

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 – Happy New Year! So far 2020 is shaping up to be an eventful year. Of particular note is the Annual Meeting on February 10 at 7pm, where I encourage you to attend, as so many important issues regarding our neighborhoods are discussed.

In fact, this February's BSHC Annual Meeting will be my last as President of the Club. Yes, just imagine no more ranting emails to endure or trash. It has truly been an interesting, sometimes challenging, sometimes hectic, but most of all rewarding effort of dedication to our community neighborhood. I have been so very fortunate to have had the wonderful assistance and dedication to this community by several volunteer officers over my years. I can't possibly express how grateful I am for their time and efforts on all our behalf. They made my job manageable. Being on an HOA board of officers is not for the faint of heart, but nothing worthwhile is. To maintain a great neighborhood and preserve our life's number one investment, our home, IT IS ALL WORTH IT!

I am proud of our neighborhood and of our community reputation. I thank you for the opportunity to have served.

Please mark these important BSHC dates on your calendar:

Feb. 10 – The BSHC Annual Meeting will be held at New Beginnings Church, 75 Crosswinds Dr (at the Buckhead entrance), at 7:00 pm. Note this date changed from the previous publication due to a scheduling conflict with the church. This meeting is where Officers are elected and financials are discussed. We urge everyone to take this opportunity to attend. If there is anything specific you wish discussed, please contact Sue Shea ahead of time so we can get it on the agenda.

March 31 – BSHC Dues Payment Deadline. The Dues Invoice will go out to all in early February.

April 15 – This is the tentative date for the pool opening, but is subject to getting all 2020 county permits in time. We plan to again extend the pool season through early October to accommodate the Bryan County schools' fall break. Pool closure currently slated for October 14.

May 3 – At this time, the BSHC Annual Pool Party is tentatively scheduled May 3 from 1-4pm. This event generates a lot of participation and grows every year.

There will be fun inflatables, food, and community spirit. Volunteers are always needed for your time, large or small. Please contact Alison O'Malley, 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 Feb 10th Annual Meeting.

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

Happy New Year to All,
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 2020 pool season. This includes maintenance, ordering of some replacement furniture, and general sprucing up of the grounds. The pool entries, foyer, kitchen, and bathroom floors were refinished with a new durable, non-slip Rhino floor coating. Work is also being done to install a water fountain to meet the new 2020 GA State Health Dept requirement. If all goes well, the pool will open for the season April 15. Barring any fall weather emergencies, we will stay open through early October to accommodate the Fall school break.

Mark your calendars for our BSHC Annual Pool Party tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 3 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 O'Malley, 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.

Best wishes, *Sue Shea, Welcome Committee Chair*

Welcome Our Neighbors ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

A heartfelt welcome to our newest BSHC neighbors:

Carol & Harry Channer of 50 MacBeth arrived in November and we welcome you to Buckhead South!

Courtney & Blake Nash & children **Parker** (2) and **Meredith** (2 months) of 233 St. Martin Cir. moved here last October from Dahlonge, GA. Welcome!

Courtney & Richard Hirneisen of 96 William Hall Way are December arrivals and we welcome you!

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

This past Fall saw several amenities updates and beautification projects throughout our neighborhoods.

The playground received new climbing wall handholds and a new slide. All the swings, including chains and hardware were replaced. Two new whirly spin seats were installed and soft playground surface extended to safely accommodate the seats.

The basketball court was pressure washed and line court painted.

Brush was cut down and the ground seeded for grass along the pool curve road for increased visibility. Trees and brush around the ballcourts were also thinned out.

The downed tree was removed from the Dalcross pond.

The Hampton sidewalk was repaired and the entrance landscaping was cleared of overgrown trees and soon to be replaced with flowering shrubs and mulch.

If your spring cleanup involves outdoor burning, you must obtain a GA DNR Open Burning permit first. Call 877-OK2BURN or DNR online: gatrees.org. 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. Boat parking in driveways, streets or lawns is another frequent 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. In addition to street safety issues, parking cars on our streets or parking boats 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.

Spring is often a time many of us begin home improvement projects, please remember 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 in April 2018 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

Access is prohibited to both our neighborhoods' wild vegetative buffers (woods) for safety concerns and private homeowner's property without their permission. We've had reports that some young people are not following this. Being on private property can be considered trespassing and law enforcement can be brought into the situation. As a public service announcement to the community, we ask that you speak with your children about this. The last thing we want in this community is for the Sheriff to be involved in matters that can be resolved with a simple adjustment in behavior.

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 neighborhood 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

COUNTY SERVICES: The Tax office at the county building provides notary services free of charge to county residents.

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 call 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. There are many other events including re-enactments, celebrations, kids summer day camps, contact them to see their list. (912)727-2338.

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

1-1 New Year's Day

1-4 Bring One for the Chipper, JFG Park, 9am, free mulching of your Christmas tree.

1-11 RH Library book sale 10-2.

1-11 Annual Resolution Runz, JF Gregory Park, 9-11.

1-18 RH Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Fair. Food, crafts, presentations. JFG Park 10-4

2/1-22 Savannah Black Heritage Festival www.savannahblackheritagefestival.com

2-7 Georgia History Day Parade, Forsythe Park 10:45am

2/8-9 Colonial Faire & Muster at Wormsloe State Park, Sav. Reenactments, period music, etc. 10-4 \$4.50 Fri, Free Sat & Sun www.gastateparks.org/wormsloe

2-9 Super Museum Sunday. Many local museums have free entrance fee today courtesy of the Georgia Historical Society (912)651-2125.

2-10 BSHC Annual Meeting, New Beginnings Church 75 Crosswinds Dr., 7pm. Election of Officers, budget info & more! Please attend.

2/13-16 Savannah Book Festival, various squares.

2-17 Presidents' Day

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

3/8 Daylight Savings begins, clocks *spring ahead* 1 hr.

3-14 RH Library book sale 10-2.

3/14 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

3/26-4/11 Savannah Music Festival, many venues. www.savannahmusicfestival.org

3/31 Annual Dues payment due by this date.

4-4 Park Day Volunteer cleanup at Ft. McAllister, 9-4. Volunteers get free entrance & lunch in exchange for some help. (912)727-2339

4/6-10 Bryan County School spring break

4/8 First day of Passover.

4-11 Ft. McAllister Easter Egg Hunt, 2pm.

4-12 Easter Sunday

4-15 BSHC Pool Season opens

4-24 Ramadan at sundown, ends 6-5 (Eid-al- Fitr)

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

5-3 BSHC Annual Pool Opening Party, 1-4pm. Water slides, food, more!

5-5 Cinco de Mayo

5-9 RH Library book sale 10-2

5-11 Mother's Day

5-16 Armed Forces Day

5-23 Memorial Day at Ft McAllister, 9-4pm. Family fun, demonstrations. Entrance fee or discount Park Pass (912)727-2339

5-24 Eid Al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)

5-25 Memorial Day, JF Gregory Park, 11am.

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. 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 4-15-20 for the May issue.