

# BrookNotes

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## **Brookwood Hills Flings Into Spring**

Special thanks once again to our friend and neighbor Patti Junger with Caldwell Banker Buckhead Brokers for hosting our 'Spring Fling' festivities in the park on Sunday, April 2nd. With the beautiful weather on Sunday, and the work of many neighbors, it made for a fabulous celebration to welcome Spring!

The day was kicked off with our annual egg hunt. The children were divided into three groups and set out on a quest for eggs, which were filled with candy and toys. In addition to the eggs, there was also a special animal another annual BWH tradition. Families and group



friend to find for each group. The children who found the animals were presented with either gift certificate to Baskin Robbins or to Blockbuster. In center field, Katie Kronauge found the zebra in the 0-

3 year old hunt. Nicholas Ventulett found the lion in the play ground area in the 4 to 8 year old hunt. Up on the nature trail Caty Lindauer found the well-hidden monkey in the 9 and above hunt.

Shortly after the festivities began, the Easter Bunny came hopping into the park as the DJ played festive music. Thanks to Andy Howe who did a wonderful job taking photos of the bunny with our Brookwood Hills Children. Be on the lookout for an email with a link to view and purchase photos from the Spring Fling.

We also had our annual Hula Hoop contest in center field following the egg hunting. Our esteemed winners were Scott Jackson for the 4 and under group, Quinn Waldrop and Emma Dixon for the 5 to 8 year old group, Anna Kate Heller for the 9 to 12 group, and Kem Lee and Kathleen Waldrop took top honors for the Adult

contest.

During the party everyone was invited to create a spring masterpiece with side wall chalk around the track.

The First Place distinction went to Sam Boykin. Emma Dixon and Allison Nichols won Second Place, and Meredith Williams received Third Place honors.

We also had our Scavenger Hunt, which has become another annual BWH tradition. Families and groups of friends set off in search of everything from a pinecone to a 1980s penny in the park. The team of Frances and Katherine Wilbert and also Campbell Gitomer tied for first place. Our Second Place (finding all items but one) winners were Dillon Bryan and Shepherd Bridges.

This day could have never happened without our wonderful group of volunteers. We would especially like to thank the Spring Fling Chair, Denise Wilbert for all of her efforts in making this such a fun and memorable event. We would also like to thank Terri Comer, Mary Beth Jenkins, Kelly Jenkins, The McCormack family, The Wilbert Family, and also Mike Perciful for graciously helping with setting up and cleaning up following the party, and special thanks to Lisa Jackson and Caroline Vroon for serving as our hula hoop judges.

Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you to everyone who participated in this year's 'Spring Fling'. It is events like this that truly make our



neighborhood special!

#### **BROOKNOTES**

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Security Alert Signs When you see the Security Alert signs posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the Brookwood Hills Security Information Line 404-325-5114 for details concerning a recent security incident. These signs are a signal that an incident has occurred in the neighborhood and the information has been recorded on the hotline.

#### TAKING TREES IN TO YOUR OWN HANDS.

In the course of a regular review of the park and the trees surrounding it, it was discovered that a Brookwood Hills resident without informing or obtaining permission from the Board had one of the mature trees below the Nature Trail and just behind the tennis courts sawed off. The tree was a healthy specimen. Brookwood Hills residents should be aware that not only is this cause for permanent expulsion from the Club, but that it is against the law. The city of Atlanta requires permits for all activity related to tree pruning or removal, whether it is on your property, your sidewalk or our Nature Trail. Additionally, the Nature Trail is unique in that there are trees in this area which have remained undisturbed and in their natural state for longer than nearly any place else in Atlanta.

We try to take care of all trees, removing only those which are an imminent danger to the community, or which have been designated for removal by the City or Georgia Power. In every case a new tree has been planted to replace the old. Our tree canopy is one of the things that makes Brookwood Hills unique. Protecting and nurturing it is the responsibility of all Brookwood Hills neighbors. Please report any suspicious activity to Andrew Whitney, chairperson for trees for the neighborhood.

