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NBCA Fall Fling & Dog Show Sunday, November 4, 2-5pm

Once again, it's time to tell you about our plans for a neighborhood get-together. This year, we've planned to hold our Fall Fling on Rickenbacker Drive, parts of which will be closed for our event. See the event map on page 10. This year's Fling will be held in partnership with the **Blue Heron Nature Preserve**.

The event includes food (including vegetarian) from the Wing Factory. Food is free for NBCA member households. Not a member? Come and join. Where else can you get a nice lunch for your family, provide fun for the kids, meet your neighbors, park for free, and get a year's civic association membership for \$50?

As detailed on Page 11, we'll have lots of activities for all members of the family.

You might wonder, Rickenbacker Drive next to Blue Heron Nature Preserve — where on earth is that? Actually, it's inside the neighborhood near Roswell Road. To give more familiar landmarks: Have you seen the Pike's Nursery on Roswell Road? The edge of Blue Heron Nature Preserve is directly across Roswell Road from Pike's parking lot. Been to the Publix Store on Roswell Road at Chastain Square? The street on the shopping center's southern edge is Rickenbacker Drive and Blue Heron is a 400 foot walk from

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Piccadilly Puppets

By Nancy Riggs
Executive Director, Piccadilly Puppets

North Buckhead is home to one of Atlanta's oldest performing arts organizations, Piccadilly Puppets, but don't look for a theatre building in the neighborhood. Piccadilly Puppets is a touring puppet company, performing puppet shows and teaching workshops at schools, churches, day care centers, libraries and other venues for children and family audiences throughout Georgia, primarily in Metro Atlanta. Founded in 1970, the company moved into the home my husband and I own on Wieuca Road in 2011, upon the death of our former director.

It's a small company. I function as Artistic Director, Managing Director and Executive

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NBCA's MARTA Initiative

By Robert Patterson
NBCA Transit Committee Chair

In 2016, City of Atlanta voters approved an increase to the sales tax to fund transit improvements within the city. The collection of proposed improvements funded by the sales tax is called "More MARTA". As you can see from the map printed on the next page, most of the proposed initiatives are well south of North Buckhead, which is highlighted in green.

North Buckhead must advocate for its transit needs so that we are not forgotten by decision makers. In crafting a transit resolution shown

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Amphibian Foundation

By Mark Mandica

Executive Director, The Amphibian Foundation

Hello Neighbors! Last year, we had the opportunity in this newsletter to introduce ourselves and write a bit about our mission, right here in Buckhead, to save globally endangered amphibian species. If you are unaware, the Amphibian Foundation, located at the Blue Heron Nature Preserve, works with state, federal and global agencies to conserve amphibians and their habitats. Our highest priority projects focus on native imperiled species from Georgia and the southeastern United States, such as the Gopher Frog, Striped Newt and Flatwoods Salamander. This winter, we have been busy building a one-of-a-kind conservation resource on the preserve — nicknamed “Metamorphosis Meadow” — a series of 20 mesocosms (controllable artificial wetlands) where imperiled amphibian species can be reared, bred and experimentally released into protected habitat in partnership with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. For updates on this project and more, please sign up for the Amphibian Foundation mailing list:

StayInformed.amphibianfoundation.org.

Also, this coming summer will be the 4th year of our reptile and amphibian summer camp: Critter Camp! Critter Camp is a science-based summer and school-break camp at The Blue Heron Nature Preserve. Critter Camp is open to ages 6 -14 and is a safe, hands-on exploration into the world of amphibians, reptiles and their habitats. Campers are taught to safely handle the delicate, rare and sometimes endangered animals available — for the safety of the animals as well as the campers! Particular attention will be paid to the biology, diversity, stewardship and conservation of amphibians and reptiles. Campers will be encouraged to ask questions about the animals and discover their own answers through hands-on observation.

For more information on the Critter Camp, please see: critter-camp.org. Registration is available on the Blue Heron Nature Preserve website: bhnp.org.



amphibianfoundation

Frosted Flatwoods Salamanders, *Ambystoma cingulatum*, have suffered a 90% population loss since 1999 and are considered at imminent risk of extinction. The Amphibian Foundation in Buckhead, which is the only organization permitted by the federal government to work with this species in captivity, plans to breed these salamanders in their new conservation resource — Metamorphosis Meadow — located in the Blue Heron Nature Preserve.

