

# *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 – Happy Spring to all! We just held our Annual Homeowner's Meeting, and although sparsely attended we were able to cover a full agenda. There were no officer elections this year because last year we changed to staggered 2-3 year positions and no terms had expired, however we do have an Officer slot open due to Barb Clark moving away. We thank Barb, and Bob, for their many HOC contributions, you will be missed. If anyone is interested in filling this slot, please see me.

To streamline your requests for Design Review and/or general neighborhood issues (and to lighten my load a bit), we have divided the neighborhood representation by where we live: Paul Mazer and I will handle Tranquilla Hall & Keller Crossing; Phil Gore will do Hampton. Your general HOC issues or requests for construction approval should still be directed to our HOC email [www.buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:www.buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com) and they will be sent to the right person.

Please read this newsletter to the end, as you'll find peppered throughout the items we discussed at the Annual Meeting, including 2016 projects planned. I have financial sheets available to anyone who missed the meeting, just let me know.

Many thanks to Jim Ramhoff for coordinating the Spring Community Yard Sale. It was a great success and another is planned for the fall. Stay tuned.

Don't forget our Annual Pool Opening party on Sunday 4/24 1-5pm, complete with giant inflatable water slides, hotdogs and snacks.

It is my pleasure to continue to serve as your HOC President,  
*Keith Spitznogle, BSHC President*

## *News from the Committees*

**Recreational Amenities** – In our playground, swings will be replaced and new mulch put down. The ballfield restoration work continues and we're grateful for the volunteers spearheading these efforts. There have been requests to heighten the tennis court fence on that low side and we are pursuing solutions.

We mentioned in last quarterly's newsletter that we were pleased to see that our new basketball court was seeing some regular play with good stewardship going on by participants. Well, we spoke too soon unfortunately, because major vandalism occurred shortly after that. An entire metal bolted post and backboard/hoop was uprooted and knocked over. It's been repaired, rebolted and cemented back in place. Our budget does not include repeated repairs to any recreational amenity and if it happens again we may be forced to lock out future play. We are still pursuing the guilty parties for full restitution and meanwhile one of

the security cameras is being repositioned for full coverage of this new amenity.

*An important reminder that all recreation amenities including pool, parking lots, playgrounds & athletic areas close at 9:30pm. Fence jumping, loitering, or other illegal activities on our properties, including our parking lots, will not be tolerated, with trespassers prosecuted. In every case, we review our video surveillance tapes and pursue.*

The BSHC **Garden Club** welcomes members to continue to spruce up our common areas with plantings, such as seen in the Pool lot & other islands. To join in the fun, contact [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com).

The **Pool Committee** reports that the pool will be open for the season on Saturday 4/23 with a Pool Opening Party on Sunday, April 24, 1-5pm. There will be inflatable water slides, hotdogs on the grill, and a chance to meet your neighbors. Please come.

All pool umbrellas have been replaced, and some new furniture is being phased in.

Pool Team members are needed for the upcoming season. We have found these volunteer pool-users to be a great asset to maintaining a happy open experience to all. No direct intervention is needed of Pool Team members; there is always a HOC Officer, or 911, to call for any extreme situations. Luckily these are few and far between. Just having pool monitors present helps diffuse or clarify pool use issues. Frequent pool users are good for this Pool Team but any interested members are welcome. Pool Team members get an easily identifiable beach bag for use.

For those wishing to reserve the pool kitchen, it is available on a first come, first serve basis. Just give me enough notice to ensure you have access to the kitchen and make sure everything is in order. Please note that we cannot exclude folks from the pool during parties and events. We have an open access policy.

