

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, working on our common greens areas, 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 February 5 and these officers were elected/re-elected: Keith Spitznogle, President; Phil Mazer, VP Tranquilla Hall/Keller Crossing; Janet Reid, VP Hampton; Jim Pieters, Treasurer; Sue Shea, Secretary, and Alison Breningstall was reappointed as Pool Chair. Full year financials were handed out to all attendees and are available upon request.

A BSHC Community Yard Sale was held on March 9. This is always coordinated by individual BSHC members as they choose and whoever wants to do another neighborhood-wide one can contact us to borrow the BSHC entrance banners and street pointers.

Our pool opened 4-13-19 and our Annual Pool Party is May 5, 1-4pm. Hope to see you there! Volunteer help always welcome too.

Paul Mazer is heading up the efforts to rehab our playground. Play equipment was recently pressure-washed and replacement parts are on order. Still to come are some other planned enhancements to add to our childrens' enjoyment. Stay tuned!

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

Have a great summer,

Keith Spitznogle, BSHC President

News from the Committees

Recreational Amenities – Much effort went into getting our pool ready for the April 13 opening and we hope you enjoy the results. Because this is a shared amenity, please leave it in the same good condition you found it, including putting chairs and loungers back in place, bussing out your trash to the entryway containers, and taking all personal items home. A reminder that the pool is only open **7am to 9:30pm** and there's a clock there to help you leave on time so that the cleaning person can get started.

The May 5 (1-4pm) Annual Pool Opening Party offers the popular 2 sizes of water slides, food, snow cones and great fun for all. Bring your chairs 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.

If your dues are paid in full you should be receiving the monthly pool gate code. All paid members and their tenants in good standing are sent this monthly via email. If you feel you've been missed try this: 1) check your email spam folder because some software shunts mass emails into your spam folder in error if we are not on your contact list; 2) make sure no one else in your household is deleting BSHC emails before you read; 3) contact buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com to be sure your correct email is on file (and put BSHC in your contacts).

The 2019 Pool Team recently had its first meeting. They assure that our pool is a fun experience for all. If you are interested in joining this group, contact me.

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.

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 summer, *Alison Breningstall, Pool Cmte 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 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. Now is a lively time for new arrivals, as homes are put on the spring/summer market, PCS military transfers occur, and other changes happen. Since our January newsletter issue, we have delivered 8 Welcome Packets, with more to come.

The Welcome Committee also does this BSHC Newsletter, published 3x yr. in Jan., May & Sept. 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 over 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:

Maria & Jesse Keith of 66 Bothwell Drive arrived in April. Welcome to Buckhead South!

April & Arthur Jiminez of 274 Dalcross Drive arrive early May and we welcome you!

William Pilcher and family of 43 Forest View W moved here in March. Welcome!

Kristen Algiers and family of 77 Forest View W arrived in April. We're glad you chose Buckhead South!

Michael Semken and family of 66 Lou Page Ln are January arrivals and we welcome you!

Kyle Beason and family of 473 Lou Page Ln arrived in March. Welcome to Buckhead South!

Georganna & Ronald Flynn and family of 529 Lou Page Ln are arriving this month and we welcome you!

Ronald Jacobs and family of 13 Moreton Dr arrived in February and we're glad you chose us!

Gabriel Taveras closed on 49 St. Martin Circle in March and we welcome you!

Information was incomplete in the last issue, so we welcome here once again **Beth & Josh Sullivan** and their sons **Hayden, Dylan & Micah** of 28 Victors Ct from Mobile AL. We're so glad you're here!

Are you new to Buckhead South but haven't 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

It's spring! Time to wake up those lawns for a good greening. Aerating and/or dethatching will give those roots a good release. For watering, note that our irrigation systems work best when you set it to operate between 1-5AM. Run it for only 10-15 minutes per zone, one cycle 2-3 times/wk; or half that run time when doing a two-cycle rotation each time. If you run after very early morning, you're wasting water through evaporation from our intense Georgia sun, especially for those homes we've noticed doing mid-day watering. We've all seen our water bills increase: first by per-gallon rate increases, and lately by the lowering of the threshold usage volume for minimum billing. It adds up.