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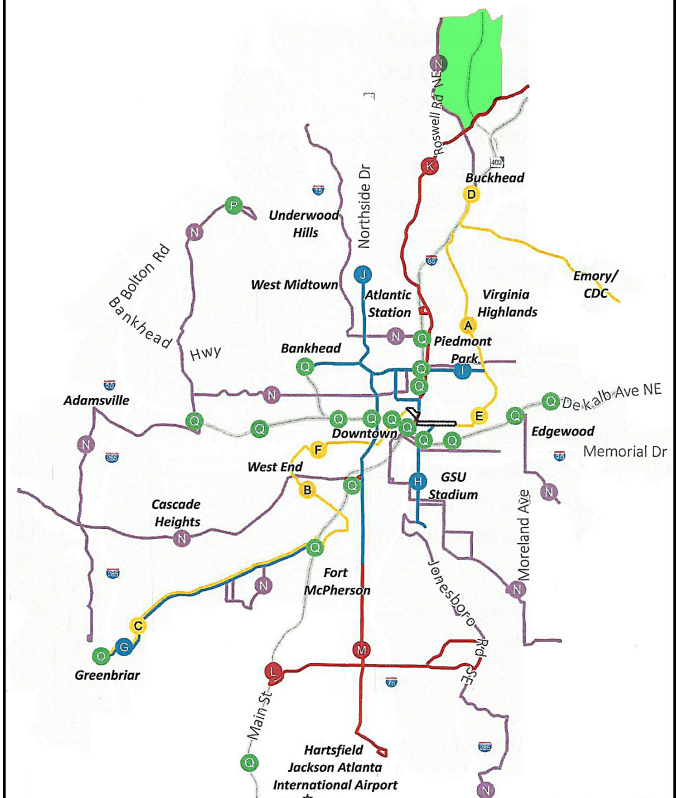
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on the next page, we focused on simple, relatively low-cost initiatives that are practical and doable and help fix what we already have. In a nutshell, North Buckhead needs more bus shelters, greater frequency on its only two bus lines (#110 and #5), and better access to these two bus lines. These improvements will not only help North Buckhead residents, but also help people coming to Buckhead get out of their cars and onto MARTA.

Other initiatives to help reduce cars in North Buckhead are possible, such as greater commuter bus service from other counties. However, this resolution only focuses on initiatives that can be funded by the new sales tax.

The MARTA Board will vote to approve the “More MARTA” project list in early October. We trust that the MARTA Board will recognize the increased transit effectiveness which can result from the changes listed in our resolution and will approve them for timely implementation.

MORE MARTA Proposed Projects



More MARTA's proposed project map for Atlanta, above, has been annotated by NBCA to highlight North Buckhead in light green. Note that the bulk of proposed projects are well south of North Buckhead, which gets updates to two existing bus routes along its perimeter.

The original More MARTA map with project titles may be found at <https://www.itSMARTA.com/moremarta.aspx>.

NBCA Resolution To MARTA: Focus On Improving Service

North Buckhead Civic Association TRANSIT AND MOBILITY RESOLUTION

Approved by NBCA Board on 8/27/2018

The North Buckhead Civic Association ("NBCA") represents one of the City of Atlanta's most populous neighborhoods. This neighborhood's 10,000 residents live in the part of Buckhead bounded by Peachtree Road and Piedmont Road on the south, by Roswell Road on the west, by Peachtree Dunwoody Road on the east, and by the City of Sandy Springs on the north. Daytime workers and visitors swell the area's population by an additional 30,000. NBCA strongly desires to see improvements to transit service for the benefit of North Buckhead residents, daytime workers, and other visitors. Our goal is to greatly increase transit ridership by improving service, access, and bus shelters.

Current MARTA Service For The North Buckhead Area

MARTA's primary service for North Buckhead comprises:

- Gold and Red rail lines accessed at the Buckhead Station, the Lenox Station (0.5-mile away), and the Brookhaven Station (1.25-miles away)
- Bus Route 110 on Peachtree Road
- Bus Route 5 on Roswell Road

There are several important obstacles to greater use of MARTA service, including:

- No service is provided to the neighborhood's residential interior.
- Piedmont Center office park and Lenox Road jointly form a mile-long barrier that impedes many residents from reaching MARTA service.
- MARTA discontinued bus service on Peachtree Dunwoody Road and Wieuca Road more than two decades ago.
- There is no bike or car parking for MARTA service on Peachtree Road (Route 110) or on Roswell Road (Route 5). Thus, the only access to MARTA bus service is to walk.
- Given North Buckhead's single-family development form and large size, most North Buckhead residents face a one- to three-mile walk to reach MARTA bus or rail service.
- MARTA provides very few bus shelters along Route 5, meaning that riders must wait in the sun, wind, and cold. Further, there are few pedestrian crosswalks on this route.

Specific Requests For The North Buckhead Area

To overcome the obstacles outlined above, we believe that MARTA should improve the service level, access, and bus shelters in North Buckhead, benefiting residents, workers, and visitors.

We consider some of these improvements as "Priority A" which should occur in the near future using More MARTA funding. We consider other improvements as "Priority B", and these would probably need to happen in the medium term.

Bus Shelters

Priority A: Install bus shelters for Route 5 and any additional future service at virtually every stop where it is physically possible. Currently, riders must stand in the sun and rain while waiting for a bus. While a bus shelter signals that MARTA respects its riders and is a significant inducement to riding MARTA, seeing people stand in the rain and heat tells people to avoid MARTA at all costs. Spending More MARTA funds on bus shelters would be highly cost-effective and meet a very basic human need. All other More MARTA initiatives (map on previous page) should come after this basic need is met.

Service Level

Priority A: Upgrade routes 5 and 110 to Arterial Service, as recommended in MARTA's COA study.

Priority A: Implement an Uber-style pick-up service for access to rail stations and bus routes.

Priority B: Re-activate the bus route between Lenox Station and Medical Center Station on Peachtree Dunwoody Road.

Priority B: Add a "crosstown" bus route on Wieuca/West Wieuca Roads and other appropriate streets.

Access

Priority A: Expand bike parking at rail stations and along Routes 5 and 110.

Priority A: Install mid-block crosswalks at carefully selected locations along Roswell Road, coinciding with MARTA bus stops and other pedestrian needs.

Priority B: Provide car parking along Routes 5 and 110.