In late April, you'll receive your pool gate code via email and a changing code will be sent monthly. A reminder that new residents must have signed pool forms on file with the HOA President in order to get these monthly pool access codes. You only have to submit your form once when you move here, unless the forms change. Contact [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com) if you've been missed. A reminder that gate codes shouldn't be given out to anyone outside your household, even a neighbor. Have them contact the HOA direct. Enjoy, *Alec Breen, Pool Committee Chair*

The **Social Committee** thanks everyone who helped with this year's Fall Festival. We are limited on volunteer help & participation for our events so will now produce one major yearly event: Please come to our Pool Opening Party on Sunday, April 24, 1-5pm, poolside. We'll be having a hotdog cookout, inflatable

water slides, and more. It's a great chance to meet your neighbors. Questions: [kdannett@gmail.com](mailto:kdannett@gmail.com) (912)596-5636. See you there!

*Karen Dannett, Social Committee Chair*

The **Welcome Committee** delivered 9 Welcome Packets to new residents this past quarter, providing a helpful start to living at Buckhead South. We rely on a haphazard network of newspaper property transfers, lawyer/bank closings or realtors to learn of new residents and don't always hear in a timely way, especially with home rentals. We apologize if you've been missed. Please let us know and we'll hop on it. The Welcome Committee also does this BSHC Quarterly Newsletter, contact [shea29v@comcast.net](mailto:shea29v@comcast.net) with your input, & Happy Spring, *Sue Shea, Welcome Committee Chair*

## **Welcome Our Neighbors** ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

*A heartfelt welcome to our newest BSHC neighbors:*

**Jamie & Anthony Sardinias** of 47 William Hall Way joined us in November. A belated welcome to you!

**Joyce & Jim Pieters** of 144 Victors Ct moved here in March from Bennett, CO. Welcome!

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

**Anne & Robert Crowther** of 351 Beauly Drive joined us in March. Welcome!

**Lisa & Nathan Westerling** of 510 Lou Page Lane joined us in February. Welcome!

**Stacey & Andrew Sloth** of 511 Lou Page Lane also joined us in February. We're glad you're here!

**Melissa & Chris Murray**, of 50 MacBeth Ct N moved here from St. Simons Island in March. Welcome!

**Kristin & Clancy Mathews** of 645 Bothwell Dr just arrived in April and we welcome you.

**Christopher Clair & family** of 49 Still Meadows Bend just arrived in April. 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](mailto:shea29v@comcast.net)*

## **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](mailto: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!*

Our year-long efforts to get all our fences back in compliance is nearly done and it's time to move into our new project: "Street View Home & Yard Appearance." Nothing keeps up our quality of life, and good investment in our homes, better than staying on top of yard appearance. Most homeowners are well within

these tolerable limits, and for the few of you that will be getting notices shortly, please do not take offense. We can offer you advice on maintaining shrubbery, moss-free exteriors, and lawn maintenance. We find that getting ahead of these issues helps cut down on neighbor complaints and we all want our beautiful neighborhoods to remain as lovely as they are.

Congratulations to Bernetts & Edward Wills of 157St. Martin's Circle who were awarded the Richmond Hill Garden Club's "Yard of the Month" for their impressive landscaping efforts.

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](http://www.buckheadsouth.com) to see the Architectural Review Guidelines and download the forms. Questions? Contact any Officer *before you start*.

## **Safety & Security at Home**

Vandalism of our common areas affects everyone. From basketball court vandalism, to illegal driving on ballfields, to fence jumping at the pool, all these recent damages come out of our (your) limited HOA cash. A moment of bad judgment can have a long and costly aftermath. We pursue these crimes through the use of our surveillance cameras and the help of our neighbors. Please call 911 whenever you suspect that damage is being done. These costly repairs come out of all our pockets and BSHC fights for full restitution.

Working street lights are always a priority for helping to keep our neighborhoods safe. If you notice a street light near you is not working, report it directly to Coastal EMC and they will respond with a crew to fix it immediately. BSHC pays the monthly light cost, but anyone can report a light out, it doesn't have to go thru the HOC. They can be reached at 800-421-2343.