The Brookwood Hills Community Club Board

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of BrookNotes is Wednesday, May 3, 2006. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 49 Huntington Rd.

## Neighbor News

- Molly and Joe Jackson of 110 Palisades welcomed John Bradley Jackson on Friday, March 31st.
   Jane Wheeler of 35 Palisades is the proud grandmother.
- Educational Children's CD's/DVD's Wanted! Have your kids outgrown their CD's and DVD's? Would you consider donating them to the neighborhood? I'd like to start a neighborhood CD/DVD library for children in the neighborhood. If you are interested in donating, please call me, and I will come pick the items up or you may drop them off at my home at 225 Huntington Road. If you are interested in checking out children's DVD's/CD's, please call me. Margaret Mertens 404.249.7279
- Congratulations to Brookwood Hills Swim Team Coach Tim Storsteen and wife Anjie who had a baby girl, Sarah Elizabeth on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Swim and Dive Team Registration**

We are still taking Swim and Dive Team Registrations. All registration forms are available on the website <a href="www.brookwoodhills.com">www.brookwoodhills.com</a> under Community Activities-Swim. Swim and Dive Team Calendars are also available on the website.

Registration forms may be dropped off at the home of:

Pamela Watson, 163 Huntington Road

If questions contact: Pamela Watson, Swim Team Representative <a href="mailto:pwatson@mindspring.com">pwatson@mindspring.com</a> or Mary Long, Dive Team Representative <a href="mailto:MLong@KilpatrickStockton.com">MLong@KilpatrickStockton.com</a>

## **HURRY, HURRY, HURRY!**

The Pike Gift Cards sale benefiting Children's' Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) ends May 1<sup>st</sup>. The cards are sold in \$25 and \$50 increments, are same as cash and can be used at any Pike's Nursery retail location from February 2006 - June 1, 2007. Pike's then donates 25% of the sale of the cards to CHOA.

Estimate what you spend at Pike's in one year including your spring and fall plantings, pine straw, mulch, and holiday decorations, then purchase the gift cards for that amount and use them throughout the year. They make great Mother's Day, Teacher, Wedding Shower and Housewarming gifts, too.

I take phone, email or drop off orders. Just contact Kelley Berman at 36 Wakefield Drive; 404-351-2224; <u>kyoberman@aol.com</u>. Cash, check and credit card payments are accepted. I will then deliver the cards to you.

Don't miss this opportunity to "Play in the dirt" for CHOA. Sale ends May 1<sup>st</sup>!



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## The Legacy of Brookwood Hills

The Legacy Ladies are celebrating their fifth anniversary this year. For those who may not know who this group is, it is a coterie of ladies who have lived in Brookwood Hills at least 20 years and are of a certain age. It has been a tremendous success, and due to the fact that more ladies are reaching the requirements for membership and because we decided to go outside the neighborhood and invite those who fill the age and residence requirements but have since moved away, we now have over 65 members. We have lunch together monthly and twice a year, we have large cocktail parties where we include spouses, one during the Christmas holidays and one in the early



summer. They have been highly attended as they seem more like family gatherings than neighborhood parties,

There is a consensus among several of us that we, indeed, do need to leave a viable and tangible legacy to Brookwood Hills. Our idea is to compile a set of facts about the neighborhood using information that we already have; getting in touch with past presidents to find out major things that came up when they held office; adding individual histories of each house—the date of construction, the architect and builder, if known, listing any changes and additions to; the names of all former owners of each house; and if known, giving interesting happenings at these houses. For instance, there have been movies and TV ads made in some of the homes; and even well-known celebrities like Ted Turner, Robert Shaw and Pat Conroy have lived here as neighbors.