APD Needs Our Help

A problem is growing, one that has been covered in the news media. Do an internet search for "Atlanta police pay lags" for details. Our Atlanta Police Department is losing officers to other local cities and towns. Monthly, we lose more and more.

Why? First, being a police officer is hard work. Work disputes are often highlighted on TV news. That work environment makes job seekers less likely to choose law enforcement work. Further, as unemployment rates continue to fall, fewer new people join the law enforcement workforce.


Second, Atlanta runs an excellent Police Academy. Our city bears the cost of training officers. Then nearby municipalities siphon away our APD officers by paying them a lot more.

In order to reverse shrinking APD staffing levels, we need to make police work in Atlanta more fairly compensated. We understand that our city has done extensive research on this issue. And, since the **only** solution is better pay for APD officers, why the delay in announcing the plan?

Should you talk with city officials or email them, ask how serious they think the police staffing situation is. If they don't bring it up, mention that you've heard that better police pay and benefits are drawing Atlanta officers away to work in other towns and cities. Ask what changes are planned to city policies and how soon they will be implemented to ensure we always have enough police officers on duty to keep us safe. Tell them we expect action.

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Atlanta Police Zone 2 Precinct, the largest of the city's six precincts, is huge. It includes all of Buckhead, extends down past Cheshire Bridge Road to the area east of Piedmont Park, then west to the Chattahoochee River while skipping much of Midtown. Its land area is larger than the city of San Francisco. Major Barry Shaw is the current Zone 2 Commander.

For about three decades Zone 2 leadership has met with neighborhood representatives in meetings every other month. The group is called the Community Action Committee (CAC). While other precincts have had CACs, the Zone 2 CAC is now the only survivor. Typical civilian attendance ranges from 15 to 20 people.

Typically, meetings start with the Commander outlining crime trends within the precinct as contrasted with the rest of the city. Zone 2's crime is typically skewed toward property crime and less toward violent crime.

The commander then usually addresses any high profile events. Sometimes the discussion shifts to the impact of technology (i.e., security cameras managed by the APD's Video Integration Center) and how that capability aids in arrests of car thieves and other wanted people. Recently, time was spent on the impact of the closure of the downtown homeless center and its impact on a shift of homeless people to makeshift camp sites in Zone 2. Other times it might be topics such as Super Bowl planning.

Then, it is time for each of the neighborhood representatives to report on what their area's experience and concerns have been. This may include observations about enforcement needs, questions about the status of high profile crimes, requests for insight into what happened in events reported by neighborhood emails, etc.

Our Zone 2 CAC has proven to be an important communications conduit between the precinct's police leadership and its residents.



Photo: Susan Kanellos

APD Zone 2 Community Action Committee
CAC members, above, with Major Barry Shaw (second from the left). NBCA President Gordon Certain is at the far right.

Piccadilly Puppets—continued

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Director all rolled into one part-time position. Additionally, we have three wonderful freelance puppeteers; all of us have performing arts degrees and extensive professional experience working with children. We perform all over the Metro area and beyond, so North Buckhead is a great location with its access to GA400, I-85 and I-75. You may have seen the brightly wrapped white Puppet Van on neighborhood streets, or you might see me walking our big fluffy white Great Pyrenees dog on Path400!

Piccadilly Puppets is a non-profit organization that specializes in blending entertainment and education in enjoyable shows that enhance the school curriculum for preschoolers and elementary students. Our shows teach life science, social studies and English Language Arts concepts with lots of humor, music and audience participation. We also have three holiday shows and two Bible stories — and yes, we do birthday parties!

In addition to performing at Sarah Smith Elementary, Wieuca Road Baptist Preschool, Peachtree Presbyterian and several private homes, we have collaborated a little more closely with some neighborhood organizations. On two occasions, the Landmark Diner let us use their comedy lounge space for weekend morning shows to benefit Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. We have performed many times at St. James United Methodist Church for both the preschool and the congregation. Our puppet van did “pop-up” shows and puppet-making at a Food Truck Night there last summer. They have also been kind enough to give us rehearsal space when we need more room than our 1949 brick ranch can offer.

As a native of Buckhead, I am pleased to be able to get my business involved with my community. When we first purchased the van, I offered a free “preview” appearance at Little Nancy Creek Park, and 50 neighbors turned up on very short notice. Hopefully, we’ll do it again soon. Our central location is also good for those emergency runs to places like Ace Hardware and Guitar Center.

If you want to know more about our shows, or see where we are performing next, visit our website, www.piccadillypuppets.org. Many of our performances are not open to the public, but we list the ones that are on our “News” page.



Back of Piccadilly’s van serves as stage for puppet show.



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To use your credit card to pay dues and/or make other donations, go to www.nbca.org/dues.htm. You will receive an email confirmation of your payment. We have added the capability for you to select a one- or two-year renewal period. These actions can be repeated to get reduced cost membership periods longer than two years.

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Final Public Meeting: Loridans Greenspace Visioning Oct. 2

Loridans Greenspace is the latest public park initiative in North Buckhead. The site is a 2.5 acre site on the east edge of GA 400 at Loridans Drive. The site is special in several ways. It is the site of one of Atlanta's oldest family cemeteries, established 166 years ago in 1852. Several dozen graves marked by field stones were added in later years. In a couple of years, PATH400 will extend through the edge of the new park, ultimately extending to the north into Sandy Springs.

