

# *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,

Spring is here. We are looking forward to warmer weather into the summer along with continued national progress on the COVID pandemic so hopefully we can all get back to "normal" sometime in 2021. We appreciate the community's continued support on this both within the neighborhood as well as outside in town and abroad.

We had a very productive and well attended annual meeting in February, one of the best in several years. Our Treasurer's report will outline this in further detail, but I am happy to report NO INCREASE in HOA Dues for 2021. Also, we voted to add a new VP position to make the board an odd number and to help with current and future projects as well. We also voted in a new board including three brand new members and at this time I would like to introduce the 2021- 2022 board to everyone:

**Paul Mazer – President**  
**Sue Shea – Treasurer**  
**Cyndi Castle – Secretary**  
**Alison O' Malley – VP Amenities**  
**Chris Brotka – Vice President**  
**Mike Hanson – Vice President**  
**Nick Shwayri – Vice President**

Since spring is here, please start to consider outside cleaning including power washing, mailbox painting, lawn care and other landscaping. Also, please remember to send in an ARC approval request for any property changes such as fences or sheds. Buckhead South remains one of the best kept and desirable communities in Richmond Hill and everyone should be proud of the job all the homeowners do to keep our reputation. On behalf of the board, we thank you very much for your efforts.

As a final note, please know that this is your HOA. Feel free to get involved. Please let us know if you would like to help out. Contact us any time at [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com).

Best regards,



Paul Mazer, BSHC President

## *News from the Committees*

**Recreational Amenities – The Pool Committee** reports that our pool opened for the season on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and will remain open through the Bryan County School Calendar Fall Break, as long as weather permits.

Our pool now has new cameras that allow a clearer picture, a new gate entry system to ensure all guests are permitted to be there, and all the furniture was pressure washed by four residents that volunteered their time. Thank you to those that helped get the pool ready and we hope you all enjoy!!

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.

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:** Leanne Brindle & Ervin Nelson, SammiJo & Riley Johnson

**Keller Crossing:** Valerie & Thomas Dodson, Suzanne & Thomas Lamb, Monique Lucien and William Mathews

**Tranquilla Hall:** Adrian & John Direny, Tara Kipfer.

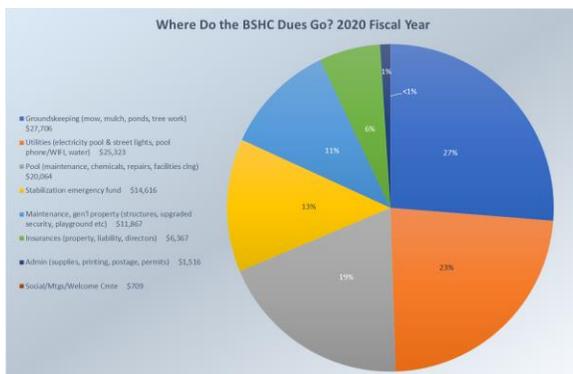
Are you new to Buckhead South but haven't been listed? We have a great Welcome Packet for you: [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com)

### May 2021 Treasurer's Report:

The **Treasurer** reports that we are wrapping up the 2021 dues collection. The dues deadline is always March 31<sup>st</sup> with a 30-day grace period until the Late Penalty and any further actions begin after April 30. We are nearly all collected and thank our members who paid their dues on time and without additional time-consuming prompting.

Our dues are the only source of income for BSHC and must cover our bills for the entire year. Our Annual Dues rate of \$550/yr. has not increased since 2005, an admirable effort given that we have experienced rate increases from all our vendors, from grounds, to pool, to insurance, etc. Our dues have remained much lower than nearby HOA's, accomplished by careful spending and volunteer Board members' efforts. Because all building lots in our neighborhoods are sold, we no longer have future houses to fuel our dues growth, and must make our current income stretch to cover expected expenses.

**Where do our dues go?** The pie chart below shows that 26% goes for **groundskeeping** (mowing, mulch, ponds, tree work); 23% for **utilities** (electricity for pool, streetlights, entrance lights, pool phone/WIFI); 19% for **pool** (maintenance, chemicals, repairs, facilities cleaning); 13% to **stabilization** emergency fund (for emergency repairs, etc.); 11% for **maintenance** and general property repairs (structures, amenities, common areas); 6% for **insurance** (property, liability, directors); 2% for **water** (pool, common area irrigation); 1% for **social/meetings** (BSHC events, Annual Meeting, Welcome Committee materials); and 1% for **administration** (supplies, printing, postage, permits). You can see what a good bargain our members receive by your neighbor-volunteers doing all the administrative work free of charge. If we hired a management company to collect dues, handle architectural design approvals, maintain covenant enforcement, pay bills, and do all member communications, our dues would easily be 35-55% higher.



## Keep Buckhead South Beautiful



Spring cleanup often involves outdoor burning, please remember you must obtain a GA DNR Open Burning permit first. Call 877-OK2BURN or DNR online: [gatrees.org](http://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 as 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.

In February, Bryan County hired Atlantic Waste Services to replace Republic Services as our sanitation provider. The pick-up schedule for trash remained unchanged, weekly on Tuesdays. The pick-up schedule for recycling is still every other week, but now on Tuesdays. 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 should be returned to its storing place after pick-up, before the next day. For convenience, below is a quick-glance schedule for several upcoming every-other Tuesday *recycling* pick-ups:

- May 4
- May 18
- June 1
- June 15
- June 29

For any questions concerning service or pick-up, please contact Atlantic Waste: (912) 964-2000.

## 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.

**Other news** Send news to: [melledge8@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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, 2<sup>nd</sup> dirt road on right after dump).

**WANTED:** Katrina Buck and Candace Stafford would like to invite BHSC ladies to our next Bible Study.

We understand feeling strained and stressed! Come join us as we explore God's word in a 7-week Bible Study and enjoy food and fellowship! Please contact us at [RevAndDoc2011@gmail.com](mailto:RevAndDoc2011@gmail.com) or [Butterflygarden1@msn.com](mailto:Butterflygarden1@msn.com) for place/date/time information.

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](mailto:melledge8@gmail.com) to list here.

## Calendar

Got something for the calendar? [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com) 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of every month, RH Historical Soc. local history series, 7pm, free. (912)756-3697

**SAT:** Mar – Oct, 1<sup>st</sup> 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\*\*\*\*\*

**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, JFGregory Park, 11am, to be determined.

**6-14** Flag Day

**6-20** Father's Day

**7-4** Independence Day 7-4, local festivities to be determined. (7-3 JFG fireworks celebration).

**9-6** Labor Day

**9-10** Ganesh Hindu holiday

**October** Oktoberfest, Savannah Riverfront, to be determined.

**October** Pumpkin Patch Kids Fest, 9-1, JFG Park, RH, to be determined.

**October** Picnic in the Park, Forsyth Park, Savannah, 5:30-8:30 pm. Food, music, competitive tables. To be determined.

**October** Annual Tybee Island Pirate Fest. To be determined.

**10-11** Columbus Day

**10-13** BSHC Pool closes following fall school break.

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](mailto: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 8-15-21 for the Sept. issue.