

# *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 – Spring has been a busy time for the Buckhead South Homeowner's Club, Inc.: preparing for the summer pool season, updating our grounds, reporting on full-year financials at the Annual Meeting, and developing an action plan for the new fiscal year.

Our Annual Meeting was held on April 10 and these officers were elected/re-elected: Keith Spitznogle, President; Phil Mazer, VP Tranquilla Hall/Keller Crossing; Jim Pieters, Treasurer; Sue Shea, Secretary. Our many thanks to retiring office holders for their many years of volunteer service: Karen Krupp, outgoing Treasurer; Cyndi Castle, outgoing Secretary; Phil Gore, outgoing VP Hampton; and Alec Breen, outgoing Pool Chair. We extend a hearty welcome to our new Pool Chair, Alison Breningstall.

We recently distributed Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Design Guidelines to all homes. Many months of work by a hard-working group of BSHC members went into this document, which provides further clarity and definitions to our BSHC Covenants, plus a newly-revised ARC Application form on the last page. Please review it and keep with your BSHC covenants file for ongoing use. It's also available on-line at [www.buckheadsouth.com](http://www.buckheadsouth.com). Thanks to the volunteers who fanned out to deliver it to every home front door the weekend of April 20 including Clem & Roseline Breton, Karen Martinez, Nikki & Trace Palmer, Candace Stafford, Pete Morin & Sue Shea. Many hands made quick work of it all.

A BSHC Community Yard Sale was held on April 14 with a lively participation. This is run by individual BSHC members on an "as-wanted" basis and whoever wants to do another one come fall or next spring, the BSHC has banners and street pointer signs to loan out.

The Annual Pool Party was held on April 29 with a great turnout, fun inflatables and good food. It was a perfect day, with superb weather and a great gathering of neighbors. Thank you to all who pitched in to make this a fun day for all.

We currently have an opening for VP Hampton and I encourage any interested parties to contact me.

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

Have a great summer,

*Keith Spitznogle, BSHC President*

## *News from the Committees*

**Recreational Amenities – The Pool Committee** reports that much work was done in anticipation of the opening of the pool season in April. This included painting in and out, some bathroom renovations, deep cleaning, replacement of some outdoor furniture and fans due to wear, and remulching of the playground and parking lot island. We hope you like the results.

The pool opened April 1, earlier this year in time for the early school spring break, but the weather turned chilly and it is only getting regular use now.

The Annual Pool Opening Party was held on April 29, with inflatable water features, hotdogs, snacks and more. It was well attended and a good day was had by all. Thanks to all who helped make this day happen.

It had been a while since we sent out a new pool form for all to sign and update your contact info. This went out in March with the annual dues invoice and will be an annual event going forward, to keep members informed of the pool regulations required by State, County and insurance requirements. It will also help to keep our email list accurate, which is the way you get your monthly pool gate access code. If you aren't receiving it, make sure your email spam filter isn't putting BSHC mail (from [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com)) into your spam folder due to the high number of addressees on the email. It's a common occurrence. Still not receiving? Contact us.

A new Pool Chairman has just signed on – Alison Breningstall of Tranquilla and you'll be hearing from her in the next issue. Meanwhile we welcome Alison and thank our retiring Pool Committee Chairman Alec Breen for his 9 years of efforts that were so appreciated.

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](http://www.buckheadsouth.com) or email [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto: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, and we are about to do some work on those surfaces again.

*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.*

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 Newsletter; contact [shea29v@comcast.net](mailto: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 six years of doing it, a fresh perspective is always good. Due to additional BSHC duties, this newsletter will now be published 3 times a year instead of 4. Look for issues in May, September, and January.

Best wishes, Sue *Shea*, *Welcome Committee Chair*

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

**Christopher Martinkovic** and family **Barbara** and **Victoria** of 427 Bothwell Dr arrived in late April from Brookfield CT. Welcome!

**Michelle & Chis Laidler** and **Lillie Bentley** of 521 Bothwell Dr. joined us in January 2018 from nearby in Richmond Hill and we're glad you chose Buckhead South!

