



BROOKNOTES

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Swim & Dive Team Sign-Up

Memorial Day Week-end the Brookwood Hills pool will be open, and once again it will be loaded with programs for children, teens, and adults. Swimmers and divers can sign up at the pool for the swim and dive teams on May 12th, from 5:30 to 7:30. Bring calendars and three checks -- for registration, for t-shirts and sweats, and for the team uniform. This year there will be free goggles with a swimsuit purchase. Practices for each team will begin shortly after Memorial Day. The swim team season ends July 18th and the dive team season ends July 13th. For more information, call Charlene Kenworthy, 872-7885. Besides the team activities, which consume many summer hours with healthful exercise for the participants age 6 through 18, there will also be a full plate of other aquatic activities:

Water Power Aerobics (\$60) will be offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4:00 - 4:45. Children's swim lessons (\$55), divided between pre-school children and older children, will be offered Tuesday and Thursday between 1:00 and 1:30 or between 1:30 and 2:00. A Parent and Tot swim class (\$55) will be offered Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 - 1:00. The classes will be offered in two sessions: June 6th - July 1st, and July 11th - August 5th. Sign up for these classes will also be May 12th. For more information, call Harriet Adams, 352-4507.

Scuba lessons will be offered by Diver's Connection, beginning June 2nd. The cost will be \$125. For more information, call Dee or Guy at 364-9699. If enough students are interested, Swim Team Coach Topher McGibbon will be teaching Red Cross and Lifeguard Training in early June. Participants must be at least 15 years old. The cost will be \$110. A recertification class may also be offered if there are sufficient participants. For more information, call Topher at 212/853-6478 or 355-1108.

And finally, a one hour Synchronized Swimming class will meet weekly for four weeks. The class will be taught by Anita Bryant, Head Coach of Peach State Synchro, the only year round competitive synchronized swimming team in Atlanta. The cost for this introductory course will be \$49 per child and will include one nose clip. Children must be of advanced beginner ability and comfortable in the deep end and underwater. At least eight students will be necessary in order to offer this class. Days and times will be determined once the minimum has been met. Call 607-7082 for more information.

Don't Miss This Chance...

...to communicate with your elected political leaders about your property taxes. On April 20th, from 7:00 - 9:00, at the Ahavath Achim Synagogue on Peachtree Battle Avenue, there will be a town hall meeting with Mayor Bill Campbell, Fulton County Commission Chair Mitch Skandalakis, County Commissioners Tom Lowe and John O'Callaghan, Atlanta City Council Members Clair Muller and Lee Morris, and a representative from the Atlanta City School Board. This meeting is jointly sponsored by the neighborhood associations of Ansley Park, Peachtree Battle, Peachtree Heights, Peachtree Hills, Garden Hills, Sherwood Forest, and Brookwood Hills.

Dream Gardens On View

Four of Brookwood Hills' most beautiful gardens will be open to the public on April 29th, from 10:00 until 2:00, with proceeds benefiting the community projects of the Northwood Garden Club. The tour will feature the gardens of:

- Linda and Dean Copeland, 214 Camden Road
- Caroline and Harry Gilham, 106 Camden Road
- Jerry and Elaine Luxemburger, 14 Palisades Road,
- Jim and Esther Stokes, 129 Palisades Road. (For a preview of the Stokes' garden, look in the April edition of *Better Homes and Gardens*, where it is prominently featured.)

All these gardens are unique and known for their distinctive styles. After touring the gardens, finish up at the Brookwood Hills Park for a light snack and then enjoy a plant and garden accessory sale. This event is called "Samplings" and it will be a chance to come and experience some really special gardens at a wonderful time of year. The plant material seen in the gardens will be on sale in the park.

The cost is \$10 for all four gardens, or \$3 per garden at the door. Reservations are recommended. Call Triff Phillips at 875-2162 for more information.

Handy Numbers

Have you ever wondered why the garbage truck often seen in the neighborhood on Fridays picks up trash at one house and ignores refuse at others? The Friday truck is for special, over-size pick-ups, such as appliances or unusually large amounts of yard material. It will stop only if a special request for the service has been made. To arrange for a scheduled pick-up, call 330-6250. Expect the truck five to ten working days after your call.

Want to shed a little extra light on your street? Check the street lights in the vicinity of your home. If any of the lights do not function properly, call the City of Atlanta Bureau of Traffic and Transportation, Traffic Signals and Street Light Repairs. Their number is 330-6255. Their hours are Monday through Friday, between 8:15 and 5:00. You will need to give them the exact location of the malfunctioning lamp. In the past, callers have found that the response time has been practically immediate.

