

The Buckhead South Homeowner's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Neighbors – Summer time means summer fun, and Buckhead South is well poised to offer lots of things to do. Our recreational amenities offer fun times at the pool, tennis & basketball courts, playground and ballfields. And our lovely neighborhoods are a pleasure to walk or jog. It's heartening to see so many of our residents enjoying these things.

We had a fabulous day on April 24 for our first ever Pool Opening Party. We had a great crowd, a fun cookout and the inflatable waterslides in two sizes were a big hit. A huge thanks to our volunteers who came out to help, coordinated by Karen Dannett, Social Committee Chairperson. To make best use of our limited volunteers and budget, we decided to hold one big annual event rather than a few little seasonal ones, and we were well rewarded. Both the bigger diversions offered, and the great turnout, proved we're on the right track. If you missed it, consider coming to next spring's POP, you won't be disappointed.

The 2016 pool season is in full swing. Please take a moment to read this full newsletter. It has a lot of helpful information, and also highlights some general issues we've been having, and how we aim to resolve them. Your assistance is always welcome.

Happy Summer, *Keith Spitznogle, BSHC President*

News from the Committees

Recreational Amenities – The Pool Committee reports that more tables and chairs have been added, and loungers replaced with a more durable model. Reservations for the kitchen have increased with a half dozen reservations so far this season and at least 3 more scheduled. The kitchen reservation form can be found at www.buckheadsouth.com under the "amenities" tab. Reservations are on a first come/first served basis at no charge, we merely ask that you please give us at least 2 weeks' notice to respond and leave the kitchen in as orderly and clean state as you found it. Reserving the kitchen does not reserve the entire pool for private use; it merely gives you access to a food preparation area. Those using any of our amenities should bus their trash to the provided bins. We have no paid staff to clean up after you, and our few volunteers are best used in other ways.

We're happy to see the basketball and tennis courts getting plenty of ball play. However, these special surfaces are not designed for the wear & tear of skateboards, bikes, or roller blading. Please inform your household, to avoid costly repair bills.

There has been some confusion regarding some of our pool rules, which must follow state and GA-HOA guidelines: No children under age 13 are permitted to

use the BSHC pool unless accompanied by "adult supervision." Adult is classified by Bryan County and GA state law as a person age 18 and over. Our BSHC Insurance Liability policy requires that we abide by both state AND local laws, and these laws do not recognize a babysitter under age 18, regardless of training, as being "adult supervision." **There is no lifeguard on duty and each BSHC resident must supervise and be responsible for the behavior of their children of all ages.**

A reminder also that no smoking or glass is permitted within the gated pool area, and offenders can be asked to leave. That goes for foul language as well, as these are family facilities. It is unfortunate that any of these basic civil behavior codes are necessary to state here, but a very small few have caused problems for all. There is video surveillance at all our amenities to aid us in managing this. An individual (or guest) who fails to follow the rules as posted can not only be ejected, but the entire BSHC household can lose pool/amenity privileges for the season. It is such a burden for your neighbor-volunteers to have to manage others' behavior; please support our goal of "family fun."

Please remember 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, are not tolerated, with trespassers prosecuted. In every case, we review our video surveillance tapes and pursue.

By now you should be receiving your pool gate security code via email, and a changing code is sent monthly. 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 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 **Welcome Committee** delivered 5 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 with your input, & Happy Summer,

Sue Shea, Welcome Committee Chair

Welcome Our Neighbors ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

A heartfelt welcome to our newest BSHC neighbors:

Kristina & Chris St. Clair & children **Jayla (7)** and **Jayanna [Anna]** (3) of 49 Still Meadows Bend arrived in April from Savannah. Welcome!

Carly Michael & Rick Kivett of 453 Lou Page Ln arrived in February. A warm belated welcome to you!

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

Lindsey Pfannerstill & family of 411 St. Martin's Circle joined us in April. Welcome!

Paige & Jeremy Nobles of 529 Lou Page Ln also moved here in April and we're glad you're here!

Kristi & Paul Decker and son **Jacob** of 492 Victors Ct arrived in May. 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

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!

Don't our neighborhoods look great? Everything is in full bloom, and green everywhere. It's such a pleasure to walk or ride around and see such lovely landscaped homes. Regular watering should keep this going well into fall.

We continue to struggle with our planted islands, some are doing better than others, and we're on it. Stay tuned.

Now it might surprise you that we have to even mention it, never mind deal with continual complaints, but we will remind everyone here: **PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET.** In this civilized day and age, it's a given that when you walk your dogs, you bring scooper bags along with you, so why are some not doing it? No cats or dogs are allowed to roam free onto others' properties either. Please be a good neighbor and manage your pets so we don't have to get involved with associated fines. This is such a pain.

Our previous efforts to get all our residents' fences back in compliance is nearly done and now we've moved into the next phase: "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. If you are one of the very few that have received infraction notices recently, 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.

