

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 –

The Annual Buckhead South Homeowner's Club Meeting was held on April 4 and current officers were elected to continue in their current roles. I am pleased to be your HOC President and we all thank you for your confidence.

This annual meeting discussed our finances, potential projects, and other general issues. We are so thankful for our members' participation in this meeting and many good ideas came out of it regarding recreational amenities, road situations, landscaping, lighting, and more. Thorough notes were taken and I'll issue a separate email about all this in the weeks ahead, but be assured it's given us a good framework for projects in the coming year.

Annual dues were payable by March 31 and any dues received after April 30th will incur late fees. This \$550 annual fee is a very good value and has not increased for several years. A reminder that no HOA Officer or Committee Chair is paid for their work. Our ongoing work at Buckhead South depends on timely receipt of everyone's dues, and your highly-desired volunteer participation throughout the year. Please join in.

The pool opening of April 15 is timed for Easter weekend and spring break. All residents with paid-up dues will receive the pool gate code monthly, via email. If you don't receive yours by 4-15, please contact buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com to make sure we have your correct current email.

Don't forget our Annual Pool Party is set for Sunday April 30, from 1-4. If last year's event and attendance is any indication, this 2nd annual event will be a great day for all. There will be giant water slides, hotdogs, cotton candy, and more! Bring your chairs or settle in by the pool. We also would love to have a new Social Events Coordinator, as we are currently without one and random volunteers are stepping in to do this event. Please let me know if you're interested in this role and rest assured you would not be doing this alone – we can give you lots of guidance and history to help.

We held a neighborhood yard sale for Tranquilla/Keller Crossing (Hampton should join in when Buckhead does theirs because they share a common entrance for signage) on March 4th and over 20 homes participated. It generated a lot of interest and some serious garage cleaning got done. Anyone who wants to run another one can borrow the entrance banners from the HOC.

Comments? Questions? You can always reach me at buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com.

Best wishes, Keith Spitznogle, BSHC President

News from the Committees

Recreational Amenities – The Pool Committee is gearing up for another great season, with a season opening of April 15. On April 30 the HOC will have our Annual Pool Opening Party, 1-4pm. Join in the fun!

We are looking for new Pool Team members for the season. These folks keep an eye on things at the pool, and can answer your questions there. You can recognize them for their blue Pool Team bags they carry. If you'd like to help we welcome you: buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com.

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 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. Our lights there are on a set schedule and any attempts to manually adjust them can result in a trespass notice being issued.

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.

Happy spring, Alec Breen, Pool Committee Chair

The **Welcome Committee** delivers Welcome Packets to new residents, providing a helpful start to living at Buckhead South. This quarter we delivered 6 Welcome Packets to new residents. We rely on notices 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 with input. Welcome Spring, Sue Shea, Welcome Committee Chair

Welcome Our Neighbors ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥
A heartfelt welcome to our newest BSHC neighbors:

Aron & Jessika Hasselbauer of 405 Lou Page Ln will be joining us shortly. Welcome to Buckhead South!

Sherry & Douglas Piper of 659 Lou Page Ln arrived in March. Welcome!

Rebecca & Scott Patrick Hager and son **Patrick** (7) of 19 MacBeth Court moved here in February and we're glad you're here!

Brian Barton of 52 Moreton Dr S. arrived in March. Welcome!

John Riggan of 48 Still Meadows Bend arrived recently and was welcomed by us in March. We're glad you chose Buckhead South!

Samantha & Eric Sharpe Pisano and children **Sonya** (17), **Lucas** (6) and **Wes** (2) of 444 Victors Ct will arrive shortly from the Island of Oahu, HI and we welcome you all 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

Keep Buckhead South Beautiful

Spring is a great time to de-algae your house, fences and driveways/walkways. There are many local firms to do this, or try pressure washing yourself with mild detergent. These efforts not only keep our properties looking stellar, but also protect your home investment from permanent damage. We recently published a list of local pressure-washing firms and although this is not an endorsement by BSHC, they have received good reviews from homeowners and may prove helpful to you. Contact buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com if you need this list emailed again.

Covenants Enforcement Committee members do monthly ride-arounds to gauge the general appearance of our neighborhoods and note which residences might need some referral assistance. If you receive one of these notices, please receive it in the helpful manner in which it was intended. To protect our home investment, all our properties depend on the cooperation and adherence of our neighbors to the covenants they bought into when buying or renting here.

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

Safety & Security at Home

Although our neighborhoods generate very little crime, we are not immune to it. For example, recently one of our residents saw some possibly suspicious activity and shared it on the Tranquilla Hall privately run Facebook site. To add to this, please note that the non-emergency number to the Bryan County Sheriff's Office is (912) 653-3800 and is a good number to keep on hand to report or discuss neighborhood safety concerns. *As always, in an emergency, dial 911.* It's helpful to the Sheriff's deputies if you note the vehicle model and tag number and call in a timely way. Your vehicles in your driveways should be locked, especially if you have electronics or other loose items in full view. And if your unlocked car has a garage door remote, you have now

provided access to your house. "Lock it and pocket the key" is a good policy to use.

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 BSHC Pinochle Card Club meets at John Leonti's, 50 Victors Ct. Can meet afternoon or evening and new members are 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: for So. Bryan Cty Animal Shelter - your extra pet (cat/dog) supplies: wet/dry food, bowls, leashes, toys, bedding & towels for an ongoing collection drive. Drop off any time on Victor's Ct (#29 or #406) front porch or use the Animal Shelter's new 24/7 drop bin on their property, 250 Dog Lane (Rt 144 Spur, 2nd dirt road after dump). 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 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: Apr – Oct, every Tuesday 2-6pm: 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.

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.

4-4 BSHC Annual Meeting, New Beginnings Church 75 Crosswinds Dr., 7pm. Election of Officers, budget info & more! Please attend.

4-11 1st day of Passover

4/14-15 Annual Plant Sale at Coastal Georgia Botanical Center (Bamboo Gardens). 10-4pm. (912)921-5460 www.coastalgeorgiabg.org

4-15 BSHC Pool Season opens.

4-16 Easter Sunday

4-29 Kids Fishing Rodeo, JF Gregory Park 7:30-11AM, lunch 11:30. Sponsored by the City of Richmond Hill and Ft. McAllister Sport Fishing Club. Limit 5 fish. Bait & prizes provided. (912) 312-1210

4-30 BSHC Annual Pool Party, 1-4pm. Water slides, food, more!

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

5-5 Cinco de Mayo

5-14 Mother's Day

5-20 Armed Forces Day

5-26 Ramadan at sundown, ends 6-25 (Eid-al- Fitr)

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

5-29 Memorial Day, JFGregory Park

6-14 Flag Day

6-18 Father's Day

6-25 Eid Al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)

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

7-1 Cars & Coffee at Richmond Hill History Museum, Ford Ave, 9-11am. A monthly event showcasing unique, rare & antique cars. Free, coffee purchase helps museum.

7-1 4th of July at JFG Park, 5-9pm, food, games & music; evening fireworks

7-2 Independence Day at Ft. McAlister, 9-4. Games, Living History, fun, games & food. \$8 adult/\$5 youth, free under age 6.

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

10pm. Bratwurst, Weiner dog racing, Oompah dancing, music

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 6-15-17 for the July. issue.