

# *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 – We are approaching another fall and winter, even though we're still in the dog days of summer. That means the pool won't close for the season until September 30 so there's still time to enjoy this great amenity. This pool season had a minimum of issues or problems. Great job all! It's important to the neighborhood that the pool be an enjoyable amenity for all, and we need everyone's help to keep it that way.

As many of you have seen, the traffic situation on Rt. 144 continues to get worse, especially now that school is back in session. I'm sure you noticed the hundreds of orange barrels north of us and into town. Rt. 144 will have roadwork starting soon and running at least the next 30 months to widen it, starting with burying all the power lines there. Please be careful and have patience as there will be delays and congestion for a long time to come. If you haven't already, now is a good time to explore alternative routes via Belfast Keller Rd etc.

We are seeing an increase of cars parked on the street. Please remember that per our HOC covenants on-street parking is not allowed except for your visiting service people or occasional day visits causing driveway overflow. All other resident or guest situations, short or long-term, must use their driveway and juggle their cars accordingly. Our streets cannot accommodate safe two-way driving when cars are parked on the street. On-street parking also impacts our walkers and bikers in areas without sidewalks. We want to keep everyone in our neighborhoods safe.

Check out the calendar on the last page of this newsletter for upcoming fall activities in our area. A reminder that Halloween is Wednesday, October 31 and our little trick-or-treaters will be out and about from 6-8pm. If your house is not handing out candy, shut off your porch lights, but we hope our kids find a good group of homes to visit.

The Buckhead South Homeowner's Club Officers Board currently has an opening for VP Hampton and I encourage anyone interested to contact the Officers.

Comments? Questions? You can always reach us at [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com). Enjoy fall,

*Paul Mazer, BSHC Vice President Tranquilla*

## *News from the Committees*

**Recreational Amenities** – The **Pool Committee** reports that we've had good use of the pool this season, which ends 9-30. We had to replace the motor for our pump, and had some beginning-season plumbing

problems in the bathrooms, but all was quickly resolved. The grounds were remulched and tree work done.

No refreshed pool gate code will be issued for September, so continue using your August code. If you feel you've been missed on pool code notifications this summer, check that 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. The county also requires us to have your current year signed pool form on file with us, which goes out each March with your dues notice.

As a BSHC civic event, once again our HOC hosted the RHHS Band After-Camp pool party. These kids (some ours) work in the hot sun for a week and this is a welcome end to their efforts, with Band Parents providing all food and chaperoning. All went well, and our pool remained opened to all during this time.

Please remind your household to not 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.

*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.*

Happy Fall, *Alison Breningstall, Pool Committee Chair*

The **Welcome Committee** delivers Welcome Packets to new residents for a helpful start to living at Buckhead South. Summer is always our busiest time for moves as military and job transfers take place prior to the start of the new school year, and it was no exception this year – we had over a dozen household changes. We rely on newspaper property transfer notices, lawyer/bank closings, realtors and rental owners 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're welcome to become the new Editor of this newsletter because after nearly 7 years of doing it, a fresh perspective is always good. Due to additional BSHC duties, this newsletter is now 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:*

**Linda & Cecil Hicks** of 465 Beaully Dr arrived in July and we welcome you to Buckhead South!

**Brian Quint & Michael Krajnak** of 586 Bothwell Dr moved here in May from Malden MA. Welcome!

**Teresa & Allan Weber** of 43 Forest View W arrived in August and we're glad you chose Buckhead South!

**J. Scott Segraves** of 77 Forest View W moved to Buckhead South in May. Welcome!

**Kristin & Brian Haynes** of 16 MacBeth N arrived recently and we welcome you!

**Emily Miller & Michael Smithers** and children **Daniel** and **Hayden** of 33 Moreton Dr arrived from Kailua HI in June and we're glad you're here!

**Shar Prieur & Marlene Hunt** are now the proud owners of 28 Victors Ct and we're glad you purchased!

**Jeneen & Steve Mildge** of 74 Victors Ct came to us from Grosse Isle MI and we welcome you!

**Betty & Francisco Spina** & family just built a house at 346 Victors Ct and we're glad you chose us!

**Lashondra & Joseph Courtney** just moved into 511 Victors Ct and we welcome you!

**Isaac Gaskin Jr** of 18 William Hall Way arrived recently and we welcome you 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

The University of GA Extension service is encouraging all residents to plant pollinator attractors such as spiked flowers and flowering shrubs to encourage bees, butterflies and other crucial pollinators that have been lost due to extreme weather and habitat loss. For more info on how to support GA pollinators, visit [www.caes.uga.edu/extension/bryan](http://www.caes.uga.edu/extension/bryan) or contact Bryan County Extension Office 912-653-2231.

