

# *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 – *This quarterly newsletter was about to go to press in early October, and then Hurricane Matthew hit. We cancelled that issue and replaced it with this special Hurricane Update issue.*

We are truly thankful that all our residents came through Hurricane Matthew with health intact, and only minor damage to houses. Many of our trees, however, took a more serious hit, with some backyards losing many long-standing woods. Everyone's cleanup continues but thankfully the worst is behind us.

Never was our great Buckhead South "neighbors helping neighbors" attitude more apparent than during Hurricane Matthew. When daybreak came those that remained here were out assessing damage, offering chainsaw help to remove trees from roads and off houses, and communicating with evacuees. Those with generators were offering driveway coffee, charging stations, and freezer space. With electrical power, internet, cable TV and phones down for most, those that stayed acted as a vital link to those that evacuated via cellphone or using the personally managed Facebook site Tranquilla Hall. Contact [shea29v@comcast.net](mailto:shea29v@comcast.net) if you wish to be added. For many days following the hurricane, our volunteers helped those unable to get tree debris cleanup started. A special nod of thanks for everyone that stepped up.

Here's an update on where we stand now. Please take the time to completely read this newsletter for all the great info included here for you:

**Tree debris:** The county did two passes on picking up roadside tree debris and that has now stopped. If you are driving by the landfill on Rt 144 Spur, take a look at the mountain of tree debris that will be mulched, and that is only one staging area. Getting all this to the road and then picked up was an enormous task for all.

**Burning:** Due to the extreme lack of rain post-hurricane (and before), as of now outdoor burn permits are not being issued by the Fire Department. Using backyard fire pits and chimneas are not subject to this restriction, but please be very careful. Have buckets of water and/or a running garden hose nearby and continually wet down lawns and trees nearby. A number of residents have mentioned they have accumulated logs if anyone needs free logs for a camping trip, etc. We're keeping an informal list, if you wish to add your name for logs available or wanted.

**Trash pickup:** Regular trash pickup of household trash and recycling was delayed for quite a while but should be back on its regular schedule now. Tree debris and

brush is not acceptable for pickup in the household bins, and neither is any trash piled outside the bins.

**Water drainage:** We were pleased to see that for the most part HOA drainage, both at our ponds/waterways and drain basins, kept pace with the immense 11 inches of rain that came down in such a short time during the hurricane. Please make sure the drains in front of your houses are not clogged with debris, so that overflow water can go where it needs to go (off your property). Make sure your side swales that guide the water out are also unimpeded. It goes without saying (but we'll say it anyway...) that you should never discard lawn or leaf clippings into the roadway, where it will prevent water from running to the drains. Please make sure you sweep near the curbing regularly so water runoff works as planned. As part of normal HOA maintenance, we will be looking at all the HOA bodies of water to be sure drainage continues to be up to par.

**Welding:** For those that suffered metal damage to mailboxes, fence gates etc., we have had good luck with Richmond Hill Welding (Louis Arnsdorff) at (912)272-2418 or cell (912)667-7412.

**Local parks access:** JF Gregory Park took a serious hit for tree damage and unfortunately had to cancel until next year the Great Ogeechee Seafood Festival, the Matthew Freeman Run and several other events. Some of the park is now open but several running trails are not. Fort McAllister reopened Veteran's Day weekend for camping and the fort, but some of the trails and the fishing pier are still not accessible.

**Sod replacement on several of the HOA cul-de-sac islands:** This had been in the works for some time, interrupted by the hurricane. We are back on track now and special thanks to the small "Senior Crew" of residents who got much of this work done, including relocating shrubs and laying down new sod.

We can be thankful that our neighborhoods are returning to their beautiful state, and now the county has new actual data to work with regarding flooding and flood surge predictions. Hopefully we will never have to experience such a close brush with a hurricane again, but we at Buckhead South, and the county as a whole, learned a lot for future weather events.

We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and terrific holidays to come.

Comments? Questions? You can always reach me at [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com).

Best wishes, *Keith Spitznogle, BSHC President*

## *News from the Committees*

**Recreational Amenities – The Pool Committee** had another successful pool season. The pool is now closed and all water shut off to prevent pipe damage. Hurricane damage was minimal with a few branches being cleared. This damage was mitigated because volunteers helped store the pool furniture just prior to Hurricane Hermine so when Matthew hit, we were secure. Thanks to the volunteers that pitched in.

Just a reminder that the kitchen can be reserved during the open pool season for private parties, on a first come/first served basis. To avoid disappointment, get your reservations in to the Pool Committee as soon as you know your needs. The reservation form is on [www.buckheadsouth.com](http://www.buckheadsouth.com) under “amenities.”

The basketball and tennis courts continue to get 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.

*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. We review our video surveillance tapes and pursue.*

Enjoy Fall, Alec Breen, Pool Committee Chair

The **Welcome Committee** delivered 8 Welcome Packets to new residents this past quarter, providing a helpful start to living at Buckhead South. We rely on a haphazard notice 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 contact us. The Welcome Committee also does this BSHC Quarterly Newsletter; contact [shea29v@comcast.net](mailto:shea29v@comcast.net) with your input.

