

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 –

Summer is here, a time when our neighborhoods and recreational amenities are showcased to their best advantage. Please continue to be mindful of illegal parking on our streets or common areas, including the pool parking lot, and get those trailers and boats where they belong as quickly as possible.

The pool is open and seeing lots of family fun. It's unfortunate that we have to bring up once again problems we're having with resident trespassers after hours, and even unchaperoned non-residents using our facilities. The pool, sports areas, and parking lot are for our residents and their chaperoned guest use only and all of these areas close at 9:30PM. We no longer have the time or repeated efforts to give extra consideration to infractions done by our residents – from now the Bryan County Sheriff's Office will be called on all trespassers, period. We urge our residents to take a swing by after hours and if you see any activity after 9:30PM, call the BCSO right away. Use either 911 or their non-emergency number (912)653-3800. The pool address is 571 Lou Page Lane. Be safe -- do not confront these lawbreakers, just note car/tag info and take phone pics when possible to help the responding officers. Abutters who may hear these activities are especially encouraged to call it in. We all pay the cost of vandalism, drinking parties, bathroom toxic cleanup fees, and damaged playground & sports equipment. Our surveillance system is helping us to identify some of the culprits and **WE WILL PROSECUTE AND DEMAND RESTITUTION.** We ask in particular that parents and guardians talk to their children about this and make sure underage children are fully aware of the consequences to their entire family's HOC privileges as well as the court actions that can carry forward in their lives for a long time.

We had a spectacular Annual Spring Pool Opening Party on April 30, complete with food, treats, water slides and more. Turnout was great as usual and if you haven't attended one, consider coming next year. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this happen.

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 reports that the pool opened for the season with great fanfare with our 2nd Annual Pool Party. There were water slides, food, and a great turnout.

We must stress that the pool, all recreational amenities, and the parking lot **CLOSE AT 9:30PM.** Recent trespassing and vandalism at the pool and parking area is disheartening. Our video camera system is helping us to identify the culprits. We are no longer trying to work with our residents/guests individually on this and now move right to prosecution.

We welcome additional 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. Contact buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com to help.

A reminder that the kitchen can be reserved during the open pool season for private parties on a first come/first served basis and we schedule only one event per day. To avoid disappointment, get your reservations in to the Pool Committee as soon as you know your needs. So far, we have had reservation requests for every weekend in June. The reservation form is on www.buckheadsouth.com under "amenities."

The pool trash bin pickup follows our same residential schedule so if you're one of the last ones at the pool on the night before, could you roll the barrels out to the pool house sidewalk? The same goes for bringing them back in the next day. It saves someone a trip if you're right there and can help. Thanks.

The basketball and tennis courts continue to get plenty of ballplay. However, these special surfaces are not designed for the wear & tear of skateboards, bikes, or roller blading. Please inform your household to avoid costly personal 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, is not tolerated and trespassers will be prosecuted. Our 24/7 video surveillance system is helping here.

Enjoy the summer, Alec Breen, Pool Committee Chair

The **Welcome Committee** delivers Welcome Packets to new residents, providing a helpful start to living at Buckhead South. The start of summer is always the busiest for PCS moves and transfers and this will continue until the start of the school year in August. This recent quarter we delivered over a dozen 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 & hello, Sue Shea, Welcome Cmte Chair

Welcome Our Neighbors ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

A heartfelt welcome to our newest BSHC neighbors:

Stephanie O'Donovan & family of 465 Beaully Dr. joined us in May. Welcome to Buckhead South!

Sarah & David Cordes & children **Declan** (16), **Amelia** (8) and **Austin** (3) of 521 Bothwell Dr arrived recently from Yulee FL. We welcome you to BSHC!

Colby Miller & family of 586 Bothwell Dr arrived this spring and we're glad you're here!

Nadia & Lance Martin & family of 67 Forest View West moved here in June and we welcome you!

Melissa & Nathan Elledge & sons **Hugh & Jonah** (14 mos.) of 331 Lou Page Ln arrived in June from San Antonio TX. Welcome!

Jessika & Aron Hasselbauer, and children **Jayla** (13) and **Tristin** (4) of 405 Lou Page Ln arrived from California in late May and have already made a big splash at Buckhead South. We're so happy you chose Buckhead South!

Shari & Michael Collins & family of 694 Lou Page Ln arrived in late April. Welcome!

Bryan Pitches & family of 50 MacBeth Ct N. arrived in April as well and we welcome you!

Alison & Brett Barnes of 43 Moreton just arrived from Statesboro GA and we're glad you chose Buckhead South!

Tina Nguyen & family of 69 St. Martin's Cir. arrived in April from California. We're glad you're here!

Samantha & Eric Sharpe Pisano and children **Sonya** (17), **Lucas** (6) and **Wes** (2) of 444 Victors Ct just arrived in June from Hawaii and we welcome you all to Buckhead South!

Nick Westbrook & family of 97 William Hall Way 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

A BSHC homeowner, whether living here or renting out their property, is responsible for their property upkeep and maintenance. Responsibility lies solely with the homeowner and if a home property is out of covenant compliance, the BSHC will not deal with the renter/lease/property management firm. The buck stops with the homeowner and BSHC will contact the property owner for immediate response regardless of where they are living. It is up to the homeowner to rectify, and in the case of rentals the property owner must decide if they will continue or terminate their rental agreement. 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, our properties depend on all HOC members for cooperation and adherence to the covenants they bought into when moving 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 possibly suspicious activity, please note that the non-emergency number to the Bryan County Sheriff's Office is (912) 653-3800. It's 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. Phone photos help if you can safely do so.

Vehicles in your driveway 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 the best policy.

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 welcome the invitations and some longer-term residents who have been too busy to meet their neighbors will benefit too. Contact the newsletter 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*******

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. McAllister, 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

8-25 Ganesh Hindu holiday

9-4 Labor Day

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

9/18-26 Savannah Jazz Festival 5-10pm
savannahjazzfestival.org

9-23 Youth State Parks Day, Ft. McAllister, 9-4. Cleanup Day, free entrance & t-shirt

9/22-23 Effingham Oktoberfest, Noon-11; 9-11, 6755 Prosperity Dr, Rincon

October -- Every Fri & Sat, 7:30 pm. Living history performance at Davenport House Museum, Savannah. Reservations. Features Tranquilla Hall's own John Leonti!

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

10-1 Picnic in the Park, Forsyth Park, Savannah, 5:30-8:30 pm. Food, music, competitive tables

10/6-8 Oktoberfest, Savannah Riverfront 4-10pm. Bratwurst, Weiner dog racing, Oompah dancing, music

10/6-8 Annual Tybee Island Pirates Fest

10-7 Pumpkin Patch Kids Fest, 9-1, JFG Park, RH

10-7 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.

10-9 Columbus Day

10-10 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 12/9).

10-19 Diwali Hindu holiday

10/20-22 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 Shalom Y'All Jewish Food Fest, Forsyth Park, Savannah

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 9-15-17 for the Oct. issue.