meet the second Tuesday eve of the month from August to May, and try to have ten permanent members plus subs are welcomed. The host prepares a meal and there are prizes for the winners. If you haven't played before, that's fine -- we will teach you the game. Contact Karen Dannett 912-596-5636.

WANTED: Unwanted perennials or any color bricks for our Landscape Committee's use in our common areas. Contact buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com

WANTED: your extra pet (cat/dog) supplies 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; it was all eagerly received. You can drop off items at 29 Victors Ct. front porch anytime and we'll deliver!

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:

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

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

FRI: May – Sep Friday on the Train, 3rd Friday of the month at Richmond Hill's Station Exchange, across from JFG Park. A free community event of music & more. Bring lawn chairs.

SAT: Mar – Oct, 1st Sat of each month, 9-11am: 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.

SAT: 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 re-enactments, celebrations, kids summer day camps. Call 912-727-2339 or stop by.

OTHER HAPPENINGS THIS QUARTER:

7-4 Independence Day at Ft. McAlister, 9-4. Re-enactments, games, iced watermelon, bring lunch. Entrance fee or annual discount Park Pass.

7-5 4th of July at JFG Park, Day, 5-9pm: food, games & music. Evening fireworks. Free.

Aug 1-17 Savannah Voice Festival savannahvoicefestival.org

9-1 Labor Day

9-21 Jazz Festival 5-10pm coastal-jazz.org

9-24 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown.

A SNEAK PEAK AT MORE UPCOMING DATES:

10-3 Oktoberfest, Savannah Riverfront 4-10pm. Bratwurst, Weiner dog racing, Oompa dancing, music.

Oct 3-31 Isaiah Davenport House Museum, 324 E. State St, Savannah presents the annual performance of "Dreadful Pestilence: Savannah's Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1820", a live interactive show Fri & Sat nights in October (Oct 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31) 7:30 & 8:45 pm, \$17 Adult (\$15 advance); \$15 Child (\$10 advance). Scary bits. Stars Tranquilla Hall's very own John Leonti!

10-3 Yom Kippur begins at sundown.

10-4 Pumpkin Patch Kids Fest, 9-1, JFG Park, RH

10-5 Picnic in the Park, Forthyth Park, Savannah, 5:30-8:30 pm. Food, music, competitive tables

10-5 Last day for RH 2014 Farmers Market, 3-7pm. Resumes next April (but many of the same vendors will be at the Holiday Stroll on 12/13)

Oct 10-13 Annual Tybee Island Pirates Fest

Oct 11-13 Savannah Folk Festival, Ellis Square

10-13 Columbus Day

Oct 17-19 The Great Ogeechee Seafood Fest @ JFG Park. RHBC Chamber of Commerce 912-756-3444

10-18 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.

10-18 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; or annual discount Park Pass.

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

Oct 25-Nov 2 Savannah Film Festival, various sites.

10-25 Spooktacular Saturday, Pembroke downtown, 5k/10k run & walk, haunted house, jack-o-lantern contest, art show, music, food.

10-26 BSHC Fall Festival, 2-5pm, pool area.

10-26 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.

11-2 Daylight Savings Time ends, your clocks *fall back 1 hour* beginning today.

11-8 Santa Scramble Golf Tournament RH Sterling Links

11-8 Rock N' Roll Marathon, Savannah

11-11 Veterans Day Observance at JFG Park 11 AM.

11-15 Savannah Children's Book Festival, Forsyth Pk, Savannah 10-4.

11-27 Thanksgiving

Nov 28-Dec 24 December Nights & Holiday Lights at the Coastal GA Botanical Ctr (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.

Dec 5-6 Christmas on the River, River Street Savannah, 4-10pm. Music, crafts, illuminated boat parade at dusk.

12-7 BSHC Winter Wonderland 3-6pm, pool area

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GOT NEWS? Next newsletter deadline is 9-15-14 for the Oct issue.