Our neighborhood is most fortunate that Park

Pride, the prominent parks non-profit, selected our Loridans site to sponsor as one of its two "Park Visioning" projects this year. A steering committee, mostly made up of nearby neighborhood residents, has guided the evaluation of possible park development options. The results of Park Pride's and the committee's recommendations have been presented in three public meetings. The final public meeting is at **6:30 pm Tuesday, October 2, at St. James United Methodist Church**, 4400 Peachtree Dunwoody Road. Please attend this last meeting and have a say.

NBCA Web Site Project

NBCA established its web site in 1998 and was one of the first Atlanta neighborhood associations to do so. Well, twenty years is a long time, and we have a team working on a much more modern replacement.

Our web site redevelopment team includes the following NBCA Board members:

- **Lisa Aman**
- **Lauren Panetta**
- **Gordon Certain**
- **Robert Sarkissian**
- **Rebecca King**

The team has worked with several prospective web developers in an effort to evaluate options related to cost, flexibility, security, compatibility

with current and possible future operational needs, etc.

We hope to begin migration of much of the existing web site's content to the new platform before the end of the year.

The team elected to follow a cautious approach in migrating membership record processing from the current PC-based membership systems to web-based software.

The existing site still works fine. But, because it can't be updated using Windows 10, and our Windows 7 hardware failed, we are not currently able to update it. We could re-establish an update capability on the old site, but our efforts will be more productive focused on the new site.

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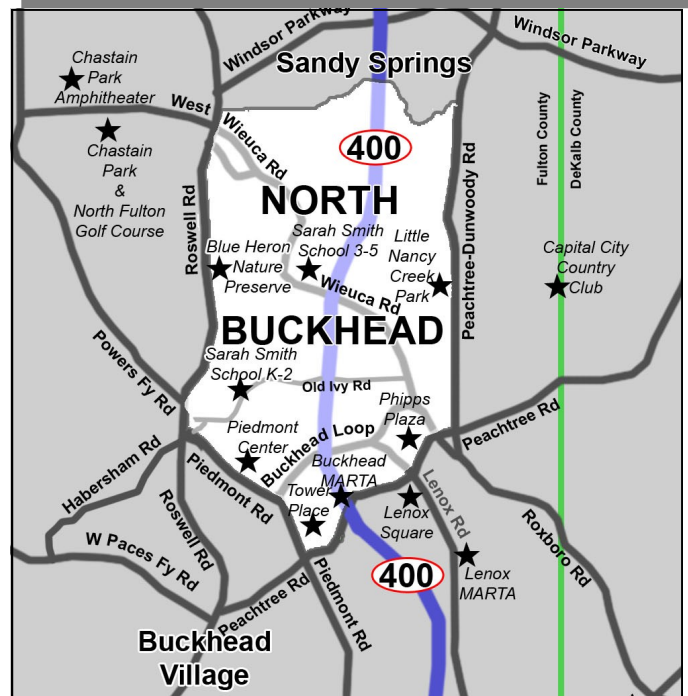
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North Buckhead Area Map



North Buckhead and surrounding areas.

SS Performing Arts Center

By Jackie Goodman
NBCA Board Member

North Buckhead residents who appreciate arts and culture will want to check out new entertainment options just four miles away at the beautiful new Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center. It is located at the new 15-acre City Springs development, which is also home to the Sandy Springs Government Center.

Upcoming events/performances include the Atlanta Ballet; the Atlanta Opera; a series called "National Geographic Live," with speakers and films; a new performing arts series featuring Broadway shows; a speaker series; various musical, dance, and other performances, and even New Year's Eve festivities which will include the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, featuring special guests Joe Gransden and Francine Reed! The Roswell Dance Theatre will present "The Nutcracker" from November 23 through December 2. The Boston Brass, the Prague Philharmonic Children's Choir and other performances will round out the inaugural season.

The Byers Theatre seats 1,070 people and has a full orchestra pit, as well as box seats. There is also a smaller Studio Theatre, which seats 300 to 350 people. The Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center has a full bar in the lobby, and there is paid and valet parking for guests. There will also be educational components for young people. For more information on upcoming events, go to <http://citysprings.com/events>.

Land Use and Zoning

By Walda Lavroff
Chair, NBCA Land Use

The NBCA Land Use and Zoning Committee did not meet in June and July, 2018; we again did not receive any applications.

For the August meeting we received one application, **V-18-236, located on 3600 Piedmont Road** near the intersection with Habersham Road.

This property, the Wingate Hotel, is located on the west side of Piedmont Road in the Buckhead Forest Neighborhood Association. The east side of Piedmont Road is in North Buckhead. Since traffic affects both neighborhoods, the applicant's representative, Sharon Gay, showed this plan to us for our thoughts and comments.

We learned that the owner of the existing Wingate Hotel (who also attended our meeting) seeks to renovate and upgrade the facilities with a boutique hotel and an adjoining full service restaurant which would be open to the public.

This requires rezoning of this property from O-I-C to C-1. Our committee voted full support of what we consider to be an improvement to this entire area.

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Cater to the Butterflies!

By Jackie Goodman
NBCA Board Member

Did you know that you can grow parsley as a special treat for swallowtail butterflies? Do you have any idea how necessary milkweed is for monarch butterflies? They come, eat, lay eggs, and fly on. The only food a monarch caterpillar can eat is milkweed, and the natural milkweed in our country has been practically decimated, so "monarchists" are trying to give the monarchs nourishing landing pads.

