

# *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 Neighbors,

Even though it does not feel like fall, it is on the way.

Thanks to all of the volunteers that made this year's pool party a great success.

Over the spring and summer, many of you had projects that required Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approval and we thank you for submitting the form online. For our residents considering future projects, the form can be found at [www.buckheadsouth.com](http://www.buckheadsouth.com). Questions? Contact an Officer before you start.

With the hope of cooler weather on the way, now is a good time to start planning those yard and curb appeal spruce ups. Please check for overgrown bushes or trees that need trimming, driveways and building exteriors that need power washing, and check to see if your shutters need to be painted or replaced. Our community has a great reputation and keeping our curb appeal goes a long way in keeping it that way. Here are some items to remember:

Boats & trailers – please make sure they are properly stored behind a 6-foot privacy (solid) fence.

RVs – please be sure these are stored off-site as per ARC guidelines.

Yards – please make sure to follow guidelines on mowing, edging, and yard debris cleanup.

The ARC guidelines document and others can be found on our website [www.buckheadsouth.com](http://www.buckheadsouth.com) under the "documents" tab.

As always, feel free to contact the board at [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com) with questions or comments.

Best regards,

Jim Pieters – President BSHC

## *Welcome*



Seven properties have changed residents at Buckhead South since our last newsletter. We extend our most heartfelt welcome to:

**Hampton:** Alfred Saunders, Logan & Heather Kellher, Roselynn & Nathan Tomfohrde, William & Kelsea Seago.

**Tranquilla Hall:** Ling Zhang & Long Lin, Jeremiah & Alicia Johnson, Fernessa Fortunato.

Welcome Packets are delivered to new residents for a great beginning to living at Buckhead South. It's filled with helpful quick start info, along with signup forms for BSHC email and pool use authorization. We rely on newspaper property transfer notices, lawyer/bank closings and realtors to learn of new residents. We don't always hear in a timely way, especially with home rentals. If you know of any of our new residents who have not received a welcome packet, please let them know to contact us at [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com) so we may deliver their Welcome Packet.

Best wishes, Maria Keith, *Secretary*

## *Recreational Amenities*

A generous donation of three 30-gallon live oak trees has been given to us to be planted around our ball field with the hopes of providing a shaded area for all to enjoy in the future. The board is looking for three families to take advantage of this donation and plant and nurture a tree for the first year. If you are interested, please contact the board at [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com).

If you would like to reserve use of the ballfield for a specific date/time, please reach out to Chris Brotka via our neighborhood Facebook group.

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.

The **Pool Committee** reports that our Annual Pool Party on August 12th was a success. A big thank you to all those who volunteered their time and/or resources to help make this celebration happen. It was a fun day for all who attended!

We hope you continue to enjoy the pool with the remaining warm weather we have this fall. The pool will be open through the school Fall Break, 10/9 and 10/10, and will be closed for the season beginning October 11. Maintenance work in and around the pool area is scheduled during the off-season.

We thank our residents for a fun and safe 2023 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

## ***Keep Buckhead South Beautiful***



As temperatures begin to cool in the coming months, plants need less water. Adjust your watering schedule for lawns and pay close attention to containers as they tend to become waterlogged. If your automatic watering system stays on all year, fall/winter is a good time to adjust the amount of watering during each cycle. A good rule of thumb is to cut irrigation time in half when overnight temperatures reach 40°F or below.

You can also help put a stop to any winter weeds just as you would in the summer. Using a pre-emergent herbicide from mid-October to mid-November can keep your lawn looking great through winter and help set up your yard for success going into the spring.

If your fall yard 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. Burn permits do not need to be called in each time, as long as the requirements are followed. For more information, call 877-652-2876, local 912-884-3331, or go to <http://gatrees.org>. As always, please keep the comfort of your neighbors in mind when burning.