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 see the Architectural Review Guidelines and download the forms. Questions? Contact an Officer *before you start*.

Safety & Security at Home

There's been some recent car break-ins at Buckhead South, a rarity for us. They are going after open cars with coins, electronics and other loose items in full view. And if your unlocked car has a garage door opener inside, they now have full access to your house. It's always a good idea to lock your car in your driveway, and if you see any suspicious lingering individuals either on foot or by car, please call 911 to bring out the Bryan County Sheriff's department.

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. Coastal EMC: 800-421-2343.

Other news Send news to: 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 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: The new BSHC Pinochle Card Club is up and running! Meets one Thursday a month, 7PM at John Leonti's, 50 Victors Ct. New members always welcome, from 1st time players who want to learn this great game, to seasoned players. Contact John Leonti 973-626-0423 or johnleonti@aol.com.

WANTED: Bunco players for a new group being formed. Contact Kim Ramhoff at 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, 2 Dog Lane (road after dump). This past quarter we delivered dog & cat food and bedding. Thanks!

WANTED: list your BSHC groups here if you're needing to add members - whether it's a toddler playgroup, card group, book club, or special interest (astronomy, boating, golf...). New residents will especially benefit from the invitations and some longer-term residents who have been too busy to meet their neighbors will benefit too. Contact shea29v@comcast.net to list here.

Calendar shea29v@comcast.net if you've got something for the calendar. While we love to print community events, this is not an endorsement by BSHC, and times/dates may change. Call ahead.

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

TUES: Mar – Oct, every Tuesday 2-7pm: 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*******

7-2 Cars & Coffee at Richmond Hill History Museum, 9-11am. Monthly showcase of unique & antique cars .Free & your coffee purchase helps museum.

7-2 4th of July at JFG Park, 5-9pm, food, games & music; evening fireworks

7-2 Independence Day at Ft. McAllister, 9-4. Games, living history, fun & food. \$8 adult/\$5 youth, free<age 6.

7-4 River St 4th of July Celebration, Savannah 4-10pm

7-6 Eid Al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)

7-29 RHHS Band Pool Party to be held at BSHC pool 12-4.

8-4 National Night Out, JFG Park, 6-9pm. Family fun!

8-8 First Day of School

8-24 Ganesh Hindu holiday

9-5 Labor Day

9-5 Ft. McAllister Labor Day Fun, 9-4. Entrance fee or discount park pass.

9/20-26 Savannah Jazz Festival 5-10pm savannahjazzfestival.org

9-24 Youth State Parks Day, Ft. McAllister, 9-4. Cleanup Day, free entrance & t-shirt

9/24-25 Effingham Oktoberfest, Noon-11pm on 9/24 9-11pm on 9/25, 6755 Prosperity Dr., Rincon

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

October: Every Fri & Sat, 7:30 pm. Live performance at Davenport House Museum, Savannah. (new show to be announced). Reservations. Features Tranquilla Hall's own John Leonti!

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

10-2 Picnic in the Park, Forsyth Park, Savannah, 5:30-8:30 pm. Food, music, competitive tables

10/7-9 Oktoberfest, Savannah Riverfront 4-10pm. Bratwurst, Weiner dog racing, Oompah dancing, music

10/7-9 Annual Tybee Island Pirates Fest

10-8 Candle Lantern Tour, Ft. McAllister State Park, 7-9 pm. Experience the fort at night guided by candlelight. Re-enactment of how confederate soldiers performed their duties & spent their evenings by the campfire. Entrance fee or discount park pass.

10-10 Columbus Day

10/14-16 The Great Ogeechee Seafood Fest @ JFG Park, (F)5-11pm; (S)10-11pm; (Su)11-5pm. RHBC Chamber of Commerce (912)756-3444

10/22-23 Coastal GA Botanical (Bamboo Gardens) Gardenfest, 12-4; 9-4. Rt 17. Fun seasonal events, plants & crafts sale, sugarcane syrup making, tractor tram rides, 9-4, \$5 per vehicle or \$3 per person walk-in.

10-23 Shalom Y'All Jewish Food Fest, Forsyth Park, Savannah, all day

10-25 Last day for RH 2016 Farmers Market, 2-7pm. Back next April (but many of the same vendors will be at the Holiday Market on 12/10).

10-30 Diwali Hindu holiday

10-31 BSHC Halloween Night Trick or Treating, goblins abound, especially 6-8pm! Please turn on your front porch lights if you are participating.

Please feel free to direct your comments or questions regarding the BSHC Newsletter to Buckhead Officers. If you would like to submit an article or calendar date for addition to our next Newsletter, please submit your consideration to buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com We hope you enjoy this Newsletter. If for any reason you do not want to receive our BSHC Newsletter, please advise and we will drop your name from our circulation. Thank you.

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GOT NEWS? Next newsletter deadline is 9-16-15 for the Oct issue.