

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. We hope all had a wonderful and safe Holiday season. 2021 was a challenging year for many different reasons, but still was nothing compared to 2020. In 2021, we were able to accomplish several projects to improve the neighborhood infrastructure and we hope to continue this over the next several years. As always, there is plenty of things to do and the HOA board will be working this winter on typical projects to get our neighborhood ready for spring and summer. Buckhead South remains one of the most desirable locations in Richmond Hill and we are working to make sure we remain this way far into the future.

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 in good standing can be an officer of the club. If interested, please contact us at buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com. We are currently working on details, and an agenda will be sent out in January. Also, if you want to get involved in other ways (committees, etc.) or just help every once and awhile, please let us know. We can always use volunteers. We are looking forward to a safe and happy 2022.

Best regards,



Paul Mazer – President BSHC

News from the Committees

Recreational Amenities – Please remind your household to not operate any wheeled apparatus on the basketball and tennis courts. These special surfaces cannot withstand the abrasion of bikes, scooters, skates, skateboards or the like.

The **Pool Committee** happily reports that Buckhead South enjoyed a great 2021 pool season and work is being done now to get ready for the 2022 pool season!

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 after a very lively summer and fall for property transfers, things have calmed down. We had 3 new residents join Buckhead South recently and we welcome them!

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:

Tranquilla Hall: Reginald Martin; Bernadette Strickland, Marilyn & Samuel Hutchinson.

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

The **Treasurer** reports that the dues invoices for the 2022 fiscal year covering April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 will be mailed to you in February 2022. There will be the usual payment deadline of March 31, 2022, with a late penalty applying if not received by April 30, 2022. These dues payments are the only source of income for Buckhead South Homeowner's Club, Inc., and must cover all our bills for the next 12 months, including grounds, pool, utilities, insurance, maintenance, and more. The administration of your HOA is free to you, with all admin and oversight duties being performed by your unpaid volunteer neighbors. Your check can be mailed to BSHC, PO Box 353, Richmond Hill GA 31324 **OR** put in the Treasurer's

porch mailbox at 29 Victors Ct. Please do not put it in the street mailbox, as this may be confused with outgoing mail by the USPS and go missing. Thank you.

Best wishes, *Sue Shea, Treasurer*

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.

Considering home improvement projects this winter or spring? Please keep in mind most changes to your home's exterior, such as fences, outbuildings, or other significant changes to street view must be reviewed and approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) in advance. 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.

If your winter/spring cleanup involves outdoor burning, GA DNR allows outdoor burning for yard debris only, not trash or construction debris. 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.

Last year, Buckhead South's trash and recycling pick-up contract changed to Atlantic Waste. Buckhead South's pick-up schedule for trash is weekly on Tuesdays. The pick-up schedule for recycling is every other Tuesday. 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 the evening after pick-up, prior to the next day.

Safety & Security at Home

Did you know our Buckhead South roads are Bryan County roads and therefore all operators of motorized carts here must be at least 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 liable for all damages and injuries if an underage person was operating it. The Bryan County Sheriff's Dept has been welcomed to do more frequent drive throughs to monitor this. And as always, please be conscientious of our neighborhood speed to help maintain the safety of BSHC roadways.

A late-summer survey of the streetlights in all three neighborhoods was conducted and Coastal Electric was notified of non-operational lights. Residents are encouraged to contact Coastal Electric at 912-884-3311 or www.coastalelectriccooperative.com when you see streetlights out.

As a reminder, our BSHC 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

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).

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? 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.

*****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

1-2 Bring One for the Chipper, JFG Park, 9am, free mulching of your Christmas tree.

1-8 RH Resolution Runz 5k Race, JF Gregory Pk, 8AM

1-15 RH Martin Luther King, Jr. parade, Ford Ave. - JFG Park, 10AM. 1-17 is MLK Day.

2/4-21 Savannah Black Heritage Festival
www.savannahblackheritagefestival.com

2-6 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.

2-11 Georgia History Day Parade, Forsythe Park, 10:45am

2-15 Presidents' Day

2-28 Annual BSHC dues notices sent out, due by 3/31.

3-13 Daylight Savings begins, clocks *spring ahead* 1 hr.

3-17 St. Patrick's Day. 2022 festivities to be announced.

3-20 First day of Spring.

3-31 Annual Dues payment due by this date.

4-1 Ramadan begins at sundown.

4-15 First day of Passover.

4-17 Easter Sunday

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

5-5 Cinco de Mayo

5-8 Mother's Day

5-12 Eid Al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)

5-21 Armed Forces Day

5-30 Memorial Day, JF 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.