

The Buckhead South Homeowner's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Neighbors – The New Year has begun at Buckhead South, with so much going on. The covenants rewrite is nearly done and there will be an HOC-wide meeting with all residents on **Feb. 2** to discuss these rules amendments, time & place to be announced via email. On **April 1**, we will accept the transfer of BSHC from Ernest Homes to our HOC. And lastly, but most importantly, we will hold our annual meeting on **April 13** with election of BSHC officers, time and place to be announced by email. Anyone interested in holding an office, chairing a committee, or volunteering on any committee, please respond to buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com or any current officer. We encourage you to attend our Officers Meetings during February and March to get a flavor of expectations and activities. We welcome your participation at any level of BSHC.

2015 BSHC Dues Notices will go out in February with a payment due date of March 31, 2015. Dues will remain the same as last year: \$550. We've been able to hold the line on this because of careful use of our funds, and the additional new residents that have joined BSHC from new homes built here recently. We are now almost completely built out, so our HOC will be working with a finite amount of expected dues from now on.

This past fall we held our first ever Fall Festival and our first ever neighborhood garage sale. We thank the handful of volunteers that made this happen. Our next neighborhood event will be a spring one, planned for April 4, see details below. Volunteers are needed to continue events like these.

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. We hope to see you at the April 7th Annual Meeting.

Keith Spitznogle, BSHC President

News from the Committees

The **Social Committee** held our first BSHC Fall Festival in October with an autumn carnival theme. We had an impressive Inflatable Circus Obstacle Challenge, Inflatable Midway Games, Corn Hole & Ring-a-Pumpkin games, crafts table and snacks. It was a fun time for all.

Our next event will be the 2nd annual Egg-Citing Spring Fling on April 4, 1-4pm, in the pool parking lot. Volunteers are needed to help with planning, preparing, and on the day of this event. We also welcome anyone who would like to join the Social Committee: contact me (phone/text) 912-596-5636.

Karen Dannett, Social Committee Chair

The **Welcome Committee** hand delivered six Welcome Packets to new residents this past quarter. This provides a fast and helpful start to living at Buckhead South. We rely on a haphazard network of newspaper property transfers, lawyer/bank closings and realtors to find out about our new residents and we don't always hear in a timely way, especially with home rentals. We apologize if we have missed anyone. If you know of a new neighbor who needs our Welcome Packet or if you've been missed yourself, please let us know and we'll hop on it. 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 2015 pool season will be here before you know it, with an opening planned for sometime in April. The entire inside pool resurfacing and tile work was just finished. This unbudgeted emergency proved to be extensive and expensive, but was successful in repairing the leak and broken tiles. Thank goodness the officers had planned ahead financially for just such an emergency, therefore our annual dues won't have to increase. The pool parking lot was refurbished and we all owe a BIG THANKS for the hard work efforts of Jean Levesque, Clem Breton, Jeff Aycock, Keith Spitznogle, and the dynamic team of Pete Morin & Sue Shea. This small group of volunteers made our dream a reality and without their hard work we would have just had piles of dirt. Water to the bathrooms is shut off until spring temperatures allow reopening. Your annual pool forms will be included with your March HOC dues invoice and as usual, when you return the signed forms we'll begin sending you your monthly pool codes via email. A reminder that these codes must not be given out to anyone outside your household, even a neighbor. If you know of someone that has not received the code or has lost it, have them contact buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com and they'll get a speedy reply.

Alec Breen, Pool Committee Chair

The **Landscape Committee** is still in need of a new Chairperson, but meanwhile we continue to get small groups of volunteers together to do specific beautification projects on our common areas. Recently we planted and mulched the island at the pool parking lot. To join this committee or help occasionally, please contact buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com. You don't have to be a professional landscaper, just have a passion for having our neighborhoods looking great.

Keep Buckhead South Beautiful

To help you spruce up your homes and yards, BSHC has negotiated a 20% discount on paint & stains at Home Depot. 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: Prune Crepe Myrtles in January for best flowering later. Apply weed control pre-emergence to centipede lawns in mid-February.

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: When you begin regular lawn watering this year, remember that the best time to run sprinklers is between midnight and 6AM, well before the sun starts heating up. Watering later in the morning or during the heat of the day wastes too much water to evaporation. Early evening watering can cause mold and fungus to develop overnight. If your sprinkler timer system can do multiple settings for each zone, consider running each zone for 10 minutes at a time, then repeating once, rather than 20-30 minutes per zone at once. Your lawn can absorb more water using this rotating method.

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:

Linda & Joseph Black of 66 William Hall Way moved here in November, 2014 from just down the road. We're glad you chose Buckhead South!

Courtney Lynn & Willy Pierre of 19 William Hall Way moved here in December, 2014 from Pooler. Welcome!

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

Debra & James Smith of 412 St. Martin Drive arrived in November, 2014. Welcome!

Adam Vanek and family joined us in December, 2014. We're glad you're here!

Regina & Michael Page of 693 Lou Page Ln, joined us in December also. We're happy you chose us!

