

The Buckhead South Homeowner's Club, Inc. Newsletter

Serving the Hampton, Keller Crossing and Tranquilla Hall communities

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President's Message

Hello Friends,

As summer winds down, I want to take this opportunity to thank all homeowners for your patience while we have navigated the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. I think many of us felt that we would be back to business as usual or heading there rapidly by this time. Unfortunately, that has not happened and it seems like in 2020, whatever can go wrong, will go wrong at the worst possible moment. The officers and I appreciate the support you all have shown us over the last six months. As we move into the fall, please remember that one of the most desirable things about our neighborhood is its overall curb appeal. Here are a few items to think about:

- Boats– Please ensure that boats are kept behind a six-foot privacy fence in the back or side yard. They are not allowed in driveways, except for cleaning and only over a weekend.
- Trailers and RVs– Allowed over weekends for prepping and cleaning ONLY. They must be stored outside of the neighborhood.
- Please do your best to keep houses and yards in good order. This includes mowing, edging, removal of any yard debris, and power washing when needed.

The board has also had a record number of requests for architectural review since the start of the pandemic in March and has been able to review and decide on them quickly and efficiently. The attention to detail in the submissions has been a major factor in this and is appreciated.

I believe Buckhead South is one of the premier places to live in Richmond Hill and this is due in no small part to the work and care of the individual homeowners who live here. Please keep up the good work and feel free to get involved.

Thank you,
Paul Mazer, President BSHC

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

News from the Committees

Recreational Amenities – This summer, we've seen some updating to our amenities, such as a new key-fob entry system for the pool, repairs to the basketball

court/hoop, and soon we will be upgrading the security camera system for the recreation area.

The Pool Committee reports that we've had a great pool season, despite all the challenges of 2020. We are thankful for the patience, understanding, and support of our residents as we worked through each obstacle. In so doing, we're pleased to be able to keep our pool open through the fall school break again this year. The pool will be closed for the season beginning Wednesday, October 14.

If you have not yet picked up your key fob for entry to the pool, please contact Alison O'Malley.

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 Fall, Alison O'Malley, Pool Cmte Chair

The **Welcome Committee** reports that since the last newsletter, we have welcomed 10 new residents to Buckhead South. Moves have loosened up a lot since Spring and there is more to come. We welcome all our new families, especially during these trying times.

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 and 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.

Best wishes, Sue Shea, Welcome Committee Chair

Welcome Our Neighbors



A heartfelt welcome to our newest BSHC neighbors:

Hampton: Maggie & Mike Hanson, Melissa Langhorne & Arthur Huntington, Brooke & Geoffrey Meeks, Kellyn & Christopher Starkey.

Keller Crossing: Katherine & Jack Fletcher, Katie & Charles Hendricks, Jenna & Zachary MacFarland, Joshua Phillips.

Tranquilla Hall: Johnette & Alain Roy, Tammy & Christopher Russell.

Are you new to Buckhead South but haven't been listed? We have a great Welcome Packet for you: buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report

We are 99% collected with our 2020 dues and we are appreciative of this because this is our only income that must last us through March 31 of next year, until new dues are collected. All efforts were made to make payment arrangements with unpaid members, and liens were placed on their property as a last resort. The board has a fiduciary responsibility to all members that these legal steps be put in place to protect all members.

Keep Buckhead South Beautiful

As we're all spending more time at home, many of us are considering moving forward with those home projects or improvements we'd been dreaming about. Keep in mind that exterior home improvements, such as additions of fences or outbuildings, or significant changes to street view **must** be reviewed and approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) *before* committing to the work. Please 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

Safety has taken on a whole new meaning this year. While we're still in the midst of a pandemic many assumed would be over by now, let's continue to do our part in keeping others and ourselves safe by adhering to the CDC guidelines for personal hygiene and social-distancing.

Though this school year may look very different, as the days shorten through the fall and winter months, be mindful of our neighborhood kids walking to/from and waiting at bus stops or playing outside during a virtual learning break. As always, please be extra cautious driving through our neighborhood roads to keep everyone safe.

As a reminder, our HOC parking lots (pool and ball field) close at 9:30pm and persons or vehicles spotted in these areas after such time will be asked to leave. Help keep our community secure by reporting after-

hours violations and kindly remind family members and guests that these areas are not after-hours hang outs. Our new security camera system will assist in this area, as well.

Other news Send news to: melledge8@gmail.com

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 melledge8@gmail.com 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. Times/dates can change, check ahead.

NOTE: DUE TO COVID-19, SOME OR ALL OF THE LISTED EVENTS MAY BE MODIFIED, CANCELLED OR POSTPONED. **Please call ahead to verify.**

*****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 *****

9/3-11/11 Savannah Music Festival, many venues. www.savannahmusicfestival.org **RESCHEDULED from 3/26-4/11/20. VIRTUAL ONLY**

9/15-22 Savannah Jazz Festival. savannahjazzfestival.org **LIVESTREAM ONLY**

9-26 Spring Fling, JFG Park, 9-3. **RESCHEDULED FROM 4-25. CANCELLED**

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. LIVESTREAM ONLY

10/2-4 Oktoberfest, Savannah Riverfront 4-10pm. Bratwurst, Weiner dog racing, Oompah dancing, music. CANCELLED

10-3 Pumpkin Patch Kids Fest, 9-1, JFG Park, RH CANCELLED

10-4 Picnic in the Park, Forsyth Park, Savannah, 5:30-8:30 pm. Food, music, competitive tables. Call ahead

10/8-11 Annual Tybee Island Pirate Fest. Call Ahead

10/9-11 Savannah Greek Festival, 11am-9pm. homemade Greek foods, Greek music and dancing, church tours, market place. CANCELLED

10-12 Columbus Day

10/12-13 Bryan County Schools fall break

10-14 BSHC Pool Closes

10/24-25 St. Anne's Catholic Church RH Food & Craft fair, 9-3. CANCELLED

10-25 Shalom Y'All Jewish Food Fest, Monterey Square Savannah 11-3. Call ahead.

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

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

11/6-8 The Great Ogeechee Seafood Fest @ JFG Park, (F)5-11pm; (S)10-11pm; (Su)11-5pm. RHBC Chamber of Commerce (912)756-3444 CANCELLED

11/7-8 Savannah Rock N 'Roll Marathon CANCELLED

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

11-14 RH Library book sale 10-2 CANCELLED

11-14 Diwali Hindu holiday.

11-26 Thanksgiving

11/27-12/24 December Nights & Holiday Lights at the Coastal GA Botanical Ctr (Bamboo Gardens), 6-9pm. Rt. 17 to 2 Canebrake Rd. \$10 adult; \$5 3&under. A festive walking tour with over 150,000 colorful lights, music & sweet treats.

12-4 Annual Chili Cook-Off, 6:30 pm, JF Gregory Park. Food, music, crafts, fun. Call ahead.

12-5 Richmond Hill Christmas Parade, 10am. Call ahead.

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

12/5-7 Savannah Christmas on the River, music, crafts, Illuminated boat parade Sat night at dusk. Call ahead.

12-11 Chanukah begins at sundown

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

12-21 First day of winter

12-25 Christmas

12-26 Kwanzaa begins.

12-31 New Year's Eve. Goodbye 2020, Hello 2021!

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Got news? Next newsletter deadline is 12-15-20 for the Jan. 2021 issue.