

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 – It's been a busy summer for BSHC officers and volunteer residents. After much hard work and meetings, the rewrite of the covenants is in its finishing stages. Next step: we'll soon make the rewrite available to all, then hold a special HOC meeting to discuss resident's thoughts and hold a non-binding vote.

Our first ever neighborhood garage sale will be held on November 8. Here's a great opportunity to put out a table and clear out some of your excess things. Our thanks to Marianne Williams and Amy Page for leading the charge on this one.

Mark your calendars for our first Fall Festival, set for Sunday afternoon, October 26th, and the Winter Wonderland On Dec 7, both at the pool house. Details are listed below. I wish you a pleasant fall and a great end to the year. *Keith Spitznogle, BSHC President*

News from the Committees

The **Social Committee** announces that the BSHC Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2014 from 2:00-5:00 pm, in the pool area. It will have an autumn carnival theme with an Inflatable Circus Obstacle Challenge, Inflatable Midway Games, Corn Hole & Ring-a-Pumpkin games and more! BYOP (bring your own pumpkin) for decorating. Hot-popping popcorn & other refreshments will be served.

The BSHC Winter Wonderland will be Sunday, 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.

Volunteers are needed to help at these events. I also welcome anyone who would like to join the Social Committee for ongoing events: please phone/text me at 912-596-5636. We also need a person or group that is talented musically to lead us in a sing-along of general holiday songs. Also needed are your excess holiday decorations and lights, so please donate any unwanted items to me by November 22, 2014. We'll use some to decorate our events; others will be added to our current decorations at the 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, and what a

busy summer it was! We welcomed many new residents, and regret that we may have missed some. 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. 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** – Our pool season just ended and it was a successful, busy area as usual. We are about to have the broken tiles replaced and regROUTed. Look to this column in future months to see more plans.

Alec Breen, Pool Committee Chair

The **Landscape Committee** – Before you know it, it will be time to decorate the entrances for the holidays. This always creates a festive first look to our neighborhoods, and this year one of our houses will be included in the Richmond Hill Holiday of Homes tour on 12-7. We hope you will pull out all the stops with your own decorating by that time to provide an enjoyable sight to everyone passing through. See the separate article about the Tour of Homes below. We are in need of a volunteer to head up the Landscape Committee; if interested 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.

The Richmond Hill 2014 Holiday Tour of Homes is coming to Tranquilla Hall on Sunday December 7th from 1pm to 5 pm. We congratulate Camy & Art Thumwood of 407 Victors Court on their home being chosen for one of the 5 homes to participate in the Richmond Hill Christmas Tour this year. This event pays homage to the southern tradition of open arms and open doors and really gets everyone into the Christmas spirit. We are asking all Buckhead South residents to help this event by decorating the outside of their homes before Dec. 6th this year to make Buckhead South a Christmas parade of houses for all to see. So let's get into the festive spirit for 2014 and help these local organizations raise some well-deserved funds; Tickets are \$30 per person and sponsored by Richmond Hill Friends of the Library, Garden Club, Historical Society, Arts on the Coast and St. Anne Council of Catholic Women. Tickets are limited and will be available on the Richmond Hill Museum's website Nov. 1st. www.richmondhillhistoricalsociety.com.

Submitted by Camy Thumwood

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: Put down herbicide in the spring and fall to keep your lawn nearly weed-free and growing well.

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.

TIP: Per our BSHC covenants, boats, trailers, lawn trailers, RV's, campers, ski-doo's and unlicensed cars (all classified as "recreational vehicles") are not permitted to park on homeowner property, including driveways, for more than a weekend without permission from the DRC Committee. Exception: boats with trailers and lawn trailers may be parked and stored behind a homeowner's privacy fence. "Recreational Vehicles" may be parked in the driveway for additional days for the purpose of cleaning, trip preparations, active projects around the property, and daily vacation-type usage. In no case is the driveway or street deemed a parking or storage spot for "Recreational Classified Vehicles" or unlicensed/non-operational vehicles for more than a weekend. You will be assessed fines for non-compliance, so please contact any BSHC Officer if further clarity is needed for your situation.

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:

Barbara & Josh Baucum and son **Blaise** (15) and twins **Soleil** and **William** (8) of 145 St. Martin's Circle moved here from nearby Buckhead in July. We're glad you chose Buckhead South!

Hector & Francisca Claudio and daughters **Deseree** (18) and **Jolie** (9) of 28 St. Martin's Circle joined us in July also. Welcome!

