



THE NEWSLETTER

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HELLO NEIGHBORS!

This is the first edition of our 2008-2009 Newsletter. It is our hope that it will become an asset to our community. This will not be simply communications from the board, but also contributions from YOU, the people who make this a wonderful place to live.

Letters, poems, quotes; information of interest, birthdays, anniversaries, home-comings, and anything else that you would like to add can be submitted for publishing consideration. The more input from you will make this a neighborhood newsletter for all to enjoy. To submit something,

Please e-mail to:

dragonflylea@comcast.net

Or mail to:

Lea Clements @ 214 McLaughlin Ct.

Please reserve sale items and services for the classified section on the neighborhood website:

www.buckheadhoa.com

The Buckhead Website has a variety of very valuable and timely information for you. Please check it out. You'll be glad you did!

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HOA PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We have set an ambitious agenda for this fiscal year, and we are very optimistic about what can be accomplished. But before I can go into all that, the issue of vandalism in our neighborhood must be addressed.

There have been several instances of totally mindless and malicious acts of vandalism. Approximately \$1,000.00 worth of damage has been done at the snack bar: which is the amount that qualifies it as a felony. During that episode, according to the police report, there was an attempt to set fire to the snack bar by burning pine straw on the roof.

A week later, we had another group defecate in the pool by hanging off the pool ladder in the deep end. This occurred at about 3:45 a.m.

Shortly after that incident on the same night, maybe by the same people, 6 sprinkler heads just before the entrance to Windsong were destroyed.

We also have people tearing up the grass on the parkways along Rathlin with their vehicles.

Folks, our young people need to understand that the Buckhead neighborhood is their home and ours. They need to know that when we have to spend time and money repairing senseless damage it takes away from beneficial things we could be accomplishing with those same resources.

The Buckhead HOA board will do its part. We need the parents to do their part by talking to their children, and emphasizing the importance of helping Buckhead remain the best place in south Bryan County to live and play.

Let's make Buckhead what we all wanted it to be when we moved here. With your cooperation, it will be.

George Grant

POOL INFORMATION

The pool opened on May 2ⁿ. Pool hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. We are fortunate that Mary will be back as our "attendant" this year. She is not a lifeguard, but she does have the authority to send anyone home who is not following the rules. These rules are posted at the pool, and must be followed for the safety of us all. We encourage you to scan your key whenever you exit the pool. Also, please be aware that the keys and exit buttons will not work after 9 p.m.

TREE PRUNING TIME!!

June 21st to June 23rd

We have partnered with "A&R Tree Service" to come to Buckhead for disposal and mulching of all discarded tree limbs throughout the neighborhood. Please place your debris near the street for pick up. Keep in mind that limbs must not be more than 4" in diameter and that this service is for pruned limbs only, not leaves and such. Also, before any tree is cut down or removed, you need DRC approval.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please slow down while driving in Buckhead. There are a lot of children out and about as well as walkers, runners, bikers, and folks exercising their pets. It's imperative that we be EXTRA careful. There have been a few scares to both kids and adults caused by drivers. We certainly don't want any accidents. Thank you.

TIPS FOR LIVING GREEN

- *Turn off lights when you leave the room*
- *Don't leave the water running when you aren't using it.*
- *Recycle, recycle, and then recycle some more. The South Bryan Landfill has bins for paper, glass cardboard, & plastic. You can drop off your aluminum cans at the Fire Dept.*
- *Get this; recycling one aluminum can save the same amount of energy needed to run the T.V. for three hours.*
- *Unplug phone chargers and other electronic device when not in use. When they are plugged in, energy is still being used.*
- *Re-Use plastic water bottles. More resources are used to make that water bottle than are saved by recycling it.*
- *Limit your driving about. Try to combine errands. Don't drive unless you really need to. Not only will this save energy, but you also save money due to the rising gas prices.*
- *Check out the packaging on items you purchase. If there is a like item with less packaging, buy that instead. It will save waste.*

Don't litter. Better yet, help to clean up trash where-ever you see it. And a BIG THANKS to those of you who pick up litter in the neighborhood. It has been noticed, and you've made a positive difference!

FOR YOUR MIND

Happiness is where you find it and seldom where you seek it.

