



August 2024 Newsletter



Second Annual Summer Fun-raiser

Sunday, August 18, 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Atlanta International School Auditorium

Come join your fellow members and guests for another rousing trivia game which will challenge your knowledge of Buckhead's significant heritage. Our Game Show Host will be outstanding Board Member, James Ottley.

Guests are encouraged once again to bring a favorite small item of Buckhead memorabilia to display on the "Memory Lane Table" (maybe an ashtray from a former restaurant, a postcard, or a program from an

event). There will be wine, beer, and other refreshments all afternoon along with a sit-down, "Summer Supper", consisting of fried chicken and all the trimmings, topped off with a seasonal dessert.

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Single Tickets are:

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**Speaker Series: Rick Allen Presenting his
Book *Reckoning with Race: An Unfinished
Journey***

**Thursday, September 19, 7 p.m., Free
Cathedral of Saint Philip Gould Room**

In his fifty-year career as an award-winning journalist, CNN commentator, and author of multiple books, Rick Allen has had a front-row seat on dramatic change in race relations in America. In *Reckoning with Race*, a collection of eighteen essays, he explores his ongoing efforts to understand the struggle of black and white Americans to navigate a shared history at once wicked and intimate, full of love and hate, as they seek to level an uneven playing field. Allen examines issues from the era of Reconstruction through Jim Crow, the Civil Rights movement, the rhythms of resistance and progress, into today's contentious debates over redlining, reparations, and critical race theory.

Rick was a reporter and political columnist with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution from 1972 to 1987, when he joined CNN as chief analyst and commentator covering the 1988 presidential contest. His essays for the program "Inside Politics" earned CNN a Cable Ace Award, and Allen was cited as best political analyst by the editors of The Hotline.

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Peachtree Heights East Movers, Shakers, and Heartbreakers Walking Tour

Saturday, September 28, 2024, 10 a.m.

Saturday, November 9, 2024, 10 a.m.

Buckhead Heritage presents this tour in partnership with Atlanta Preservation Center

Caleb Brown and Richard Waterhouse offer a fascinating tour of this hidden neighborhood near Peachtree Road and Lindbergh. With approximately 330 homes, Peachtree Heights East includes early 20th century American two-story four-square, Craftsman Bungalow, Cape Cod, Tudor Revival, and Ranch to 21st century home styles. We will see examples of several of these on the tour. The mile-and-a-half route is hilly and will last about an hour-and-a-half. We will meet at the Duckpond's historical marker and stay on the road during the tour.

To register, please contact Executive Director Richard Waterhouse at rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com or (404) 467-9447.



**Speaker Series: *Geri and Wade Coleman*
*Sharing Memories about the Carters***

**Thursday, October 17, 7 p.m., Free
Cathedral of Saint Philip Gould Room**

Geri and Wade Coleman share "Personal Memoirs of the Carters". They were both the Carters' gubernatorial and presidential campaign managers in Valdosta for Lowndes County.

Everyone with a personal Carter story is invited to share it in our assembly following the Coleman's presentation.

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**Speaker Series: *Jeff Clemmons*
*Sharing the History of Westview Cemetery***

Thursday, November 14, 7 p.m., Free

Cathedral of Saint Philip Gould Room

In 1884, several leading citizens purchased 577 acres to open Atlanta's Westview Cemetery. The rolling terrain, part of which was a site in the Civil War battle of Ezra Church, became the final resting place for more than 125,000 people. Prominent locals buried here include Grant Park namesake L.P. Grant, author Joel Chandler Harris, High Museum benefactor Harriet High, Coca-Cola founder Asa Candler Sr., Havertys founder J.J. Haverty, and Civil Rights icons Donald Lee Hollowell and Rev. Joseph Lowery. The cemetery's Westview Abbey mausoleum is one of the nation's largest, with more than eleven thousand crypts. Throughout its history, Westview dabbled in other business ventures, including a cafeteria, a funeral home and an ambulance service. And for decades, the cemetery's Westview Floral Company sold flowers to lot owners and local businesses, leading to its own advice column in the Atlanta Constitution. Author Jeff Clemmons traces the complete history of this treasured necropolis.

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New Oral History Project Assistant

Buckhead Heritage has hired George S. Drakos to help the Oral History Project Committee with the logistics of oral history

interviews. George is an Emory student and is working on his Bachelor of Arts in History & Economics, Minor in Political Science.

He is currently President of the Emory Mental Health Awareness Club. He also serves as an Emory University Office of Admissions Tour Guide. He was an Oral History Intern at the Atlanta History Center from June to August 2023.

Thank to you to the George M. Brown Trust Fund of Atlanta and an anonymous donor for making the funds available so we can hire George.

In 2009, Buckhead Heritage began recording oral history interviews in an effort to preserve personal recollections of the community's history and evolution. With over 50 to date, we continue to record stories of Buckhead told by those who lived them so that future generations can have access to the knowledge and culture that preceded them. If you have stories worth telling or know someone who might, please contact us at rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com. To listen to some of the oral histories that we have recorded, please [click here](#).



Paces Ferry United Methodist Church Saved

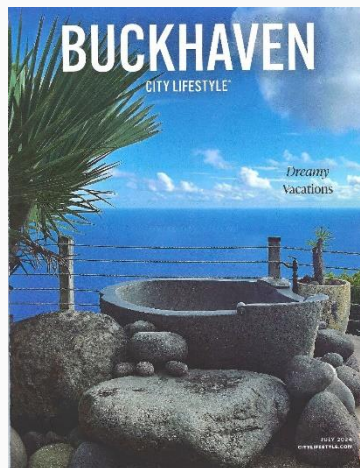
Neighbors living around Paces Ferry United Methodist Church, led by Ham Powell, have acquired the historic 1877 church. They envision it as a place for Bible study and learning.

As you may recall, the Methodist Church listed the property for sale, but potential uses were fortunately limited due to the lot size and zoning restrictions.

This is a significant preservation victory, and Buckhead Heritage wants to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your ongoing efforts. Our advocacy and involvement in raising awareness about the fate of this historic site undoubtedly played a role in its preservation.

THE BLOG POST IS LINKED

HERE: <https://www.buckhead.com/philanthropic-neighbors-come-together-to-rescue-one-of-buckheads-oldest-churches/>.



2024 Garden Party Pictures

Thank you again for all of you who supported the 2024 Garden Party at the stunning garden of the Wilen's. We hope you saw the page of wonderful photos in the July 2024 Buckhaven City Style magazine. If not, please [click here](#).



Executive Director's Report

We had a great turnout for the July Peachtree Heights East Walking Tour - 23. We also found out from one of the participants and a resident of Peachtree Heights East that there may be 4 Sears & Roebuck kit houses in the neighborhood.

I continue to speak about *Buckhead Heritage: Past, Present, and Future*. Upcoming presentations include:

- August 14, Canterbury Court, 2 p.m.
- September 18, Corso Atlanta, 2 p.m.
- October 30, Lenbrook, 3 p.m.

If you are not a member, I hope you will consider joining us. One of the reasons we can provide free programs is because of our strong membership support.

Take care,

Richard Waterhouse

To Join or Renew Buckhead Heritage Membership

Go [Here](#) or contact Richard Waterhouse at the office, (404) 467-9447, or email rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com.

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