## **Other news** Send news to [shea29v@comcast.net](mailto:shea29v@comcast.net)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** and always welcome for the various BSHC committees or for just a small specific seasonal project. We know we have are 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](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com)

**WANTED:** New BSHC Pinochle Card Club members, from 1<sup>st</sup> time players who want to learn this great game, to seasoned players. Next date Tuesday April 19, 7pm, 50 Victors Ct. Contact John Leonti 973-626-0423 or [johnleonti@aol.com](mailto:johnleonti@aol.com).

**WANTED:** Bunco players for a new group being formed. Contact Kim Ramhoff at [kar27703@gmail.com](mailto:kar27703@gmail.com). It's a fun socializing night!

**WANTED:** for So. Bryan Cty Animal Shelter, Rt. 144 Spur - your extra pet (cat/dog) supplies: wet/dry food, bowls, leashes, toys, bedding & towels for an ongoing collection drive. Drop off any time at 29 Victors Ct front porch or use the Animal Shelter's new 24/7 drop bin on their property. We just delivered some bags of dog & cat food, bedding, warm items, toys, & a carrier. Thanks!

## Calendar

Got something for the calendar? [shea29v@comcast.net](mailto: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:** Mar-Nov, Tuesdays 2-7pm: RH Farmers Market at JFG Park. Local produce, food, crafts, more!

**THURS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs, monthly Richmond Hill History Museum local history series, 7pm, free (912)756-3697

**FRI:** May-Sep, Friday on the Train, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, monthly at Richmond Hill Station Exchange, across from JFG Park. Free music & more. Bring lawn chairs.

**SAT:** Mar-Oct, 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. monthly, 9-11am. Cars & Coffee at the RH History Museum. Share your cool car 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\*\*\*\*\*

**4-2** Civil War Trust Volunteer Day at Ft. McAllister, 9-4. Come help clean & beautify the fort. Volunteers get free entrance & lunch. (912)727-2339

**4-12** Buckhead South Homeowner's Club Annual Mtg. All residents wanted to elect officers, consider budget, more. 7pm, New Beginnings Church, 75 Crosswinds Dr.

**4/21-24** Vidalia Onion Festival: Celebrate the onion!

**4-24** Buckhead South Pool Opening Party, Poolhouse, 1-5pm. Annual Pool Opening celebration with a hotdog cookout, fun for the kids including inflatable water slides, and a "meet your neighbors" for all. Join in!

**4-26** 1<sup>st</sup> day of Passover

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

**5-5** Cinco de Mayo

**5-8** Mother's Day

**5-21** Armed Forces Day

**5-28** Memorial Day at Ft McAllister, 9-4pm. Family fun, demonstrations. Entrance fee or discount Park Pass (912)727-2339

**5-30** Memorial Day, JF Gregory Park

**6-4** Children's Fishing Derby, JFG Park, 7:30am registration, derby ends at noon. Free lunch to participants. 5 limit catch. 912-312-1210

**6-7** Ramadan at sundown, ends 7-7 (Eid-al- Fitr)

**6-14** Flag Day

**6-19** Father's Day

### \*\*\*\*\*A SNEAK PEAK AT NEXT QUARTER\*\*\*\*\*

**7-3** 4<sup>th</sup> of July at JFG Park, 5-9pm, food, games & music; evening fireworks

**7-4** Independence Day at Ft. McAlister, 9-4. Games, Living History, fun, games & food. Entrance fee or discount Park Pass.

**7-4** River St 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Savannah 4-10pm

### **BSHC Contacts**

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**President:** Keith Spitznogle. **VP:** Phil Gore, Paul Mazer.

**Treasurer:** Karen Krupp. **Secretary:** Cyndi Castle. **Cmte**

**Chairs: Pool:** Alec Breen. **Social:** Karen Dannett.

**Welcome & Newsletter:** Sue Shea.

*GOT NEWS? Next newsletter deadline is 6-16-15 for the July issue.*