

# Buckhead Turns Its Spring Cleaning Green Buckhead's Eco Collection Helps Residents & Businesses Dispose of Hazardous Materials

**ATLANTA** – January 23, 2013 – For the third year in a row, Buckhead will have a chance to start its spring cleaning the right way at Buckhead's Eco Collection on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This event will give area residents, commercial properties and businesses the opportunity to easily and safely dispose of all the items they've wanted to get rid of, but aren't safe for regular trash pick-up.

Buckhead's Eco Collection is presented by Atlanta City Council Representatives Howard Shook and Yolanda Adrean, organized by Livable Buckhead and Live Thrive and supported through the generosity of the Rotary Club of Buckhead. The Eco Collection will have experts available to properly dispose of or recycle items such as old electronics, household chemicals, unused paint, expired over-the-counter and prescription medicine, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and important documents that need to be shredded.

"We are excited to once again offer the Buckhead community this opportunity to properly dispose of those items they know they shouldn't throw in the trash," said Denise Starling, executive director of Livable Buckhead. "In 2012, we collected more than 70,000 lbs of materials for recycling and disposal. This year we hope area residents, businesses and commercial properties will help us surpass that amazing amount."

Experts will be available on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> to help Buckhead residents unload and properly distribute items at 515 Garson Dr. Buckhead area businesses and commercial properties can also participate in electronics and secure paper shredding recycling in the weeks prior to the event. Businesses and commercial properties wanting to participate should contact Scott Cantrell at <a href="mailto:scott@livablebuckhead.org">scott@livablebuckhead.org</a>, to schedule a pickup time. Paint, household chemicals and medication disposal and certain other items will only be available to residents.

To participate, residents must pre-register by visiting <a href="https://www.livablebuckhead.org">www.livablebuckhead.org</a> after March 1. Availability is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Eligible ZIP codes for both residents and

businesses include: 30305, 30309, 30318, 30319, 30324, 30326, 30327, 30342.

Electronics recycling will be done by <u>Reworx</u>, and benefits the <u>Tommy Nobis Center</u> which enables individuals with all types of disabilities to enter or return to employment and to enjoy

## What you need to know:

- For Buckhead residents, businesses and commercial properties only. (Zip Codes: 30305, 30309, 30318, 30319, 30324, 30326, 30327, 30342)
- Businesses and Commercial Properties: To schedule a pickup time, please contact Scott Cantrell at scott@livablebuckhead.org
- Residents:
   Sat., March 23
   10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
   Residents must preregister at
   www.livablebuckhead.org
- Location: <u>515 Garson</u> Drive, 30324
- Suggested \$20 donation for all participants
- Full list of items
   eligible for disposal
   found at
   www.livablebuckhead.org

productive and independent lifestyles, while contributing to the greater business community. Since 1977, the Tommy Nobis Center has helped more than 22,000 individuals find dignity and success in the workplace.

Additional vendors providing disposal services for Buckhead's Eco Collection include <u>Clean</u> Harbors Environmental Services, Iron Mountain, and RockTenn.



## **About Livable Buckhead**

Livable Buckhead, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that strives to ensure the long-term viability and prosperity of the Buckhead community. It does this by working cooperatively with individuals, public entities and private businesses to integrate into everyday life and business

sustainable strategies that improve the environment and quality of life in the community. For more information about Livable Buckhead and its programs, visit <a href="https://www.livablebuckhead.org">www.livablebuckhead.org</a>.

#### **About Live Thrive**

Live Thrive is an Atlanta based 501 (c) 3 that empowers people, organizations, communities and businesses to make positive, healthy

and sustainable changes to the environment. Through partnerships and community events, Live Thrive has diverted over 250,000 pounds of hazardous waste from Atlanta's water system and landfills. In recognition of its efforts, Live Thrive received the Atlanta Business Chronicles Ennovation Environmental Award in April of 2012 and the Fulton County Citizens Commission Environmental Award for enhancing and protecting the environment in May of 2012 and Keep Georgia Beautiful Waste Reduction Award November 2012. Are you ready to make a difference? For more information visit our website www.livethrive.org or call 404-771-5322.



## About District 7 Council Person Howard Shook

Howard Shook is serving his third term as a member of the Atlanta City Council. He has served on all seven of the Council's standing committees. Shook and his wife, Alise, are the proud parents of two daughters, Catherine and Mary Martin.



## **About District 8 Council Person Yolanda Adrean**

Yolanda Adrean was elected to serve the voters of District 8 on the Atlanta City Council in November 2009, receiving 76% of the ballots cast. She chairs the Committee on Council and serves on the Finance

Executive, City Utilities, and Transportation Committees. Yolanda wears many hats. She is a wife and mother, she is a CPA and she is a tireless worker for our neighborhoods."



## **About Rotary Club of Buckhead**

Since it began with its first meetings in 1950, the club has grown dramatically with its community, helped form a number of other clubs, and significantly expanded its charitable and community

service activities. Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and around the globe. For more information visit our website <a href="https://www.buckheadrotary.com">www.buckheadrotary.com</a>.