Many exterior home improvements such as additions of fences or outbuildings, or significant changes to street view **must** be approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) first. Go to our website www.buckheadsouth.com under the "documents" tab to see the Architectural Review Guidelines and download the ARC application form. 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 incidents at other nearby HOA's regarding porch and driveway theft. 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 or security system pics 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.

Unfortunately, our pool parking lot has become a sporadic magnet for unwanted activity after our 9:30pm closing. Whether it's our own residents or outsiders, it is generating littering, evening noise, and underage activity, among other unwanted things and this trespassing cannot be tolerated. If you see anyone beside the cleaning person there after our 9:30 closing, please call the BC Sheriff to investigate these trespassers. Our video surveillance system is helpful but individual ID's are perfect only if the BC Sheriff's Office encounters them in person.

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 (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: 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.

See calendar of events for the area, next page ----->

Calendar

Got something for the calendar? shea29v@comcast.net While we love to print community events, this is not an endorsement by BSHC. Times/dates can change, check ahead.

*****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 main house is be open and a Civil War soldier reenactor entertains topics ranging from fort history to civil war medicine. (912)727-2339.

***** UPCOMING DATES *****

4-13 BSHC Pool Opening

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. But if you paid on time (3-31) you got the pool code.

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

5-18 Davenport House Mad Hatter's Topsy Tea Party, 5-7:30pm, incl fashion show, tickets \$45-55 (912)236-8097

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

6-5 Eid Al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)

6-14 Flag Day. Time to refresh your flag. A local Boy Scout project established a permanent outside box next to RH City Hall for proper disposal of your frayed flags.

6-16 Father's Day

6-27 Davenport House Summer Supper, 5-8pm, incl tour, then a provided trolley ride to Mrs. Wilkes Restaurant for a private dinner (no waiting!) \$65 Reservations required: (912)236-8097

6-29 Independence Day at Ft. McAlister, 9-4. Games, Living History, fun, games & food. \$8 adult/\$5 youth, free under age 6.

6-29 4th of July at JFG Park, 5-9pm, food, games & music; evening fireworks

7-4 River St 4th of July Celebration, Savannah 4-10pm

9-2 Ft. McAllister Labor Day Fun, 9-4. Entrance fee or discount park pass.

9-2 Labor Day

9-2 Ganesh Hindu holiday

9/7-9 River St BaconFest, Savannah. Yes, all things bacon celebrated there this weekend.

9/17-24 Savannah Jazz Festival. savannahjazzfestival.org

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.

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

10-5 Pumpkin Patch Kids Fest, 9-1, JFG Park, RH

10-6 Picnic in the Park, Forsyth Park, Savannah, 5:30-8:30 pm. Food, music, competitive tables

10/10 Annual Tybee Island Pirates Fest

10/14-15 Bryan County Schools fall break

10-14 Columbus Day

10-16 BSHC Pool closes

10/18-20 The Great Ogeechee Seafood Fest @ JFG Park, (F)5-11pm; (S)10-11pm; (Su)11-5pm. RHBC Chamber of Commerce (912)756-3444

10-27 Shalom Y'All Jewish Food Fest, Monterey Square Savannah 11-3.

10-27 Diwali Hindu holiday

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

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President: Keith Spitznogle. **VP:** Paul Mazer, Tranquilla; Janet Reid, Hampton. **Treasurer:** Jim Pieters. **Secretary:** Sue Shea. **Cmte Chairs:** **Pool:** Alison Breningstall. **Welcome/Newsletter:** Sue Shea.

Got news? Next newsletter deadline is 8-15-18 for the Sep. issue.