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**Valentine** and **Arnold** families of 170 Dalcross arrived in March and we welcome you!

**Renee** and **Marshall Preston** of 304 Lou Page Ln are late April arrivals from elsewhere in Richmond Hill and we welcome you to Buckhead South!

**Whitney Fletcher** and family of 545 Lou Page Ln are just arriving and we welcome you to Buckhead South!

**Holly Schiffler** and **Leonardo Riedel** of 648 Lou Page Ln arrived in February and we're glad you're here!

**Braxton** and **Codi Jones** and son **Fynn** (3) and daughter **Tatum** (1) of 48 Still Meadows Bend arrived in February from elsewhere in Richmond Hill. We're glad you chose 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**

A reminder that many exterior home improvements such as additions of fences or outbuildings **must** be approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) first. Refer to our new ARC Guidelines that were distributed in April to each home for explanation of our covenants. It can also be downloaded from our website [www.buckheadsouth.com](http://www.buckheadsouth.com), including the ARC application form (page 9). Questions? Contact an Officer *before you start*.

## **Safety & Security at Home**

We are experiencing late-night trespassing problems at the pool again this season already. Please be sure your family members know the pool closes at 9:30 pm. This is not just a HOC rule, but also required by State, County and insurance permits. We know that some of these trespassers are not from our HOC but are being let in by one or more of our members. We are following up via our security tapes and any member that is doing this will find their entire household's pool privileges suspended. Please don't let it come to this.

Some parents are under the misunderstanding that our roads in the HOC are private and are allowing their underage unlicensed children to drive golf carts here. This is not true: our roads are part of Bryan County and are subject to all state and county driving regulations. We've all seen some of those overloaded golf carts careening through our neighborhoods and the Bryan County Sheriff's Dept has been welcomed to do more frequent drive throughs. If a child is injured or property is damaged, the owner of the golf cart is on the hook for this, and it can be tragic and costly.

## **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:** 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> dirt road on right after dump). Thank you!

**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](mailto:shea29v@comcast.net) to list here.

**Calendar** Got something for the calendar? Contact [shea29v@comcast.net](mailto:shea29v@comcast.net). While we love to print community events, this is not an endorsement by BSHC, and times/dates may change. It's best to call ahead to the organization to confirm.

\*\*\*\*\***STANDING DATES**\*\*\*\*\*

**THURS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of every month, RH Historical Soc. local history series, 7pm, free (912)756-3697

**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.

**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 COMING UP**\*\*\*\*\*

**5-5** Cinco de Mayo

**5-13** Mother's Day

**5-16** Ramadan at sundown, ends 6-25 (Eid-al-Fitr)

**5-19** Armed Forces Day

**5-26** Memorial Day at Ft McAllister, 9-4pm. Family fun, demonstrations. Entrance fee or discount Park Pass (912)727-2339

**5-28** Memorial Day, JF Gregory Park, 11am.

**6-2** Kids Fishing Derby at RH Trout Hatchery. Sponsor: Exchange Club. Bait, prizes, lunch. (912)727-2001.

**6-14** Flag Day

**6-15** Eid Al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)

**6-17** Father's Day

**6-30** Independence Day at Ft. McAlister, 9-4. Games, Living History, fun, games & food. \$8 adult/\$5 youth, free under age 6.

**6-30** 4<sup>th</sup> of July at JFG Park, 5-9pm, food, games & music; evening fireworks

**7-4** River St 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Savannah 4-10pm

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

**9-1** Ft. McAllister Labor Day Fun, 9-4. Entrance fee or discount park pass.

**9-3** Labor Day

**9-12** Ganesh Hindu holiday

**9/17-24** Savannah Jazz Festival. [savannahjazzfestival.org](http://savannahjazzfestival.org)

**9-29** Youth State Parks Day, Ft. McAllister, 9-4. Cleanup Day, free entrance & t-shirt

*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](mailto: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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*Got news? Next newsletter deadline is 8-15-18 for the Sep. issue.*