## ***Safety & Security at Home***

With school back in session and as the days shorten through the fall and winter months, please be mindful of our kids walking to/from and waiting at bus stops. Please do your part to keep our young neighbors safe by taking extra care traveling our roads without distraction and within posted speed limits (25mph max).

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? That's right, **you must have a valid driver's license to operate motorized vehicles on our neighborhood roads.** If a cart, scooter, moped, or dirt bike is involved in an accident, regardless of responsibility, the owner 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 mindful of our neighborhood speed limit to help maintain the safety of all our residents.

As a reminder, our HOC parking lots (pool and ballfield) 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 security camera system is assisting in this area, as well.

Streetlight out? Residents are encouraged to contact Coastal Electric at 912-884-3311 or [www.coastalelectriccooperative.com](http://www.coastalelectriccooperative.com) to report outages.

***Other news*** Send news to: [melledge8@gmail.com](mailto:melledge8@gmail.com)

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

A volunteer is needed to raise and lower the flag during national declarations at the Hampton entrance. The flag will need to be removed if we cannot find a volunteer for this. Please contact [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

In search of three families to plant and nurture a tree at our ballfield! Three trees have been generously donated. We just need your help planting and caring for them for the first year. If you are interested, please contact the board at [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com).

Yard Sale Organizers needed: Interested in running a community yard sale? Ongoing volunteers are needed to organize future yard sales for our neighborhoods. Contact [buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadsouthhoa@gmail.com) for loan of the entrance banners and intersection signs.

Volunteers are 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).

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.

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

## 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.

### \*\*\*\*\*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, hikes, more. Contact them for events. (912)727-2338.

**SAT:** Weekly Richmond Hill Farmers Market, 3-6:30pm, at RH Hist. Soc. Museum on Ford Museum grounds.

### \*\*\*\*\*COMING EVENTS\*\*\*\*\*

**9-4** Labor Day

**9-19** Ganesh Hindu holiday

**9/25-10/31** Oktoberfest at Plant Riverside District, Savannah waterfront. Every weekend including food, music, shopping and free family-friendly events.

**10/5-7** Oktoberfest on River Street, Savannah. Beer, food booths, music.

**10/6-7** Annual Tybee Island Pirate Fest

**10-7** Pumpkin Patch Kids Fest, 9-1, JFG Park, RH

**10-7** Savannah Philharmonic "Phil the Park" annual picnic, Forsyth Park, Savannah. 5-9:30 pm. Music, food, community; free, no reservations needed.

**10-9** Columbus Day

**10-11** BSHC Pool closes following fall school break. Off-season maintenance work begins. Dates tentative.

**10/13-15** The Great Ogeechee Seafood Fest @ JFG Park, (F)5-11pm; (S)10-11pm; (Su)11-5pm. RHBC Chamber of Commerce (912)756-3444.

**10-24** Diwali Hindu holiday.

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

**11-5** Daylight Savings Time ends, clocks *fall back* 1 hr

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

**11-23** Thanksgiving

**11/24-12/24** December Nights & Holiday Lights at the Coastal GA Botanical Ctr (Bamboo Gardens), 6-9pm. Rt. 17 to 2 Canebrake Rd. A festive celebration of over 150,000 colorful lights, music & sweet treats.

**11-25** Illuminated boat parade, Savannah riverfront, at dusk. Kicks off the Christmas waterfront festivities through 12-24.

**Dec** – month of Christmas celebrations at Savannah waterfront, including events at waterfront and Christmas Market at Plant Riverside. Through 12-24, then NYE.

**12-2** Richmond Hill Christmas Parade, 10am., followed by Winter Holiday Market at JFG Park all day.

**12-2** Lighted boat parade & fireworks, Fishtales/Ft.McAllister Marina, details to be determined.

**12-7** Chanukah begins at sundown

**12-21** First day of winter

**12-25** Christmas

**12-26** Kwanzaa begins.

**12-31** New Year's Eve. Goodbye 2023, Hello 2024!

*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? Content deadline is 12-15-23 for the Jan 2024 issue.*