

The Buckhead South Homeowner's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Neighbors – Happy New Year to all. We have a busy spring coming up, and I urge you to note the dates below on your calendar. Please in particular attend the Feb 5 Annual Meeting, where so many important issues regarding our neighborhoods are discussed. Please also consider taking an open Board Officer or committee position. We are in dire need of a VP for Hampton, to help represent this neighborhood, because current Officers are stretched so thin. Mark these dates:

Feb. 5 – The BSHC Annual Meeting has been moved from April to this new February date, to better align with the calendar year just ended. As usual, it will be held at New Beginnings Church, 75 Crosswinds Dr (at the Buckhead entrance), 7:00 pm. This meeting is so important, where financials are discussed, and Officers are elected. Please attend. If there is anything specific you wish discussed, please contact me ahead of time if possible so we can get it on the agenda.

March 9 – A BSHC community yard sale will be held 8-3. If you wish to have your house listed, contact Sue Shea at shea29v@comcast.net by March 1.

April 13 – This is the tentative date for the pool opening. This date is planned to include the start of the Bryan County schools spring break but is subject to getting all 2019 permits from the powers-that-be in time. We plan to extend the pool season through early October to accommodate the Bryan County school fall break as well, weather permitting.

May 5 – The BSHC Annual Pool Party will be held 1-4pm. This generates a lot of participation and grows every year. There will be fun inflatables, food, community spirit, more. Volunteers are always needed for your time large or small. Contact Alison Breningstall, Pool Cmte Chair at buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com.

Please take time to read this newsletter completely. There are safety and security issues worth noting, and a full calendar of things to do in the area in the next few months. Meanwhile, I wish you a great start to the New Year and hope to see you at the 2/5 Annual Meeting.

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

Regards, *Keith Spitznogle, BSHC President*

News from the Committees

Recreational Amenities – The **Pool Committee** reports that work is being done now to get ready for the 2019 pool season. This includes maintenance, ordering of replacement furniture, and general sprucing up of the grounds. Work is also being done to meet the new GA Health Dept 2019 pool compliance rules, including upgrading pumps, replacing drain covers, and installing new GA State Rules signage. If all goes well, the pool will open for the season in early April in time for the Spring school break. Barring any fall weather emergencies, we will now stay open through early October to accommodate the Fall school break as well.

Mark your calendars now for our BSHC Annual Pool Party to be held on May 5 from 1-4pm.

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. Think Spring, Alison Breningstall, Pool Committee Chair

The **Welcome Committee** delivers Welcome Packets to new residents for a helpful start to living at Buckhead South. 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, published 3x yr. in Jan., May & Sep. Contact shea29v@comcast.net with input. Do you have talents in this area? If so, please consider becoming the new Editor of this newsletter because after 7 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:

Rebecca Wayman & family of 464 Beaully Dr moved in to Buckhead South in September. We're glad you chose us!

Melissa Wehrle and family of 554 Bothwell Dr just arrived in January. Welcome!

Jeremy Kanagy and family of 71 Still Meadows Bend purchased their house in December. Welcome!

Jennifer & David Uhler of 291 St. Martin's Cir. moved here in October. Welcome to Buckhead South!

Bethany & John Sullivan & sons of 28 Victors Ct arrived in September and we welcome you!

Shannon & Duston Bateman of 97 William Hall Way arrived in September. 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

If your spring cleanup involves outdoor burning, you must obtain a GA DNR Open Burning permit (call 877-OK2BURN or DNR online: gatrees.org) first. Approval is for that day only and is immediate. This permit allows outdoor burning for yard debris only, not household trash or construction debris. "It is unlawful in GA to burn man-made materials such as tires, shingles, plastics, lumber or household garbage, even in a burn barrel." You must be present to monitor and have a water source such a hose or buckets of water within reach. Newer rules state that fire pits and chimineas are no longer exempt, except for recreational purposes and cooking using split firewood or charcoal, not debris. If the fire dept is called out by passer-by concerns and you don't have this permit, you are subject to a \$125 fine the first instance, and \$550 for repeaters. As always, please be considerate of your neighbors – keep smoke to a minimum by letting yard debris dry out in a staged area first so as to not burn green or wet, schedule your burns infrequently and during less active times, and try to do this only when weather conditions won't keep the smoke curtain stalled. Remember that on beautiful days, noxious smoke can impact neighbors' patio/porch use, open windows and even their HVAC.