To create a waystation, all you need is some milkweed and some nectar plants. Monarch Watch, a non-profit educational outreach program focusing on the monarch butterfly, has recommendations for what constitutes a waystation. While any little bit of milkweed will help the butterflies, they suggest 100 square feet of plantings (10' x 10' or any configuration), either in one plot or spread about your property. Space your plants (nectar and milkweed) close together for shelter, and try to have a minimum of ten milkweed plants. Especially in urban areas such as North Buckhead, it is also helpful if you have a concentrated mass of milkweed (in neighboring yards or in common areas) so the butterflies can find it.



Monarch Butterfly

If you need additional information, the Dunwoody Nature Center has a Milkweed Project and will give you lots of helpful information, tell you what type of milkweed to plant and where to get it, etc. <http://dunwoodynature.org/1738-2>. A web site by the name of Journey North tracks the migration of Monarchs, among other creatures. http://www.learner.org/jnorth/aps/monarch_spring2018.html. A facebook site, The Beautiful Monarch, is dedicated to the education of citizen-scientists who are helping the monarchs.

PLEASE, help the butterflies!

Back the BHP Blueway

By Miranda Swaim
BHP Communications Coordinator

Blue Heron is excited to announce that three grants were recently gifted towards the Blueway Trail Initiative! Two anonymous family foundations and MillionMile Greenway have made commitments to the Blueway totaling \$170,000. Out of the total amount, \$110,000 has been given as a challenge to incentivize the community to support the Blueway. A challenge grant means that we cannot claim the \$110,000 unless the community matches the gift — meaning that all community donations will be matched dollar-for-dollar.



Blue Heron has launched the "Blueway Backers" as an incentive for our community to help us claim the challenge grants. Support your community and become a Blueway Backer by donating \$2,500+! Blueway Backer donations will automatically double, and donors will be permanently recognized in the Preserve.

Visit bhnp.org/blueway to learn more. Visit bhnp.org/donate to double your dollar donation today!

Candidates Forum Oct. 10

NBCA is in the early stages of planning a forum for candidates running in the November general election. The idea for the multi-neighborhood forum was suggested by James Hickey of the High Point neighborhood. High Point is the large Sandy Springs neighborhood immediately north of North Buckhead. Hopefully, other neighborhoods will join us in this effort.

The candidates being invited are those running for state-wide offices, for US congress District 11, and for Georgia Senate District 6.

The forum will be held at Highpoint Episcopal Community Church (HECC) at 4950 High Point Road in Sandy Springs. Time is tbd. For details, see North Buckhead Update emails. To subscribe to those emails, send a request to NorthBuckhead@yahoo.com.

Livable Buckhead News

Join Livable Buckhead for a Bike-In Movie

It's Biketober, and Livable Buckhead is celebrating with two bike-in movie nights. Mark your calendar and plan to join us (bike optional, of course)!

Hocus Pocus: Thursday, October 4, 6:30 p.m.

Marie Sims Park — 3464 Roxboro Road

Amuck! Amuck! Amuck! Amuck! Kick off October with a little Hocus Pocus. Bike (or walk... or even ride MARTA) over to Marie Sims Park as we screen this '90s Halloween classic. We will have food trucks from the Atlanta Street Food Coalition on hand so you can nosh while you watch. A big thanks to AMLI Buckhead and AMLI 3464 for sponsoring this event.

E.T.: Friday, October 19, 6:30 p.m.

Old Ivy Park on PATH400 — 519 Old Ivy Road

"Beeeeeee... goooood." Halloween is just around the corner, so to get yourself and your trick-or-treaters inspired, bike or walk to Old Ivy Park as we screen this '80s classic. We will provide the popcorn, but you are also welcome to pack a picnic dinner to enjoy while you watch.

Get Moving with the Buckhead Run Club

[lululemon Atlanta](#) and Livable Buckhead have joined forces to create the newest running club in the city. Lace up your running shoes and cruise an easy three miles with us as we explore Buckhead and PATH400. All levels are welcome.

Run, walk or even cartwheel — we just want to see you out on [PATH400](#)! The Buckhead Run Club is a great opportunity to get into a weekly running routine or simply enjoy the safety of a group run. Join us every Tuesday at 6:30 pm at [Shops Around Lenox](#) for this weekly run.

Buckhead Aims to Reduce Traffic by Improving Housing Options

Buckhead planners are asking, "Can we build our way out of our traffic problem?" The answer just might be "yes"... by building a better mix of housing types that are available at a broader range of price points.

"Buckhead's traffic problem is largely a housing problem," said Denise Starling, Executive Director of Livable Buckhead. "Housing is concentrated at the high end of the cost scale, putting it out of reach of many of the people who work here. The end result is that 98 percent of the workforce commutes from outside Buckhead every day, which is a major contributor to traffic."

A variety of housing studies have quantified the mismatch between Buckhead's housing options and what is affordable for its workforce. According to a housing market analysis developed by Bleakly Advisory Group as part of the [BUCKHEAD REdeFINed](#) master plan, approximately 20 percent (13,500) of employees working in Buckhead can afford monthly rent of no more than \$1,500 per month. However, there are only 3,500 apartment units in the Buckhead core with rents at that price point.

[Livable Buckhead](#) is now leading an effort to solve the problem, working with the [Buckhead Community Improvement District](#) and a steering committee of approximately 30 stakeholders to create actionable strategies for diversifying housing options. The Buckhead effort is funded by a Livable Centers Initiative grant through the Atlanta Regional Commission with local matching funds provided by the BCID.