Welcome New Neighbors

Jule Lawson Lanier has purchased and moved into 8 Montclair Dr. Jule is originally from Montgomery, Alabama and has come to Atlanta via New York City. She is a counselor with Families First.

Relocating from St. Louis to 44 Huntington Road are Scott, Kathy, Katie (age 7) and Jake (age 3) McCune. Scott is Director of Media with Coca-Cola. Katie attends E. Rivers Elementary School.

Steve and Melissa Cox have purchased 240 Huntington Rd. Steve is a forensic chemist with the U.S. Army, and Melissa is a Delta flight attendant.

Welcome to Brookwood Hills' newest baby: Robert Bishop Jones, born April 6th to Kathy and Charles Jones. Robert joins siblings Andrew, Chase, and Katie.

Readers of Brooknotes may have noticed lately that there have been quite a few new neighbor notices on Upper Camden. Kathy and Charles Jones and Elaine and Jim Moynihan decided it was time for a get-acquainted party, and on March 20th hosted a potluck dinner with the "old-timers" to celebrate the arrival of: Terri and Keith Comer (11 Camden), Bob Ridella (23 Camden), Chris and Angela Bakke (24 Camden), Mark and Patty Griffith (33 Camden), Ingrid Tullos and Lou Hogan (38 Camden), Sam Norwood (42 Camden), Ellis and Libby Hedaya (46 Camden), Kurt and Karen Tausche (49 Camden), and David and Lisa Mould (50 Camden).

You're Welcome to Come

The next meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, May 2nd, at 7:00, at the home of Judy and John Horton, 14 Montclair Drive. In order for them to have an idea of how many people to expect, if you would like to attend, please call Judy or John at 352-1983. All members of the Community Club are welcome.

New Pool Party Format Set

This year the annual Brookwood Hills pool party will be a departure from the adults-only, evening gala of years past. On Saturday, May 28th (rain date on Sunday) there will be a family celebration at the pool, with food, fun, and games for all to enjoy. Mark your calendars now and look for more details in next month's Brooknotes.

Easter Bunny Springs Into Park Again

Despite threatening weather, the Easter Bunny left Brookwood Hills Park literally covered with candy and special surprises for our neighborhood children on Palm Sunday. The children came in droves, bringing their baskets and wearing big smiles, a few Easter bonnets, and even roller blades. They picked the park clean, and are surely still working on the candy they found. Special prize eggs were hidden for both the younger and older children. Patti Junger of Buckhead Brokers Realtors generously sponsored this event, providing beautiful balloons, tons of candy, and the special eggs and prizes. Do we thank Patti or the bunny for holding off the rain? Photos by Emily Jenkins.



Snark Sightings and Snippets

by Lane Gormley

If the pollen season is here, then the flea season cannot be far behind. Do you know of any effective methods to control fleas, aside from the obvious one of getting rid of this little black dog?

Joel at the Pharr Road Animal Hospital says that flea sprays are better than powders -- both for the animals and the environment. Dogs can be dipped, but this method is not safe for cats. What works on a dog may be toxic to a cat. Special shampoos, foams, and sprays with a chrysanthemum-derived ingredient called pyrethrin are available for the feline population.

The organically inclined may want to add brewer's yeast or odorless garlic to their pet's food. Another natural solution is to plant pennyroyal, a species of mint, near doors. You can also put a few drops of pennyroyal oil on the animal, for fleas try to avoid contact with it. To cut down on the outdoor flea population, put pine straw in the flower beds; fleas dislike the odor. Joel suggests putting moth balls around the edges of courtyards and paths; after two days, you won't smell it, but the fleas will. This is not advised in yards where small children play, however, for they may think the moth balls are candy. It is also not advisable to use insecticide granules because birds will eat them and they are harmful to the environment.

For indoor control, look for products with ingredients like dursban and precor. Remember, too, that flea eggs can be impervious to insecticides and that their gestation period is 4-6 weeks. Spray the premises with the insecticide and vacuum at regular intervals to get all the fleas and their eggs. One spraying and vacuuming are not enough. Flea bombs are neither very safe nor very effective.

If you are allergic or attractive to fleas, you might use an insect repellent like *Ben's*, *Skintastic*, *Off!* or *Cutters*, which come in spray form. If you are allergic to these, Avon makes a hand lotion, *Skin So Soft*, that is an excellent insect repellent. It can be mixed with water if the smell is too strong for you. The Origins line of makeup and skin care has a sunscreen that repels insects. It is called *Let the Sun Shine*.

Do you have any other ideas? If you do, would you please write and share them with us? Pet owners all over Brookwood Hills will be eternally grateful for any magic formula. Write to Snark Sightings and Snippets at 40 Northwood Avenue.

