

Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods

The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods was created in July 2008 to provide a unified voice for Buckhead neighborhoods and their residents to address areas of mutual concern and opportunity. The Council provides a forum for sharing information communitywide across NPU lines; for the discussion of issues affecting neighborhoods and collaboration on solutions; and for communication with government officials.

BCN Accomplishments:

- Organized our Buckhead Neighborhoods in a Roundtable Format, facilitated by the BCN chairman
- Successfully advocated for a Zone 2 (APD) Community Prosecutor for the Buckhead area as well as funding from the Fulton County Commission
- Catalyst for ensuring the completion the Georgia 400 ramps to I-85; identified issue, focused debate via petition and advocacy
- First group to ask for an investigation (Fulton DA) into APS cheating scandal
- First to call for Buckhead-centric State Senate District and advocated before GA Reapportionment Committee at public hearings
- Protected Paces Battle Neighborhood from encroachment by GA DOT project by advocating before Atlanta City Council, Cobb County DOT, and GA DOT Commissioner
- Petitioned successfully for the restriping of Northside Drive and the removal of the reversible center suicide lane
- Instrumental in working with and encouraging the reorganization of the Peachtree Heights West neighborhood in NPU-B and the organization of the Brandon neighborhood in NPU-C
- Organized first campaign to address Atlanta Watershed Department's billing errors and customer service problems
- Held meetings with the security committees of various neighborhoods to share information regarding criminal activity
- Hosted eight of the nine Atlanta School Board members at BCN meeting to discuss the status of Dr. Hall's contract; the ramifications of the 5-4 Board split and potential litigation between board members; requested they also focus on the proposed site of the new high school; and the planning for the organizational restructuring of Sutton Middle School(s)
- BCN directors visited the GA Capitol in 2011 for 1st annual luncheon to meet with our elected officials on various topics
- The BCN co-hosted the largest mayoral candidate forum in the city during the 2009 election cycle
- Hosted many interactive educational meetings over the last three years with influential government officials (elected and unelected), as well as leaders of fellow non-profit organizations
- Closely followed the creation, improvement and management of Buckhead parks and has encouraged participation in parks-related events and projects.

Current BCN directors by Neighborhood:

Name	Neighborhood
Tom Gordon	Ardmore Park
Diane Cox	Brookwood
Matt Tolleson	Brookwood Hills
Dan Hillman	Buckhead Forest
Jim King	Chastain Park
Barbara Kennedy	Collier Hills
Roger Moister	Collier Hills North
Bob Schneider	Garden Hills
Jackson Wilson	Grant Estates
Barbara Delk	Historic Brookhaven
Jane Rawlings	Lindridge Martin Manor
Ron Grunwald	Loring Heights
Leslie Churchill	Margaret Mitchell
Loulie Reese	Memorial Park
Ann O'Connell	Mt. Paran-Northside
Gordon Certain	North Buckhead
Debra Wathen	Paces
Elizabeth Pritchard	Peachtree Battle Alliance
Kathy Collura	Peachtree Heights East
Buff Quillian	Peachtree Heights West
George Hornbech	Peachtree Hills
Cathy Muzzy	Peachtree Park
George Mirgorod	Pine Hills
Bill Langley	Ridgedale Park
Greg Mauldin	Springlake
Phillips Jones	Tuxedo Park
Ronnie Martin	West Paces Northside
Alex Smith	Wildwood

BCN Standing Committees:

Executive – Chairman Jim King*

Communications – Chair Bob Schneider*

Current Officers:

Chairman – Jim King

Vice-chairman – Elizabeth Pritchard

Treasurer – Barbara Kennedy

Secretary – Gordon Certain

Communications – Bob Schneider

Member at-large – George Mirgorod

(and Ann O'Connell)

Current/(Suggested) Liaisons:

Development (track new development, including permitting) – (Diane Cox)

Education – Leslie Churchill

Infrastructure (Water/Sewer, public projects, etc.) – Kristy Gillmann

Membership – Elizabeth Pritchard*

Neighborhood Governance/Topics – (Kathy Collura)

Parks – Gordon Certain* (or Bob Schneider*)

Property Taxes – George Mirgorod*

Public Safety – Kim Kahwach (or Barbara Kennedy*)

Redistricting – Jim King*

Transportation (List of needs/issues, monitor T-SPLOST, etc.) – (Ron Grunwald)

* BCN officer

New Liaison Position