Barb & Bob Clark of 144 Victor's Court arrived recently. 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

We continue to have vandalism at our pool area, and lawn damage done with illegally-operated motorized carts. We pursue these crimes through the use of our surveillance cameras and the help of nearby residents. Please call 911 whenever you suspect that damage is being done, as these are costly repairs that come out of all our pockets. We fight for full restitution in each case.

"Job Well Done"

It's important that the Buckhead South community acknowledge and congratulate our children and young adults on all their achievements, from academics to sports, music, artistic and volunteer endeavors. We wish to publicly thank our kids here for all their hard work, determination, and effort it takes to accomplish these superlative results. We can only list those kids we are told about, so please parents: send your submissions to buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com.

Dean's List: Michele Royal graduated Cum Laude in Dec 14 from Armstrong State University, BS Educ.

Honor Roll Students: Alecia Breen, 10th grade honors.

Other honors: Joi Martin, 11th grade RHHS, finished 3rd in her age group at Flying Fortress 5K Run and finished the Savannah Bridge Run 10K in Dec., running barefoot.

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: your extra pet (cat/dog) supplies including bowls, leashes, toys, bedding, towels & wet/dry food for an ongoing collection drive for the South Bryan County Animal Shelter on Rt. 144 Spur. Many thanks to all that contributed this past quarter; the shelter was so pleased. A special thanks to some of our neighborhood vendors like Yates Astro, who regularly donates items to our drive. You can drop off your new/used items at 29 Victors Ct. front porch anytime and we'll deliver!

Calendar

Got something for the calendar? shea29v@comcast.net While we love to print community events, this is not an endorsement by BSHC, and times/dates may change.

*****STANDING DATES*****

TUES: Apr – Nov, 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. (912)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. 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 summer day camps. Call (912)727-2339 or stop by.

*****HAPPENINGS THIS QUARTER*****

1-1 Happy New Year's Day

1-2 Bring One For The chipper, JFG Park, 9am, free mulching of your Christmas tree.

1-17 Annual Resolution Runz, JFG Park, RH 8AM www.georgiagamechangers.com

1-19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. For events listings: www.mlksavannah.com

1/23-2/1 Savannah Restaurant Week, thru 2/1. www.dining.savannahnow.com

2/1-21 Savannah Black Heritage Festival www.sbfh.mindofjonas.com

2/2 BSHC Homeowners Covenants Meeting, time and place to be announced via email.

2/6-8 Annual Low Country Home & Garden Show, Savannah International Trade & Convention Center, Hutchinson Isl. \$8 adult, \$6 retiree, \$0 Ch & Active Mil.

2/6-8 Colonial Faire & Muster at Wormsloe State Park, Sav. Reenactments, period music, etc 10-4 \$4.50 Fri, Free Sat & Sun www.gastateparks.org/wormsloe

2-8 Super Museum Sunday. Many local museums have free entrance fee today courtesy of Georgia Historical Society (912)651-2125

2/12-15 Savannah Book Festival, various venues. www.savannahbookfestival.org Evanovich, Rice, O'Rourke, more!

2-14 Valentine Wine & Chocolate Tasting Evening at Coastal Georgia Botanical Ctr (Bamboo Gardens). Fee. Reservations (912)921-5460, tickets go quickly. www.coastalgeorgiabg.org

2-16 Presidents' Day

2-21 Gazing in the Garden, Coastal Georgia Botanical Ctr (Bamboo Gardens) 6-9:30pm, Star gazing demos.

2-28 Annual Dues notice sent out, payable by 3-31

3-8 Daylight Savings begins, clocks *spring ahead* 1 hr.

3-17 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah. Buses (fee) leaving & returning every hour by local bus companies via local parking lots including Fia Rua and Goody's. Details: Bryan County Chamber Of Commerce.

3-14 Civil War Trust Volunteer Day at Ft. McAllister. Come help clean & beautify the fort. Volunteers get free entrance & lunch. (912)727-2339

3/19-4/4 Savannah Music Festival www.savannahmusicfestival.org

3-31 Annual Dues payment due by this date.

*****A SNEAK PEAK AT NEXT QUARTER*****

4/1 Transfer of BSHC from Ernest Homes to BSHC Homeowners.

4/3-4 Coastal Georgia Botanical Ctr (Bamboo Gardens) Spring Plant Sale 9-4 Good hardy varieties priced well

4-4 BSHC Egg-citing Spring Fling, 1-4pm, pool area.

4-4 1st day of Passover, ends 4-11

4-5 Easter.

4-7 Richmond Hill Farmer's Market begins for the season, JFG Park, every Tuesday 3-7.

4-13 Buckhead South Homeowner's Club Annual Mtg. Election of officers, budget info, more! Please attend this important meeting. Time & place will be sent to you via email when arranged.

4-18 Pool opens (estimated, full notice via email)

4/23-26 Vidalia Onion Festival: Celebrate the onion!

4-30 Last day to pay your BSHC dues without penalty.

BSHC Contacts email: buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com
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 Apr. issue.