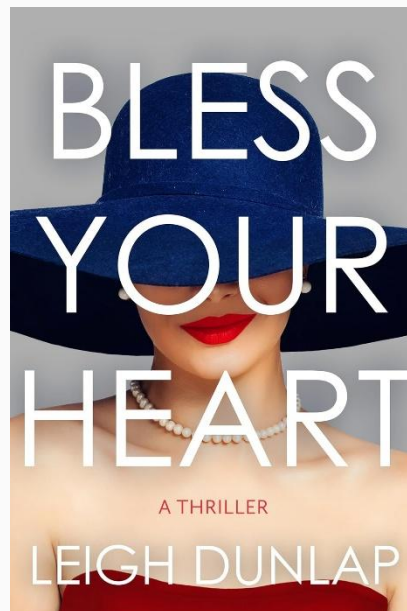




August 2026 Newsletter



Speaker Series - *Leigh Dunlop Discussing her book Bless Your Heart*

**Thursday, August 27, 7 p.m., Free
Cathedral of Saint Philip Room 316**

Motherhood and murder link five very different women when a

working-class detective clashes with wealthy moms in this upmarket thriller in the vein of May Cobb and Jeneva Rose.

Anderson Tupper, a member of one of Atlanta's richest families, has been murdered in the dugout of the Little League field where he was a volunteer coach, and it's up to Detective Shay Claypool, a single mother from the other side of town, to find his killer.

With the exclusive area of Buckhead threatening to secede from the city of Atlanta and take its tax revenue with it, Shay is under pressure to solve the murder of one of Buckhead's own. Accustomed to handling drug dealers and prostitutes, she must now contend with an even more sinister group: the Buckhead Betties, the insufferably entitled women of Georgia's most affluent zip code. One of them might be a murderer, but who? Is it the old-money queen of Buckhead? The mysterious new girl in town? The drug-dealing trophy wife?

Please note that the speaker series for August is in a smaller location because both Child Hall and the Gould Room are not available. It would help us if you could register so we can figure out if we need to do a waiting list.

Register



Peachtree Heights East Movers, Shakers, and Heartbreakers Tour

Saturday, September 12, 2026, 10 a.m.

**Buckhead Heritage presents this tour in
partnership with
Atlanta Preservation Center**

Executive Director Richard Waterhouse offers a fascinating tour of this hidden neighborhood near Peachtree Road and Lindbergh Avenue. With approximately 330 homes, Peachtree 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 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 Richard Waterhouse at rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com or (404) 467-9447. Final tour of the year is November 7.



4th Annual Buckhead History Trivia Game Fundraiser

**Sunday, September 20, 2026, 4-7 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 and co-host of the popular podcast "History for Cocktail Parties", James Ottley.

Guests can enjoy wine, beer, and other refreshments all afternoon along with delicious fall appetizers, created by Atlanta A La Carte who catered the 2026 Home and Garden Party at Villa Juanita.

Buckhead Heritage has two sponsorship opportunities:

Host Committee Member \$500

- Two tickets
- Additional tickets at member rates
- Invitation to the 2026 Donor Appreciation event
- Name listed on email invitations, on the Buckhead Heritage web-site and event signage

To become a Host Committee Member, please [click here](#)

Patron \$750

- Patron receives two additional tickets and all the above

To become a Patron, please [click here](#)

Tickets are available (\$175 for members and \$200 non-members). Please [click here](#) for members and [click here](#) for non-members.

Corporate Sponsorships are available as well. For further information, please contact Board President Thornton Kennedy at thornton@prsouth.net



Speaker Series - Podcast “History for Cocktail Parties” mixes lore, research, and a signature cocktail

**Thursday, September 24, 7 p.m.,
Free, Cathedral of Saint Philip Gould
Room**

“History for Cocktail Parties,” a podcast hosted by James Ottley and Thornton Kennedy, takes the South’s most fascinating stories and distillsGui hand. Equal parts storytelling, history and good-natured banter, the show is hand-crafted for listeners who enjoy history but want to skip the lecture.

The podcast explores the people, places and unlikely moments that shaped the South and the nation. Episodes range from how the band R.E.M. first emerged from Athens, Georgia, to the secret meeting at the Jekyll Island Club that helped hatch the Federal Reserve System. Other stories dive into the founding of Charleston, the Great

Locomotive Chase of the Civil War, the origins of the Masters Tournament and the manhunt for John Wilkes Booth after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

Register



Restoring a Historic Landmark at a Neighborhood's Front Door

One of the most visible gateways into Peachtree Heights Park, Haynes Manor and Westover is about to receive a long-awaited transformation. Through a partnership between the Peachtree Battle Alliance and Buckhead Heritage, the historic E. Rivers Lodge at the corner of Peachtree Road and Peachtree Battle Avenue will become both a beautifully restored neighborhood landmark and Buckhead Heritage's new headquarters. The Alliance is leading the enhancement of the landscaping and entrance, creating a welcoming gateway that will complement the neighborhood entrance on Northside Drive, which was also designed by Land Plus Associates. Buckhead Heritage will restore and maintain the historic building, ensuring this important piece of our neighborhood's history is preserved for generations to come.

This partnership is about more than restoring a historic building. Buckhead Heritage envisions the E. Rivers Lodge as a neighborhood

asset, with space that can be shared for community uses, including neighborhood board meetings and other neighborhood-centric gatherings. We are grateful to Atlanta Public Schools for making this opportunity possible and to Buckhead Heritage for its commitment to preserving one of Buckhead's most significant historic buildings while creating a resource that will serve the entire community.



New Buckhead Heritage Sign

We hope you have had a chance to see our new sign at the corner of Peachtree Road and Peachtree Battle Avenue. Thank you to Brian Henry for providing the sign pro bono to us. We have been working diligently to move into the new space. We are hoping to move in August 21st. We have our general contractor painting the inside and pressure washing the outside.



Executive Director's Report

I hope to see many of you at the 4th Annual Trivia Game Fundraiser. James Ottley is always a great emcee and finds challenges trivia questions. Speaking of trivia questions, does anyone know the original name of Lindbergh Drive?

We are now working on the program schedule for 2027. if you have any suggestions of programs, please let me know.

Thank you for your continued support of Buckhead Heritage. If you are not a current member, I hope you will consider joining us.

Take care,

Richard Waterhouse

**To Join or Renew Buckhead Heritage
Membership**

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

To Make A Donation to Buckhead Heritage

Buckhead Heritage is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization founded by residents who recognized the need for an advocacy organization dedicated to protecting Buckhead's significant historic resources.

To make a tax-deductible contribution, [click here](#).

Buckhead Heritage Mission Statement

Buckhead Heritage strives 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.

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