



January 2023 Newsletter



2022 Holiday Gathering

Thursday, December 15, 2022, 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Home of English and Matt Norman

We had a very successful Holiday Gathering at the charming home of English and Matt Norman. Over 80 people attended the event and 123 people participated. We raised over \$20,000 to continue our mission which is to enhance the quality of life in Buckhead by identifying, preserving, 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 historic resources are accommodated in future growth and secured for the benefit of the community.

Some of the highlights included character portrayals of Hazel and Kenneth Meredith, original owners of the house, and James C. Wise, architect of the house. We also announced the Belle Turner Lynch Preservation Award and the Bob Helget Award for Outstanding Volunteerism. Our hosts, English and Matt Norman, did an excellent job welcoming us and explaining the history of the house.

More pictures of the Holiday Gathering will be available on our website.

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Winner of the 2022 Belle Turner Lynch Preservation Award

John Beach, Past President, announced the award to English and Matt Norman, our hosts for this year's Holiday Party. The Normans spent over 6 years restoring The Meredith House at 417 Hillside Drive, created an outstanding website dedicated to their efforts, and successfully listed the house on the National Register. Matt is an evangelist for local preservation, included giving a Buckhead Heritage Speaker Series lecture last year.



Winner of the 2022 Bob Helget Award for Outstanding Volunteerism

Tamara Bazzle, Board Member Emeritus, announced the award to Ivan Allen, IV. Over many months, Ivan's singular focus was working with neighbors of New Hope AME Church, members of Buckhead Heritage, foundations, and the general public to raise tens of thousands of dollars to complete the fencing surrounding the cemetery, restore existing monuments, and mark a large number of unmarked graves. This was an arduous, complicated, and sensitive effort. Ivan eventually worked with DL Henderson, an expert of African American cemeteries to help the congregation decide how they wanted to honor those buried in unmarked graves. This process is ongoing.

Ivan worked to ensure that Pastor David Richards and the members of New Hope AME Church knew that their wishes were paramount.

Ivan also worked closely with Beth Cook and Mike Ivey from PRUMC, which has a long history of volunteering at New Hope AME Church, in planning a major work day in the spring of 2021. He consulted closely with Ashley Shares of Oakland Cemetery to prioritize the restoration of monuments at New Hope Cemetery, and they had training sessions for volunteers who were interested in learning how to execute some monument restoration themselves.



**History of Shepherd Center with Dr. David F.
Apple, Jr.**

Thursday, January 19, 2022, 7 p.m.
Cathedral of Saint Philip, Gould Room, Free

David F. Apple, Jr., M.D., served as medical director of Shepherd Center since the hospital's inception in 1975 until 2005, and now holds the position of medical director emeritus. He will share with us the fascinating history of this incredible medical facility, which is such a vital part of Buckhead.

During the summer of 1996, Dr. Apple served as co-chair of the doping committee for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games and as chief medical officer of the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games. He was the team physician of the NBA's Atlanta Hawks for 30 years.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of Shepherd Center and has been the principal investigator on many grants concerned with spinal cord injuries. He and his wife Jane have four children.

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**AtlZoning 2.0. An update on the first
comprehensive re-write of Atlanta's 1982
Zoning Code with Mary Norwood
Thursday, February 16, 2022, 7 p.m.
Cathedral of Saint Philip, Gould Room, Free**

The City is introducing the multi-year rewrite by hosting a series of hybrid (in person and virtual meetings) called "Focused Workshops" designed to work through and confirm the direction for updating the Zoning Ordinance. Mary will talk about what meetings have been held and what the city has learned from those meetings. She will also discuss your opportunity to contribute at the Buckhead Library on February 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. For further information, please [click here](#)

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Welcome New Board Member Alec Michaelides

Alec Michaelides co-founded Land Plus in 1985. This Pharr Road based Landscape Planning and Architecture firm works with architects, designers, builders, and real estate professionals on site planning and landscape design. Alec received his Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Virginia Tech before working for several other Atlanta firms.

The Land Plus offices are adjacent Mount Olive cemetery in Historic Bagley Park, and Alec has worked with Buckhead Heritage for several years on improvements. He has developed a master plan for the

cemetery which has been approved and permitted by the City of Atlanta, and is working pro bono with several of his contractors on implementation.

In Appreciation of Bill Pennington

Buckhead Heritage was saddened to hear about the death of Bill Pennington. He served on the Buckhead Heritage Board as Treasurer from 2013 to 2017. We reached out to three board members who served at the same time. James Ottley, President, expressed that "Bill was a true gentleman and the kind of person you would want in the trenches with you. He diligently managed a significant portion of the day to day, behind the scenes work when we were in between executive directors which was invaluable to the organization. BHS was lucky to have Bill as a Board member and as its Treasurer. I consider myself fortunate to have known him and to have worked with him." Beckie Amos, Secretary, said that "Bill served with quality and pride and was very engaged and offered much needed insight into the organization." Chad Wright, Vice President, explained that "Bill was incredibly kind, was very organized, and always had a smile on his face." To view his obituary, please [click here](#).



Executive Director's Report

Buckhead Heritage has had a very successful year. We have had some incredible programming and I hope you have been able to attend many of them. We have one coming up January 19 which should be outstanding. Please sign up and join us.

It was so great to see so many of you at the Holiday Gathering. Both the Programs and Events Committee and many Board members made the event very engaging. Stay tuned for the announcement of our spring fundraiser, another beautiful garden in Buckhead.

Take care, Richard Waterhouse

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