"We're not looking for a silver bullet," said Jim Durrett, Executive Director of BCID. "No single strategy will solve Buckhead's housing challenges, but we're confident that we can pursue multiple approaches that increase opportunities for people who work here to live here as well."

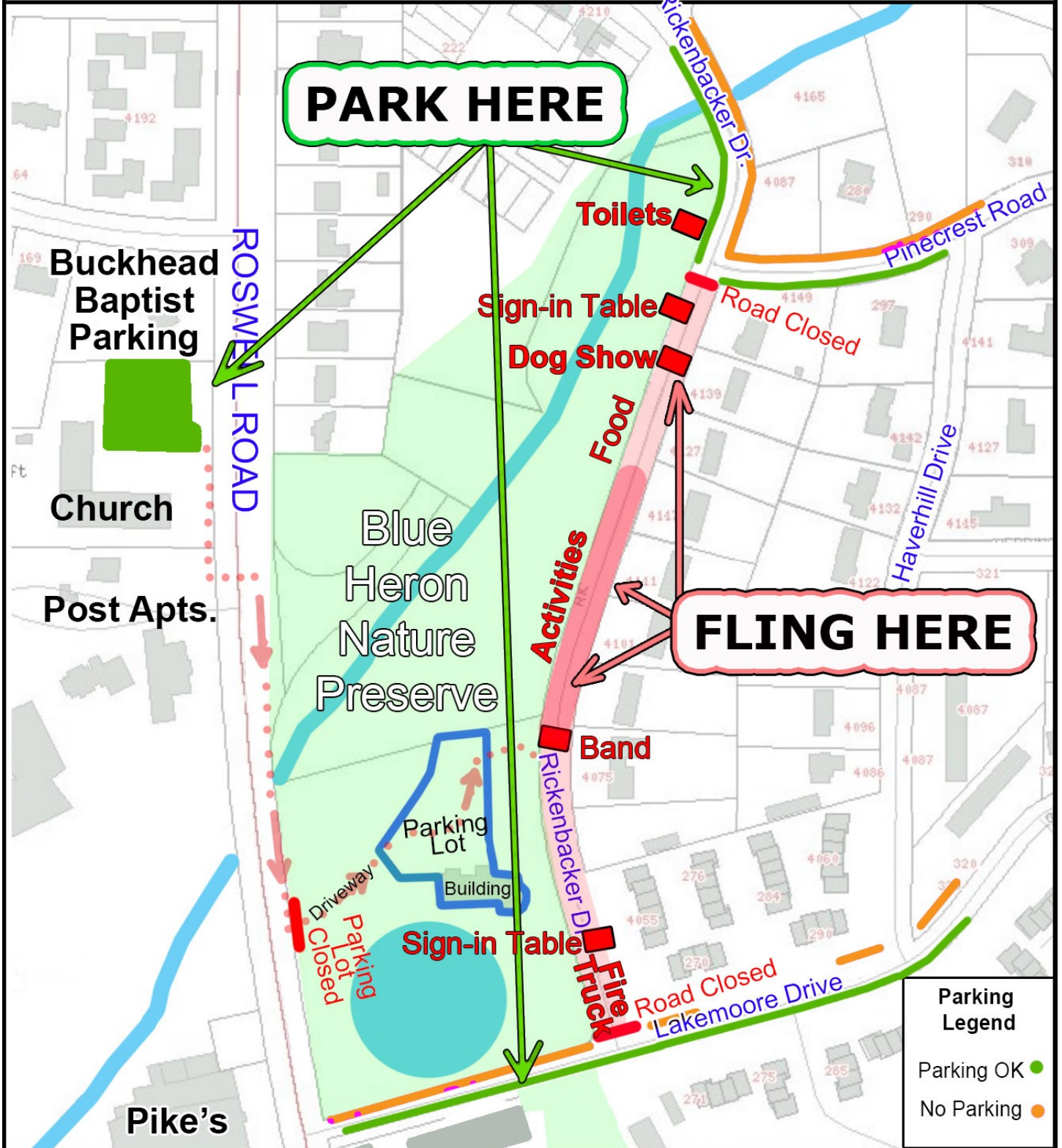
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November 4 Fall Fling Event Map

NBCA Fall Fling Layout & Parking



Fall Fling

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that Publix's parking lot's exit onto Rickenbacker Drive. But please don't park at Publix for the Fling. Rather, we have arranged closer parking at the Buckhead Baptist Church on the west side of Roswell Road, near the Post Chastain apartment complex. Use the crosswalk at the Post Apartment's traffic signal and you'll be close to your destination.

Magic Man Entertainment is providing a face painter, a balloon twist artist and a caricature artist. We'll have areas set aside for live music by the JustCuz duo. You may want to bring a folding chair, or a blanket to sit on.

Blue Heron Nature Preserve is planning guided hikes and educational sessions. Consider wearing hiking-compatible shoes.

Finally, we expect to have a fire truck, which is always a hit with the kids.

See NBCA's Email Updates for final details.



Fall Fling Dog Show

By Natalie Spalding
North Ivy Road

Take a walk around the lovely streets and trails of North Buckhead any time of day and you will see dogs of all shapes, sizes, colors and breeds walking and running with their owners and enjoying our great neighborhood.

On November 4, during the NBCA Fall Fling, these dogs will have their chance to "strut their stuff" at the first North Buckhead Dog Show!

