

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, Happy New Year to all of you in Buckhead South. I think everyone is glad that 2020, and all its challenges, is behind us. We are looking forward to 2021 being a year that brings back normalcy in our lives even if that may look slightly different. The recent approvals by the FDA of vaccines as well as their administration should make a significant impact on getting this done over the next months. I can assure you that better days are coming and that "this too shall pass."

The HOA board will be working this winter on typical projects and getting ready for spring and summer.

As is traditional, winter is the time for the BSHC Annual Meeting. This year's meeting will be held on February 8 at 7PM at the New Beginnings Church located at 75 Crosswinds Dr. Topics will include financials of the HOA, new and old business, and election of officers. Anyone who is a homeowner can be an officer of the club. If interested, please contact us at buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com. Also, if you want to get involved in other ways (committees, etc.) or just help out every once and awhile, please let us know. We can always use volunteers.

We are looking forward to a great 2021 and beyond.

Best regards,



Paul Mazer, BSHC President

News from the Committees

For a lot of us, the end of 2020 couldn't come fast enough, which was certainly understandable. Despite the tough times we endured, plenty was accomplished. Most notably, our community was able to work together to follow the proper health guidelines to safely open our pool, where nearby communities' remained closed late into the summer. We enjoyed a socially-distanced version of our neighborhood's July 4th tradition of fireworks at the ball fields, entirely organized by residents. And Halloween trick-or-treating was on in Buckhead South, providing a fun evening kids and adults alike, and much appreciation to all the residents who made adjustments in how they "handed" out goodies to increase the feeling of safety for all.

Recreational Amenities – The **Pool Committee** reports that work is being done now to get ready for the 2021 pool season. If all goes well, the pool will open for the season beginning mid-April. Barring any fall weather emergencies, we will stay open through early October to accommodate the Fall school break.

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 upgraded 24/7 video surveillance system is helping here.

Alison O'Malley, Pool Committee Chair

The **Welcome Committee** reports that since the last newsletter, we have welcomed 7 new residents to Buckhead South. We welcome all our new families, especially during these unusual 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: Samuel Colt & Bayley Ping, Laura Mulvanity

Keller Crossing: Caroline & Ron Day

Tranquilla Hall: Kelli & James Chellis, Terrell Fanning & Mark Velasquez, Natalie & Adrian Martinez, Frank & Georgieanna Parker.

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

Keep Buckhead South Beautiful



As our short southern winter warms into spring in the coming weeks, now is the time to prepare your lawn and landscaping for health and success. You might also consider adding beneficial pollinator plants to your landscape. The State Botanical Garden of Georgia suggests a hardy Georgia-native option is Butterfly Weed. It's a larval host plant for the Monarch butterfly and a nectar source for bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Its small, orange flowers are vibrant and stick around longer than many other flowering plants, making for a pleasant addition to any yard.

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. 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 when weather conditions won't keep the smoke curtain stalled. Remember that on beautiful days, smoke can impact neighbors' patio/porch use, open windows and even their HVAC.

Buckhead South's trash and recycling pick-up is contracted through Republic Services. The pick-up schedule for trash is weekly on Tuesdays. The pick-up schedule for recycling is every other week on Wednesdays. Your corresponding trash/recycle bin may be set out at the end of your driveway the evening prior to the scheduled trash/recycling pick-up and returned to its storing place after pick-up, before to the next day. For convenience, below is a quick-glance schedule for upcoming every-other Wednesday *recycling* pick-ups:

Jan 13
Jan 27
Feb 10
Feb 24
March 10

March 24

April 7

April 21

For any questions concerning service or pick-up, please contact Republic Waste Services: (912) 964-2211.

Safety & Security at Home

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.

Around Town



The light at the end of the tunnel is shining for many of our area road construction projects. The Bryan County Commission reports that the Hwy 144 widening project is expected to be complete this spring. In the coming weeks, be prepared for some delays on 144 as flagging operations are in effect for workers to complete the median curb. There may also be small delays on Port Royal Road as the alignment is changed. GDOT reports the I-95/Belfast Keller Interchange should be finished and the bridge open in very early 2021 – weather permitting. Lastly, the Bryan County Commission reports that the Hwy 144/I-95 roundabout interchange is on track for completion in the late spring.

Other news Send news to: melledge8@gmail.com

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 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, and times/dates may change. It's best to call ahead to the organization to confirm.

Note: Due to COVID-19, some or all of the listed events may be modified, postponed, or cancelled. Please call 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 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*****

1-16 RH Martin Luther King, Jr. car parade, Ford Ave. 10AM. There will be no festival at JFG Park this year.

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

2-7 Super Museum Sunday. Many local museums have free entrance fee today courtesy of the Georgia Historical Society (912)651-2125.

2-8 BSHC Annual Meeting, New Beginnings Church 75 Crosswinds Dr., 7pm. Election of Officers, budget info & more! Please attend.

2-12 Georgia History Day Parade, Forsythe Park 10:45am

2-15 Presidents' Day

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

3-14 Daylight Savings begins, clocks *spring ahead* 1 hr.

3-17 St. Patrick's Day. 2021 festivities to be announced.

3-20 First day of Spring.

3-31 Annual Dues payment due by this date.

3-27 First day of Passover.

4-4 Easter Sunday

Mid-April 2021 BSHC Pool Season opens. To be announced.

4-13 Ramadan at sundown, ends 6-5 (Eid-al-Fitr)

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

May BSHC Annual Pool Opening Party, to be determined.

5-5 Cinco de Mayo

5-9 Mother's Day

5-13 Eid Al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)

5-15 Armed Forces Day

5-31 Memorial Day, JFG Gregory Park, 11am, to be determined.

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 4-15-21 for the May issue.