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## Dear Buckhead Resident:

Legend has it that in approximately 1838, someone killed a large buck and placed the head near Henry Irby's tavern, which was located at the intersection of Roswell and Peachtree Roads. Irbyville thus became Buckhead and the rest is history!

We are fortunate to have a distinctive quality of life in Buckhead, and our rich history has provided our community with a defined sense of a place. As our community continues to grow and expand, however, we will be challenged to retain that history. Our historic resources (structures, landscapes, and artifacts) are a subtle yet integral part of our quality of life in Buckhead and are worth protecting for future generations.

Buckhead Heritage, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, was formed in 2006 to sustain the quality of life in Buckhead by identifying, preserving, restoring, and promoting its historic resources. We endeavor to foster a conscious respect within the community for its rich and diverse history, ensuring that Buckhead's history is accommodated in future growth and is secured for the benefit of future generations.

Since our creation, we have completed an extensive restoration of Harmony Grove Cemetery at the corner of West Paces Ferry and Chatham Roads, and we encourage you to view our handiwork when you can spare a few minutes for a walk. We have many additional exciting plans for the future including a Collier's Mill artifact reclamation project; a survey of historic resources in Buckhead; and, what will become a never-ending endeavor, documenting the oral history of Buckhead. Recently, we also started our formal membership program.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I invite you to join over 100 of your neighbors as a member of **Buckhead Heritage.** Their passion for protecting the quality of life and historic resources in Buckhead is the foundation of our work. As a member you will receive our semi-annual newsletter, invitations to events, and recognition in our promotional materials.

Enclosed is our membership form. We hope you will explore the membership levels for a short and interesting history lesson about Buckhead and join at a level of your choosing.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us, or visit www.buckheadheritage.com. We hope you will join us on our important journey!

Sincerely,

Christine McCauley Executive Director