Parents' Morning Out

Nearby Peachtree Christian Church (1580 Peachtree St.) is registering for Summer and Fall classes. The summer session runs June 6 - August 12, 9:30 - 1:30. The summer program includes a multi-age play group (ages 4-8), which meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday. The Fall Session begins September 7th and has classes for children from 2 months through 4 years. Call Leslie O'Callaghan, 876-5535 for more information.

Who Are Our Grads?

It's almost graduation season again. Each year Brooknotes features articles on our high school and college graduates. If you have one of these important people in your family, please call Alison Caughman, 355-7662, with the pertinent information. Brooknotes will publish your scholar's name, school graduating from, post-graduate plans, and any honors earned (such as cum laude status, scholarships awarded, etc.).

Classifieds

Afternoon Baby-sitter Available. Tuesdays - Sundays. Responsible 9 year old to be mother's helper. Call Elizabeth Robinson, 875-3631.

House/Pet Sitter. Do you need someone to stay at your house, feed your animals, and bring in the mail? If so, call Heather Pierce at 875-0389.

Writers Wanted. No experience necessary. Immediate opportunity to be published in unique, documentary magazine. Jim Wildman, 798-6998.

Wanted: Small 2 or 3 bedroom house or apartment to rent in Brookwood Hills. Have lived in neighborhood 15 years and have to move May 31st. We are willing to house-sit June through August. Charlotte Tucker, 872-3435.

Full Time Baby-sitter Needed. For 3 year old from June through August. Call Susan, 351-7202.

Brooknotes Schedule

The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes will be Friday, May 6th. Brooknotes submissions must be in writing and should be dropped off at Alison Caughman's house, 200 Camden Road. If you have any questions or problems regarding Brooknotes delivery, call Laura Inman at 352-5072.

Auction Time Is Here

Don't forget the Acorn Auction to support the work of the Brookwood Hills Garden Club. Besides providing delicious eats (a Mediterranean Feast) and lots of fun with neighbors, the auction will feature many wonderful items available to the highest bidder. The auction will be held at Katie Bollman's home, 84 Wakefield Drive, on Friday, April 22nd, at 7:00. The \$15 admission includes the food and beverages.

April Cultivations

From the BWH Garden Club

Gardeners, get your trowels ready. It's time to transplant those seedlings, sow annual seeds, divide perennials, plant new roses, and put in gladioli, tube-roses, and other summer flowering bulbs. WHEW! Everything should be fertilized before the "hot and humid" arrives. Make a feeding schedule so that it will get done over the next few weeks. If you have a cool weather lawn (i.e. fescue) give it a little nurture with a top dressing of sifted top soil and fertilizer. Be sure to dethatch Bermuda and Zoysia. Put out beer for the slugs and import lady bugs to devour those less civilized insects. April is party month for gardeners.

With all the pretty weather, the window boxes around town are being dressed for their summer season. I stand in awe of the worthy souls who display their lovely window gardens which give such delight to the rest of us. Are they a headache or a pleasure? Do they have drain holes? Who waters them when the owners are on vacation? Window boxes can be a pleasure if one listens to a few old hands. First and foremost, the box must be properly attached to the window sill. Anchor it firmly so that wind and rain can't jar it loose. Restoring neighborly relations after a window box accident can be tricky.

Plants can quickly drown without good drainage. Drainage holes are important. Adding a layer of coarse gravel to the bottom of the box also helps. Double potting improves drainage and makes plant replacement easier. Put the plants in clay pots, set them in the window box, and fill in between the pots with a lightweight mixture. If one plant dies or becomes leggy, just lift it out and replace it with another.

Window boxes are excellent places to grow plants. Summer flowers add needed color to a blank house facade. Evergreens give warmth and substance in the dreary, gray months of winter. The soil mix for annuals and perennials should be one part soil, one part peat moss, and two parts perlite. Sand is too heavy. Remember the neighbor relations! Feeding plants in the window box is the same as feeding plants in less aerial locations. Flowers need low nitrogen fertilizer, 5-10-5. Foliage plants use high nitrogen food, 12-6-6.

Mixing plants of differing colors and textures can give the window box a very distinctive look. Drought resistance is also a big help. The following perennials are worth consideration: *coriopsis verticillata* "Moonbeam" has golden, daisy-like flowers. *Achillea millefolium* "Salmon Beauty" offers apricot colored clusters. *Nepeta faassenii* "Blue Wonder" gives blue blossoms on gray-green, scented foliage. All these can be ordered from Smith and Hawken (1-800-776-3336). Depending on your needs, ask about sun or shade requirements if you decide to order.

It also might help to put one of those water retention mixtures in the window box -- some of us still don't know who will water them when we take a vacation!



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