Events will start off with a Dog/Owner costume contest. Also, on the agenda will be classes for Loveable Mutts, Fancy Purebreds, Designer Dogs, Senior Dogs over ten years of age, and a family class where the whole family and their dogs can get in on the fun. There will be a trick contest with dog trainers in age groups of sixteen and under, and seventeen and over.

Please start deciding which categories best suit your dog and plan to join other dog lovers for an afternoon of fun and friendly competition. Prizes will be awarded in several surprise categories like "Best Wag" and other designations selected by our judges.

All dog participants will receive "Doggie Bags" filled with treats and delicious King of Pups canine ice cream cups.

Please fill out the application available by email as outlined below. We hope to have great participation, but we may have to limit entries so enter as soon as possible!

Want to enter your dog(s)?

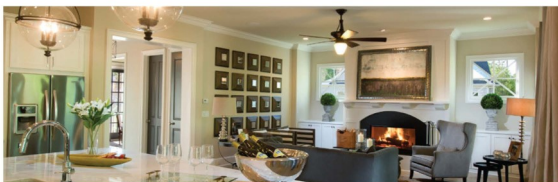
Option 1: Advance Registration Send NBCA an email, subject: Dog Contest, to NorthBuckhead@yahoo.com. We will send you the entry form and the release/waiver of liability form by email. Note that you should postal mail the completed forms to the address on the forms by Monday, October 28 so they will be sure to arrive before the contest.

Option 2: Day of Show Registration You and your dog should arrive at the Sign Up Table (on Rickenbacker Drive, just south of Pinecrest Road) by 2 pm and have your two forms completed by 2:30 pm. The contest starts at 3 pm.

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Walktober Events in North Buckhead

By Liz Bibby
Park Regency Place, PEDS

As part of Walktober 2018, several neighborhood walks will be held in our neighborhood, led by local residents. Each walk will last approximately one hour and cover almost two miles. All ages are welcome and no one will be left behind. The walks will be viewed as a pilot to test the viability of forming a regular group to walk together, exploring and enjoying north Buckhead. So gather some friends or come alone to enjoy one or more of these walks and demonstrate your interest!

Please note that days of week, start times, meeting location and walk leaders vary, depending on the date. We are testing a few routes during Walktober, but if the group takes off, other routes could be added, depending on participants.

North Buckhead Neighborhood Walk #1
Thursday, October 4, 8:00 am – 9:00 am
Meet at the intersection of Pinecrest Road and Wieuca. This route follows Wieuca, North Stratford, North Ivy, Mountain Way, and back to Wieuca. Contact: Marge (was59mms@yahoo.com)

North Buckhead Neighborhood Walk #2
Tuesday, October 9, 8:30 am – 9:30 am
50+ Walks in North Buckhead (Pilot)

Meet at the corner of Wieuca and Ivy Road NE. We will walk a loop on Ivy Road to Old Ivy, to

North Stratford Road, to Wieuca Road.
Contact: Nancy (nancywylie@mindspring.com)

North Buckhead Neighborhood Walk #3
Thursday, October 18, 8:00 am – 9:00 am
Meet in the Chastain Park parking lot on Lake Forrest Drive.

This route heads north, crossing West Wieuca Road, left on Chastain Memorial Parkway (above playground), left on Powers Ferry, then east on West Wieuca Road to return to Lake Forrest Drive.

Contact: Marge (was59mms@yahoo.com)

North Buckhead Neighborhood Walk #4
Tuesday, October 23, 10:00 am – 11:00 am.

Meet at the northeast end of the MARTA underpass on Old Ivy Road. (There are six parking spaces on the opposite side of the street.) Get some exercise, meet some neighbors and enjoy our community. We will walk a loop on PATH400 and Ivy Road, which is quiet and mostly shady. Well-behaved dogs are welcome.

Contact: Liz (lizb@peds.org)

Walktober is sponsored by PEDS, a pedestrian advocacy group working to make Atlanta and other communities in Georgia safe places to walk. Other walks are being held throughout metropolitan Atlanta, including a fun Rock and Roll walk near Peachtree Battle at 4 pm on October 24. To see the complete 2018 Walktober calendar, go to <https://www.peds.org/walktober-2018/>.



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Little Nancy Creek Park – Thank You to Our Volunteers

By Anne Wilkie
 President, Friends of Little Nancy Creek Park

Thanks to the generosity of Cricket Wireless and Cherry Bekaert Accounting, combined with the leadership of Park Pride, Little Nancy Creek Park was lucky enough to host over 100 volunteers this summer. These individuals took time from their busy work days to give back to the community and make Little Nancy Creek Park even more beautiful in the process!

Working in the hot summer sun, volunteers restored the gravel walking path to ensure its continued safe use for children and adults of all ages. They also added mulch to the playground to create softer landings for little feet. The creek is now sparkling clean as well, thanks to the individuals who cleared it of debris and dead underbrush. Speaking from experience, given the number of children on any given day who wade barefoot through that creek, I know this will set at least a few parents' minds at ease.

While perhaps less noticeable, our volunteers also made great improvements to the landscaping of the park. They




Park maintenance by volunteers is always needed: photo of path repair and erosion berm at LNCP.

eliminated significant amounts of heavy growth along the fence line to improve sight lines and visibility so that overall safety is increased. Equally important, they constructed a wood chip berm along the fence line. This will dramatically improve the flow of water through the park and have a meaningful impact in preventing erosion and minimizing further damage to vulnerable landscaping. Finally, as a finishing touch, our volunteers spruced up the landscaping near the bench swings and added new wood benches in addition to repairing others throughout the park.