In addition to street safety issues, parking cars on our street or boat parking within front view affects our Street View. Managing this is an on-going project to keep our homes looking stellar and protect your property investment. Our covenants states that boats may be parked/stored on a homeowner's property only over a weekend. No permanent or weekly parking/storage is

allowed unless the boat is parked behind a 6-foot privacy fence. If you don't have this privacy fence, you must move your boat to a storage facility between usages, no exceptions.

A reminder that many exterior home improvements such as additions of fences or outbuildings **must** first be approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). A new ARC Guidelines booklet was distributed in April to each home and every new resident since then now gets this booklet in their Welcome Packets. You can also download it at [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

Some of the neighboring Buckheads are experiencing car break-ins, mostly from unlocked cars in their driveways. Best advice is to always "lock it to block it" and call 911 on suspicious activity. *We are not immune*.

Did you know that our HOC roads are Bryan County roads and therefore all operators of motorized carts here must be 16 years old? Yes, you must have a driver's license to operate golf carts anywhere in Bryan County, including our roads. If a cart, scooter, moped, or dirt bike is involved in an accident, regardless of responsibility, the owner of the cart is completely liable for all damage and injuries if an underage person was operating it. 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? [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 all 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:** Soldier Saturday at Ft. McAllister State Park 10-4. The fort's plantation house will be open and a Civil War soldier reenactor will entertain topics ranging from fort history to civil war medicine. (912)727-2338.

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

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

**9-3** Labor Day

**9-12** Ganesh Hindu holiday

**9-15** Bryan Cty Public Safety Day, Devaul Henderson Pk, 10-3. Explore fire trucks, ambulances, helicopters, more. Demonstrations.

**9-16** Magnolia Trail Hike at Ft. McAllister 10-11am. An easy and slow-paced nature hike along a 3-mile trail. Covers wildlife, marsh ecosystem, more. \$2 plus \$5 parking. (912)727-2339.

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

**9-29** Your State Parks Day, Ft. McAllister, 9-4. Cleanup Day, volunteers get free entrance, lunch, more.

**October -- Every Fri & Sat, 7:30 pm.** Live performance at Davenport House Museum, Savannah. This year covers the infamous 1820 Yellow Fever Epidemic. Res. (912)236-8097. Features Tranquilla Hall's own John Leonti! \$16 advance/\$19 door.

**10/5-7** Oktoberfest, Savannah Riverfront 4-10pm. Bratwurst, Weiner dog racing, Oompah dancing, music.

**10/5-7** Annual Tybee Island Pirates Fest

**10-6** Pumpkin Patch Kids Fest, 9-1, JFG Park, RH

**10-7** Picnic in the Park, Forsyth Park, Savannah, 5:30-8:30 pm. Food, music, competitive tables

**10-8** Columbus Day

**10-13** Ft. McAllister Candle Lantern Tour, 7-9pm. 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. (912)727-2339.

**10/19-21** The Great Ogeechee Seafood Fest @ JFG Park, (Fri)5-11pm; (Sat)10-11pm; (Sun)11-5pm. RHBC Chamber of Commerce (912)756-3444

**10-28** Shalom Y'All Jewish Food Fest, Monterey Square Savannah, 11-3.

**10-31** BSHC Halloween Night Trick or Treating. Goblins abound, especially 6-8pm! *Please turn on your front porch lights if you are participating.*

**11-3** Savannah Rock N 'Roll Marathon

**11-4** Daylight Savings Time ends, clocks **fall back 1 hr**

**11-7** Diwali Hindu holiday.

**11-11** Veterans Day Observance at JFG Park, 11 AM

**11-22** Thanksgiving

**11/23-12/24** 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.

**11-30** Annual Chili Cook-Off, 6:30 pm, JF Gregory Park. Food, music, crafts, fun.

**12-1** Richmond Hill Christmas Parade, 10am.

**12-1** Lighted boat parade & fireworks, Ft. McAllister Marina, 5:30 pm.

**12-3** Chanukah begins at sundown

**12/7-9** Savannah Christmas on the River, music, crafts, Illuminated boat parade Sat night at dusk.

**12-15** Winter Muster Reenactment, Ft McAllister State Park, demonstrations 9-6, battle at 5pm. Normal park fee or discount Park Pass. (912)727-2339.

**12-21** First day of winter

**12-25** Christmas

**12-26** Kwanzaa begins.

**12-31** New Year's Eve. Goodbye 2018, Hello 2019!

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

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

**1-5** Bring One for the Chipper, JFG Park, 9am, free mulching of your Christmas tree.

**1-21** 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. To submit an article or calendar date for inclusion in the 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 12-15-18 for the Jan. issue.*