Lisa & Jeff Aycock, 125 St. Martin's Circle joined us in September from Nokomis FL. Welcome!

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

John Carpenter of 33 Moreton Way arrived in July. Welcome!

Erin & Kalin Reardon of 49 St. Martin's Circle joined us in July. We're glad you're here!

Mandy Kelly and family of 19 MacBeth Ct S joined us in August. Welcome!

Anthony Rysztak & family of 74 Victors Court came in July. 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

Safety & Security at Home

Here's a hard lesson worthy of sharing with all our homeowners and renters: I work with an insurance company who was subrogating (seeking legal repayment) from two parents whose 17 year old sons broke into a house during the holidays and stole presents from under the Christmas tree. Over \$8000 in stolen items, damages, and court costs were incurred. Not only did the two boys spend 14 days in juvenile lock-up, but both sets of parents were required to pay \$4000 each. These minors now have criminal records (which will keep them out of most colleges), and the parents went into debt over this. My point: know where your kids are and warn them of the consequences of bad behavior. *Susan Breen, Insurance Broker & BSHC member*

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: 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!

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

Calendar Got something for the calendar? shea29v@comcast.net
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 – Nov, every Tues. 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 Fri. of month at Richmond Hill's Station Exchange, across from JFG Pk. A free 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 or see others. When you buy coffee there you help the Historical Society. (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 day camps. Call 912-727-2339 or stop by.

OTHER HAPPENINGS THIS QUARTER

Oct 3-31 Isaiah Davenport House Museum, 324 E. State St, Savannah: 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 adv.); \$15 Child (\$10 adv.). 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

10-13 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, 9-4. Fun seasonal events, plant & craft vendors, sugarcane syrup making & tractor tram rides, \$5 per vehicle or \$3 per person walk-in.

10-18 Candle Lantern Tour, Ft. McAllister State Pk, 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. Adult \$6.50, child \$3.75; or discount Park Pass.

10-26 BSHC Fall Festival, 2-5pm, pool area. Games, Inflatables, snacks, crafts (BYOP – Bring your own pumpkin).

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, clocks *fall back* 1 hr.

11-8 Buckhead South Community Garage Sale, Saturday, Nov 8, 8-2. Sponsored by BSHC, free.

Contact Marianne Williams or Amy Page with questions. buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com

11-8 Santa Scramble Golf Tourn., RH Sterling Links

11-8 Rock N' Roll Marathon, Savannah

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

11-25 Last day of RH 2014 Farmers Market, 3-7pm. April return (many of same vendors at the 12/13 Holiday Mkt).

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, magical walking tour of 150,000+ colorful lights, music & treats.

12-5 Annual Chili Cook-Off Celebration, 6:30pm, JFGPk

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

12-6 RH Hometown Christmas Parade, 10AM

12-6 Lighted boat parade & fireworks, Ft. McAllister Marina, 5:30 pm

12-6 BSHC Winter Wonderland, 3-6pm, pool area. Crafts, songs, snacks. Tree lighting 6PM.

12-7 RH Parade of Homes, including Tranquilla's own Thumwoods at 407 Victors Ct, 1-5pm. Tkts \$30 for all stops, see newsletter article above for details.

12-13 Richmond Hill Holiday Mkt, crafts, food, music & Santa at JFG Park, RH, 11-3

12-13 Winter Muster Reenactment, Ft McAllister State Park, demonstrations 9-4, battle at 5pm. Normal park fee or discount Park Pass.

12-16 Chanukah begins at sundown, ends 12-24.

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

12-25 Christmas Day

12-26 Kwanzaa begins.

12-31 New Year's Eve. Goodbye 2014, Hello 2015!

A SNEAK PEAK AT NEXT QUARTER

1-1 New Year's Day

1-3 Bring One For The Chipper, JFG Park, 9AM, free mulching of your Christmas tree.

1-19 Martin Luther King, Jr Day.

www.mlksavannah.com for local events listings.

1/23-2/1 Savannah Restaurant Week

www.dining.savannahnow.com

Feb – Annual Dues notice sent out, payable by 3-31.

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President: Keith Spitznogle. **VP:** Phil Gore. **Treasurer:**

Cyndi Castle. **Secretary:** Robin Maurer. **Committee**

Chairs: Landscape (Open). **Pool:** Alec Breen. **Social:**

Karen Dannett. **Welcome & Newsletter:** Sue Shea.

GOT NEWS? Next newsletter deadline is 3-15-15 for the Mar. issue.