

The Buckhead South Homeowner's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Neighbors –

I hope 2018 is off to a good start for everyone. There's much coming up at Buckhead South and you'll want to mark your calendars:

March 1 -- Annual dues notices will be mailed by this date and will include new pool signup forms for you to sign and return. This is a legal requirement and will ensure that you are listed accurately on the 2018 Monthly Pool Gate Code email list.

March 31 – Last day to submit your annual BSHC dues without penalty fees.

April 7 -- A BSHC Community Yard Sale is being held on the same day as other Buckhead neighborhood yard sales, to maximize interest and make it easy for Hampton to join in, 8-2pm. Our last sale had 27+ houses participating and resulted in a lively day. Contact Sue Shea at shea29v@comcast.net to get on the list that will be handed out by our participants.

April 10 – Annual Buckhead South Homeowner's Club Meeting, 7pm, New Beginnings Church, at the North Buckhead entrance. Please attend to hear in person plans, budgets & election of officers.

April 14 – The pool is planned to open by this date pending normal county inspections. Look for the email.

April 29 – Annual Pool Party, Sunday 1-4. If last year's event and attendance is any indication, this 3rd annual social event will be a great day for all. Mark your calendars, and if you'd like to volunteer to help, contact me. You'll be most welcome.

Your help is needed to volunteer for HOC Officer openings, as well as volunteers for special projects such as the spring Pool Opening Party. We overutilize a small group of members to do it all, which can't continue. Without Volunteers, the next step will be a paid management company to take on some of the more onerous HOC duties, which will cause a dues rate increase for sure. Our next monthly Board meetings are 1/29, 2/26 and 3/26, 7pm at my house 406 Victors Ct. Please come see what these Officers do.

Speeding is an issue in our neighborhoods. Everyone needs to be aware that these are our neighbors and our kids at risk here. We are adding increased signage and ask for your help in driving sensibly on our streets.

We've done some clearing on the curve by the pool for better traffic visibility, and we'll regrade and sod shortly.

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 work will be done this quarter to get ready for another great pool season come mid-April. This will include plumbing and electrical work for on-going maintenance issues, and general deep cleaning. Mark your calendars now for our Annual Pool Opening Party, scheduled for Apr. 29, 1-4pm. Returning by popular demand will be 2 sizes of water slides, food and great fun for all. Bring a chair if you plan to hang out outside the pool area where the food and water slides will be, or you can lounge by the pool.

It's been a while since we sent out a new pool form for all to sign and update your contact info. This will go out in our March annual dues mailing and we ask that you return it promptly to be on the 2018 monthly pool gate code email list. Renters must fill out one as well.

If you wish to reserve the kitchen for a private party, do it as soon as you can. We can only accommodate one reservation per day, and the dates fill up quickly. The pool remains open to all during these times. Use the reservation form at www.buckheadsouth.com or email buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com.

Please remind your household not to operate any wheeled apparatus on the basketball and tennis courts. These special surfaces can't withstand the abrasion of bikes, scooters, skates, skateboards or the like.

We are in possession of a bike that was left at the pool last year. Contact buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com to identify and claim or it will be disposed of on 3-31-18.

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.

Welcome spring, Alec Breen, Pool Committee Chair

The **Welcome Committee** delivers Welcome Packets to new residents as a helpful start to living at Buckhead South. We rely on newspaper property transfer notices, 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. Do you have talents in this area? If so, you are welcome to become the new Editor of this newsletter because after five years of doing it, a fresh perspective is always good.

Best wishes, *Sue Shea, Welcome Committee Chair*

Welcome Our Neighbors ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

A heartfelt welcome to our newest BSHC neighbors:

Marti & Luc Bedard and son **Eli** of 435 Beaulieu Drive are joining us from Cincinnati OH. Welcome!

Raegan & Scott Nagle and daughters **Caroline** (4) and **Sadie** (nearly 2) of 320 Lou Page Ln joined us in October from Savannah. We're glad you chose us!

Alison Breningstal & Chris O'Malley of 491 Lou Page Ln joined us in October also and we welcome you!

Kathleen & John Platt of 602 Lou Page Ln arrived in December. Welcome to Buckhead South!

Nancy McDonough & family of 44 Moreton Way arrived in July and we give them the heartiest of late welcomes here. We hope you found that belated Welcome Packet helpful and thank you for letting me know you are here.

Billy Lightfoot and family of 19 St. Martin's Cir arrived in November and we welcome you!

Emily & Tom Puskar and family of 88 William Hall Way arrived in October and we're glad you're here!