Happy Fall, Sue Shea, Welcome Committee Chair

## *Welcome Our Neighbors* ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

*A heartfelt welcome to our newest BSHC neighbors:*

**Courtney & Timmy Kane** & children **Bryson** (5) and **Alana** (10 months) of 96 William Hall Way arrived in June. Welcome!

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

**Amy & Phillip Scroggin** of 455 Beaulieu Drive are recent arrivals. Welcome!

**Amanda & Aaron Heath** of 464 Beaulieu Drive moved here in July and we're glad you're here!

**Paul Cassidy** and family of 521 Bothwell Drive just moved here in September. Welcome!

**William Schmidt** and family of 473 Lou Page Ln moved here in November. We're glad you chose Buckhead South!

**Melanie Barnes & Anthony Bagwell** of 18 MacBeth Ct. N just moved here in September also. We're glad you chose Buckhead South!

**Graham Taylor** of 39 MacBeth Ct arrived in July. Welcome!

**Kayla & Justin Klotz** of 33 Moreton Dr S moved here in September. Welcome to Buckhead South!

*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!*

If you are still experiencing difficulty finding contractors to fell trees, remove rootballs, or repair fences or roofs, let us know and we'll share some names that have worked on properties here.

Cul-de-sac renewal work was done recently and we're hopeful that with careful watering we'll see our work flourishing. Again, thank you to the small band of volunteers who repeatedly come out to help.

A reminder that 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 an Officer *before you start*.

## *Safety & Security at Home*

The Bryan County Sheriff's Department would like to remind all our residents that it's an unfortunate fact that whenever a natural disaster occurs, fly-by-night operators flock to damaged areas. There have been instances in the county of shoddy workmanship, exorbitant quotes, and unqualified/unlicensed repair people. Beware.

**On another, very important note, a reminder that driving of golf carts is subject to county and state rules. That includes requirements that the operator be the legal age of 16 or above. Owners of these vehicles are responsible for the actions of the operator and all their guest-passengers, and are required to know the rules. Recently we saw a serious roll-over of a golf cart at Buckhead South, and all 3 children were under the age of 16, including the operator. There were serious injuries, and we send these young people our kindest wishes that they recover soon.**

**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 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:** The new BSHC Pinochle Card Club is up and running! Can meet afternoon or evening, let's discuss! Meets at John Leonti's, 50 Victors Ct. New members always welcome, from 1<sup>st</sup> time players who want to learn this great game, to seasoned players. Contact John Leonti 973-626-0423 or [johnleonti@aol.com](mailto:johnleonti@aol.com).

**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 or 406 Victors Ct front porch or use the Animal Shelter's new 24/7 drop bin on their property, 250 Dog Lane (road after dump). This past quarter we delivered much needed dog & cat food and bedding. The cans of wet food were especially welcomed for those dogs and cats that have appetite issues due to poor health, bad teeth, or just depressed to be separated from their homes. A special thanks for the donation of a **huge** bag of dog & cat toys. These help enrich lives and combat boredom of these caged animals. With winter just around the corner, any blankets you no longer need would be so helpful to provide a buffer between the cold concrete and their bodies. Any size blanket is fine; the larger ones can always be cut to size. Thank you for your kindness!

**WANTED:** List your BSHC groups here if you're looking 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](mailto:shea29v@comcast.net) to list here.

**Calendar** [shea29v@comcast.net](mailto: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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of every month, RH Historical Soc. local history series, 7pm, free (912)756-3697

**FRI:** May – Sep. Friday on the Train, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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**\*\*\*\*\*

**11-24** Thanksgiving

**11/25-12/24** December Nights & Holiday Lights at the Coastal GA Botanical Ctr (Bamboo Gardens), 6-9pm. Wed-Sun prior to 12/16 then nightly. Rt. 17. \$5 per person. A festive walking tour with over 150,000 colorful lights, music & sweet treats.

**12-2 Annual** Chili Cook-Off, 6:30 pm, JFG Park

**12/2-3** Christmas on the River, River Street Savannah, 4-10pm. Music/crafts, illuminated boat parade dusk Sat.

**12-3** RH Hometown Christmas Parade, 10AM

**12-3** Lighted boat parade & fireworks, Ft. McAllister Marina, 5:30 pm

**12-10** Richmond Hill Holiday Mkt, crafts, food, music and Santa at JFG Park, RH, 11-3

**12-10** Winter Muster Reenactment, Ft McAllister State Park, demonstrations 9-4, battle at 5pm. Normal park fee or discount Park Pass.

**12-21** First day of winter

**12-25** Christmas

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

**1-1** New Year's Day

**1-7** Bring One for The Chipper, JFG Park, 9am, free mulching of your Christmas tree.

**1-14** Annual Resolution Runz, JFG Park, RH 8am [www.georgiagamechangers.com](http://www.georgiagamechangers.com)

**1-18** Martin Luther King, Jr Day. Local events listings: [www.mlksavannah.com](http://www.mlksavannah.com)

*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](mailto: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 12-15-16 for the Jan. issue.