Needless to say, the park is now looking fabulous! Thank you, Park Pride, Cricket Wireless and Cherry Bekaert Accounting.

In other news, we have formally closed our Legacy Club and will be installing the finished bronze plaque recognizing the donors shortly. We do still have one bench swing available for sponsorship. If you have not had the opportunity, please stop by and enjoy the tranquil setting. Also, while you are there, take a moment to read the name plates placed on the other bench swings which honor the memory of beloved family members and are part of a lasting legacy. We will be holding a ten year celebration this fall to recognize the community donors who have made this possible, and to highlight the amazing transformation that has taken place in the past decade within the park. It is thanks to the generosity and vision of so many individuals in this community that this transformation has been possible. Please stay tuned for additional details as we finalize planning. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the last of summer and that we see you in the park!

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This newsletter is published only three times a year, but neighborhood news happens more often, sometimes so fast we can't cover it here.

So we also communicate via emails we call **North Buckhead Updates**. You don't have to read our emails to find out what they are about. Each email's subject line lists the contents so recipients can skip emails about topics they don't care about.

NBCA has 2,200+ addresses on its email list. Our typical 50% "open rate" means that NBCA emails are read. Join our list at www.nbca.org or email us at NorthBuckhead@yahoo.com.

While membership is appreciated, NBCA membership is not required to be on our email list. It's free for everyone.

We don't sell or share our email list. If you want to be removed from our list, use the option at the bottom of each email.

If you lose a pet or find one, send an email to NorthBuckhead@yahoo.com with a description of the pet, your contact information, and a photo of the pet, if you have one.

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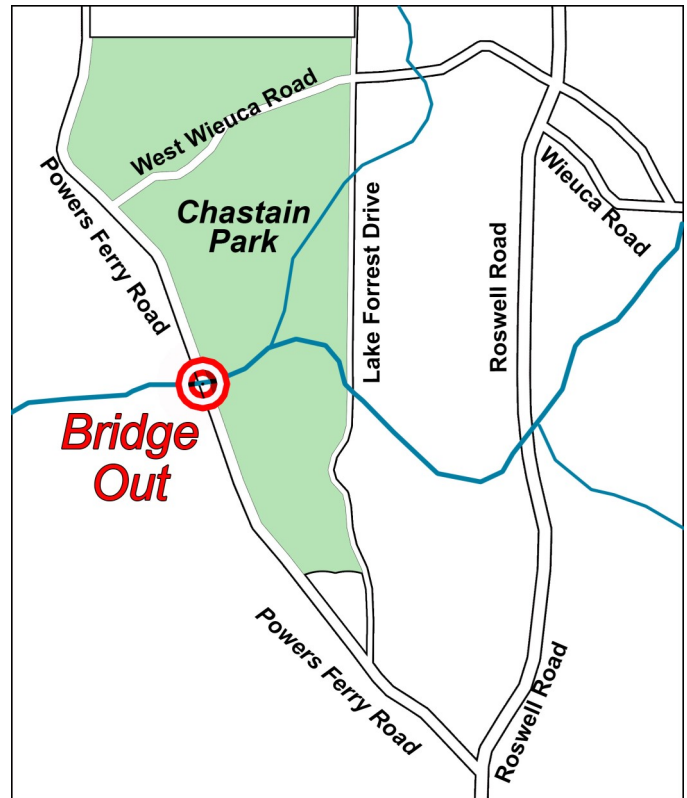
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Powers Ferry Bridge Closed

NBCA received an alert from Jim Elgar about a road closure which may impact some North Buckhead residents. Jim works in the office of District 8 City Councilmember J.P. Matzigkeit.

The Powers Ferry Road bridge at Nancy Creek will be closed for reconstruction beginning in early September through next March. The map below shows the work site location on the west side of Chastain Park.

Powers Ferry Road at Nancy Creek will be closed in both directions to both vehicle and pedestrian traffic for more than half a year.



North Buckhead Parks

If you are interested in parks, we have lots of information on North Buckhead area parks on our web site. Go to www.nbca.org/Parks/.

If you have suggestions or would like to volunteer to keep our neighborhood beautiful, go to NorthBuckhead@yahoo.com.

Issues With City?

* City of Atlanta 311 Service Center

- Call 311 or 404-546-0311.
- Or visit the 311 web site at ATL311.com.

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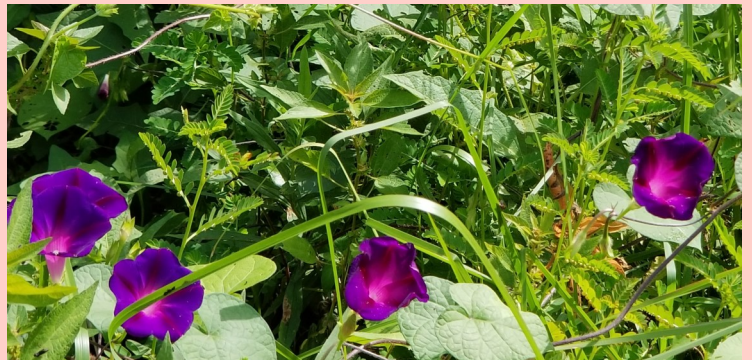


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