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

I bet you're looking forward to spring! We'll see those lawns pop to green at the onset of warm weather and then you can turn those lawn irrigators on. Meanwhile, here's some tips from the UGA Extension organization for spring landscaping:

"To avoid raking leaves, let your mower do the work. It's not necessary to have a bag attachment. However, if you plan on making a compost pile with the leaves, a bag attachment makes it easier to gather the leaves, rather than raking by hand. Leaves can also be mulched right back into your lawn. There are lawn mower blades made specifically for mulching, but they are not absolutely necessary. They do a better job of cutting the leaves into smaller pieces so that they decompose faster. A regular mower blade will work but it takes a little longer for the leaves to decompose. In order to do this, it is important that the blade not be worn out. Mower blades have a fan tip that curves up on each end. The primary purpose for this fan tip is to create a vacuum that pulls up grass or leaves. This upward pull creates a cleaner cut and picks up leaves that may be lying below the blade. Operate the mower so that the leaves are discharged toward the center of the lawn. Don't try to mulch wet leaves and make sure they are spread out. If necessary, raise the mower's deck as high as it will go to run and keep running over the windrows until most pieces are reduced to dime-size or smaller. This mower-mulching method speeds

up leaf decomposition and inoculates the rotting bacteria that has been underneath. With a bit of rainfall, the newly mulched leaves will melt away in just a few days and provide valuable nutrients and organic matter back to the soil." *UGA Extension*

We've had some unusually sustained freeze periods this winter and some of our landscaping may be affected. We may all have some palms or fruit trees that aren't super-hardy for our planting zones, and the unusual sustained freeze periods this winter may have affected them. Don't assume all is lost -- when it warms up just trim off what browned and give them a good feeding to help them on their feet again. Use 3-20-20 fertilizer for fruit trees, and put a ring of special palm fertilizer (high manganese content) around palm bases, then water in well.

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. There's been some recent property theft of outdoor lawn items, and whether pranking or outright theft, it is a problem. If you see possibly suspicious activity, note what details you can and call the Bryan County Sheriff's office immediately. Their non-emergency number is (912) 653-3800 and, of course, dial 911 for emergencies. 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 to block it" 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: Join in on April 7 for the BSHC Community Yard Sale, 8-2. Contact Sue Shea shea29v@comcast.net to be listed in handout.

WANTED: for South Bryan County Animal Shelter -- pet supplies (cat/dog): wet/dry food, bowls, leashes, toys, bedding & towels for an ongoing collection drive. Drop off at 29 or 406 Victor's Ct front porch or use the Animal Shelter's 24/7 drop bin at 250 Dog Lane (Rt 144 Spur, 2nd dirt road after dump). Thank you!

WANTED: The BSHC Pinochle Card Club meets at John Leonti's, 50 Victors Ct. (973)626-0423 johnleonti@aol.com. Everyone welcome: those wanting to learn this fun game or seasoned players.

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 Got something for the calendar? 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 – Apr. 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*******

2/1-18 Savannah Black Heritage Festival www.savannahblackheritagefestival.com

2-3 Ft. McAllister Rides & Rebels Car show, 10am.

2-9 Georgia History Day Parade, Forsyth Park 10:45am. Rain date 2-12.

2/9-11 Annual Low Country Home & Garden Show, Savannah Int'l Trade & Convention Center, Hutchinson Isl. \$8 adult, \$6 retiree, \$0 Ch & active Military.

2/9-11 Colonial Faire & Muster at Wormsloe State Park, Sav. Reenactments, period music, etc. 10-4 \$4.50 Fri, Free Sat & Sun www.gastateparks.org/wormsloe

2-11 Super Museum Sunday. Many local museums have free entrance fee today courtesy of the Georgia Historical Society (912)651-2125.

2/17 Savannah Book Festival, various venues. www.savannahbookfestival.org

2-19 Presidents' Day

3-1 Annual BSHC dues notices sent out, due by 3/31.

3/11 Daylight Savings begins, clocks *spring ahead* 1 hr.

3/17 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah. Buses (fee) leave & return hourly by local bus companies via local parking lots including Fia Rua and Goody's. Details Bryan County Chamber of Commerce.

3-20 First day of Spring.

3/29-4/14 Savannah Music Festival www.savannahmusicfestival.org

3/30 First day of Passover.

3/31 Annual Dues payment due by this date.

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

4-1 Easter Sunday

4-1 Ft. McAllister Easter Egg Hunt, 2pm.

4-3 Richmond Hill Farmer's Market begins for the season, JFG Park, every Tuesday 2-6.

4/7 BSHC Community Yard Sale day. Contact shea29v@comcast.net to be listed on handout.

4-7 Civil War Trust Volunteer Day at Ft. McAllister, 9-4. Come help clean & beautify the fort. Volunteers get free entrance & lunch. (912)727-2339

4-10 BSHC Annual Meeting, New Beginnings Church 75 Crosswinds Dr., 7pm. Election of Officers, budget info & more! Please attend.

4-14 BSHC Pool Season opens.

4/29 BSHC Annual Pool Opening Party, 1-4pm. Water slides, food, more!

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

Please feel free to direct your comments or questions regarding the BSHC Newsletter to Buckhead Officers. If you'd like to submit an article or calendar date for addition to our next Newsletter, submit it to buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com We hope you enjoy this Newsletter, but if for any reason you don't want to receive future issues, please advise and we will drop your name from our circulation. Thank you.

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