Unknown

Earth laughs in flowers.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Trivia:

A giraffe has a 17 inch tongue.

A wink takes one tenth of a second.

All Polar Bears are left-handed.

Baboons can not throw overhand.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

Odd-numbered addresses may water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, midnight to 10 am.

Even-numbered & unnumbered addresses may water on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, midnight to 10 a.m. It is permissible to water by hand any day/ any time.

GARDENING TIPS

My gardening tips for this month are in keeping with the conservation of water while still allowing your lawn and garden to flourish.

- **Mulch bare soil-** this will slow the evaporation of moisture.
- **Collect water in a rain barrel** for watering container grown plants.
- **Gauge your sprinklers-** Using a rain gauge allows you to be sure you are not over watering.
- **Use drought tolerant plants.**
- **If you have a sprinkler system and it is set with a timer to run according to the restrictions, you might want to consider a mechanical rain monitor.** It will override your system in the event of rain.
- **Repair hose leaks-** Leaks in the hose body or at the connections can waste a great deal of water that can be better served elsewhere.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Design Review Committee (DRC): This Committee has the duty of upholding the covenants as they pertain to any changes to your property. We would like to remind the residents that boats and trailers can not be parked in their driveways without a parking permit. The permit can be obtained by emailing the HOA Board and from the website. The fine for 1st time offense is \$100.00. It then increases to \$100.00 per month after that.

ABOUT YOUR ELECTED OFFICERS

George Grant (President)

Why do you want to be an officer on the Buckhead HOA Board?

It's evidently in my nature to be involved in what is going on around me. Former president Kris Rattner started pushing for me to take the president's job, and three years later I finally accepted it.

How long have you lived in the community, and been a member of the HOA board?

I've lived here since March 29th, 1996, and been a member for 5 or 6 years, serving on various committees.

What is your favorite part of living in Buckhead?

Live oaks and serenity, although the serenity part ended for me when I became president.

What is your favorite color, ice cream, candy, flower, sport?

Blue, anything with peanut butter and chocolate (I would probably eat road kill, if it had peanut butter and chocolate ice cream on it.), dark chocolate, oleander, weightlifting is the only sport that I still participate in.

Ron Vandegrift (V. P.)

Why do you want to be an officer on the Buckhead HOA Board?

I wanted to help bring solid leadership for the good of the neighborhood. My lovely wife, Holly, persuaded me.

How long have you lived in Buckhead, and been a member of the HOA board?

I've lived here going on 4 years, and been a member for over two years now. I served on the Covenants Committee and am currently in charge of Building and Maintenance.

What is your favorite part of living in Buckhead?

Amenities and it is a relatively quiet neighborhood.

What is your favorite color, ice cream, candy, flower, sport?

Blue. Vanilla. Chocolate covered coconut.

Karen Gramazio (Treasurer)

Why do you want to be an officer on the Buckhead HOA Board?

A few years ago, the Vice President resigned before his term was up. I was asked to be Interim VP until the annual meeting. At the annual meeting no one wanted the position, so I remained. The next year, our President moved and I didn't want the position, so I made a deal with the Treasurer and was able to switch positions. I felt I was better suited as Treasurer because I liked working with finances.

How long have you lived in the community and been a member of the HOA board?

I moved here in 2001. I have been a Board Member since 2003 and have held an Officer position since 2004.

What is your favorite part of living in Buckhead?

Having neighbors I can call friends.

What is your favorite color, ice cream, candy, flower, sport?

The color light blue, strawberry ice cream, the smell of Jasmine and Gardenia flowers, Reese's Peanut Butter cups and Baby Ruth bars and my favorite sports to watch is lacrosse & baseball and I like to play soccer.

Sandy Talley (Secretary)

Why do you want to be an officer on the Buckhead HOA Board?

I've been an officer since the beginning. I can't imagine not being one. I started when Johnny Murphy appointed me.

How long have you lived in the community and been a member of the HOA board?

I've lived here 8 years. I've been a member for 7 years. I started out on the advisory board. Have been Secretary and President

What is your favorite part of living in Buckhead?

The community

What is your favorite color, ice cream, candy, flower, sport?

My favorite hobby is Country Music Concerts.