As a reminder to all our residents, parking your vehicles in the street as a matter of practice, or as a normal parking spot, is not permitted per our covenants. If for any reason you must park in the street occasionally, for safety sake please park with the traffic flow rather than against it. We know most residents follow the rules however we have received several requests lately to do something about continual street parking in some neighborhoods. 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. Boat parking in driveways, streets or lawns is another continual source of complaints. BSHC covenants state that boats may be parked in driveways over the weekend or during the week only WHILE IN USE. Street or lawn parking of boats is never allowed, and boats must be stored on your property behind your 6' privacy fence. If you don't

have this kind of fence, you must use one of the many off-site local storage companies.

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 to each home last April and all new residents now receive this booklet in their Welcome Packets. You can also download it at www.buckheadsouth.com, including the ARC application form (page 9). Questions? Contact a BSHC Officer *before* you start.

Safety & Security at Home

Some nearby HOA's have experienced increased porch, yard and shed thefts, so due diligence is needed in our neighborhoods too. Car break-ins are opportunistic, mostly with unlocked cars in driveways. It's best to always "lock it to block it" and call 911 on suspicious activity.

Did you know that our BSHC 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

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: for South Bryan County Animal Shelter – pet supplies needed (new or used) for 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 on right after dump).

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. It's best to all ahead to the organization to confirm.

*****STANDING DATES*****

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

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: Saturday Picket 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.

*****COMING EVENTS*****

1-1 New Year's Day

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

1-12 RH Library book sale 10-2.

1-19 RH Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Fair. Food, crafts, presentations. JFG Park 10-4

2-1 Georgia History Day Parade, Forsythe Park 10:45am.

2/1-21 Savannah Black Heritage Festival www.savannahblackheritagefestival.com

2-5 BSHC Annual Meeting, New Beginnings Church 75 Crosswinds Dr., 7pm. Election of Officers, budget info & more! Please attend.

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

2-10 Super Museum Sunday. Many local museums have free entrance fee today courtesy of the Georgia Historical Society (912)651-2125.

2/16 Savannah Book Festival, various squares.

2-18 Presidents' Day

3-1 Annual BSHC dues invoiced, payable by 3/31.

3-9 BSHC Community Yard sale shea29v@comcast.net

3/10 Daylight Savings begins, clocks *spring ahead* 1 hr.

3/16 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah. Buses (fee) leaving & returning every hour 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.

3/28-4/13 Savannah Music Festival, many venues. www.savannahmusicfestival.org

3/31 Annual Dues payment due by this date.

4-6 Civil War Trust Volunteer Day at Ft. McAllister, 9-4. Come help clean & beautify the fort. Volunteers get free entrance & lunch. (912)727-2339

4-13 BSHC Pool Season opens (estimate)

4/19 First day of Passover.

4-20 Ft. McAllister Easter Egg Hunt, 2pm.

4-21 Easter Sunday

4/22-26 Bryan County Schools spring break

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

5-5 BSHC Annual Pool Opening Party, 1-4pm. Water slides, food, more!

5-5 Cinco de Mayo

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

5-12 Mother's Day

5-18-Armed Forces Day

5-25 Memorial Day at Ft McAllister, 9-4pm. Family fun, demonstrations. Entrance fee or discount Park Pass (912)727-2339

5-27 Memorial Day, JF Gregory Park, 11am.

Please feel free to direct your comments or questions regarding the BSHC Newsletter to Buckhead South Officers. To submit an article or calendar date for inclusion in the 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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Welcome/Newsletter: Sue Shea.

Got news? Next newsletter deadline is 4-15-18 for the May issue.