

PRESS RELEASE

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Announcing the Formation of the Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods A More Unified Voice for Buckhead Homeowners

Atlanta, Georgia --- While the City of Atlanta geographically defines Buckhead as a conglomeration of 43 individual neighborhoods, most Atlantans refer to Buckhead as a single upscale community north of Midtown. However, until the recent incorporation of The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods (BCN), there has never been a single organization that addresses and protects the common interests and quality of life issues shared by all of the individual Buckhead neighborhoods. This, coupled with the fact that Buckhead households foot the bill for approximately 45% of Atlanta's property tax base, yet only represent 15% of all homeowners clearly amplifies the need for such an organization to represent the voice of Buckhead homeowners.*

Participation in The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods does not alter the way individual neighborhood civic associations operate but, instead, will enhance their influence in the larger arena of local government politics and funding. Since the initial meetings of The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods this past spring, word has spread quickly and, so far, the BCN has engaged in discussions with 80% of the Buckhead neighborhoods and most have already designated a representative to the BCN. The idea of having a more unified and even stronger voice when tackling such issues as transportation, traffic, community development, government services and other quality of life matters is extremely appealing to individual neighborhoods, which can range in size from a hundred households to thousands of households.

According to Jim King, Chairman of BCN and President of Chastain Park Civic Association, "The formation of this group is long overdue and clearly makes sense for Buckhead. Currently, Buckhead has 43 different neighborhoods recognized by the city. Each of our neighborhoods is focused on its individual concerns and does not have an effective vehicle for making a lot of headway on larger Buckhead-wide issues. We now have an independent forum for homeowners to share common concerns and propose solutions for community betterment. The BCN will empower our neighborhoods to address matters in a more unified and influential manner that will get positive results."

Since incorporating as a non-profit organization this past summer, The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods has elected officers, established bylaws and begun addressing such issues as transportation, traffic and the Connect Atlanta Plan. Current monthly meetings take place on the 2nd Thursday at Peachtree Presbyterian Church and are open to Buckhead residents who wish to attend; however, voting is reserved for individual neighborhood representatives.

For more information on The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods, please contact Jennifer Moyers, Communications: 404-934-8330 or Jennifer@buckheadcouncil.org

*The Buckhead Coalition and similar groups primarily represent business interests in Buckhead, while the Fulton County Taxpayers Foundation is dedicated to reducing property taxes.