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# Fundraiser for a Neighbor

Please join us

Eleanor Rhangos and Dan Bromstad

Lisa and Rick Jackson

Terri Thompson and Keith Jolly

Diana and Nick Sears

Kay and Alex Summers

Button and Rod Cook

Molly and Joe Jackson

Anne and Dave Sapp

Katie and Freddy Simon

Kathleen and Art Waldrop

Sunday, May 7th

**60 Huntington Road** 

4:00 PM-6:00 PM

For a beer or a glass of wine and an opportunity to visit with our

**Brookwood Hills neighbor** 

Lee Morris

Candidate for Fulton County Commission Chairman

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Donations should be made payable to: Committee to Elect Lee Morris (bring your check to the party)

RSVP by May 5th: alexsummers@comcast.net or (404) 873-4807 Summers

#### The Legacy of Brookwood Hills Continued from Page 4

Before you think that this may be an impossible job, several of us went to the Atlanta History Center to the Kenan Research Center to learn how to look up some of this information. We used old city directories and Sanborn maps (once used by insurance companies) which have a wealth of information. There are also data files, old newspapers, and numerous other sources, depending on how deep you wish to go. The History Center is free for all to use and has two well informed and helpful people on staff at all times—one specializes in houses and neighborhoods and the other in genealogy. And—one of our own, Helen Matthews, who grew up on Palisades, works at the center.

There is little information on our neighborhood there now and since a good deal of the records of our past history were destroyed by fire several years ago, we want to gather this information and leave it in a well protected and accessible place.

We will be asking each of you to fill out a questionnaire (in this issue of BrookNotes) to the best of your knowledge of your home. When this has been compiled, we hope to give our findings to the Atlanta History Center where it will all e available for future generations and therefore be "our Legacy". We're excited about the commencement of this project and hope you'll enjoy finding out more about your own home and our neighborhood in the process.

\*\*Please contact Nancy Kennedy (404-874-0746) if you have any additional questions.\*\*

## **SUMMER 2006 TENNIS CLINICS**

Ms. Lee King will once again be conducting Junior Tennis Clinics and is also now offering a Women's Intermediate along with the Beginner's clinics. The schedule is as follows. We are trying to coordinate the tennis clinic times with those of swim team practices. The clinics will run Monday through Friday for one hour each. The price per person is \$80 per week. Please call Lee directly to sign up or if you have any questions (404) 261-8643.

| Age Group          | Date                | Time                                      |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 3 and 4 year old   | June 5th—June 9th   | 9:45 AM—10:45 AM                          |
| 5 and 6 year old   | June 12th—June 16th | 9:45 AM—10:45 AM and 10:45<br>AM—11:45 AM |
| Beginning Women    | June 19th—June 23rd | 9:00 AM—10:00 AM                          |
| 7 and 8 year old   |                     | 10:00 AM—11:00 AM and<br>11:00 AM—Noon    |
| 9 and 10 year old  | June 26th—June 30th | 9:00 AM—10:00 AM                          |
| Intermediate Women |                     | 10:00 AM—11:00 AM                         |
| 3 and 4 year old   | July 10th—July 14th | 9:30 AM—10:30 AM and 10:30<br>AM—11:30 AM |
| 5 and 6 year old   | July 17th—July 21st | 9:30 AM—10:30 AM and 10:30<br>AM—11:30 AM |
| 7 and 8 year old   | July 24th—July 28th | 9:30 AM—10:30 AM                          |
| 9 and 10 year old  | July 31st—Aug 4th   | 9:30 AM—10:30 AM                          |
| 5 and 6 year old   | Aug 7th—Aug 11      | 9:30 AM—10:30 AM                          |
| 3 and 4 year old   | Aug 14th—Aug 18th   | 9:30 AM—10:30 AM                          |

# **CALENDAR**

Monday, May 1st — BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, at the home of Chris Moorman, 23 Woodcrest Avenue Sunday, May 14th —Brookwood Boys and Girls, Braves Game, TBD

Saturday, May 20th —Brookwood Hills Pool, Pool opens for the season, 10:00 AM

## **Pool News**

Opening day will be on Saturday, May 20th at 10:00 AM. The following week the pool will be open from 4:00—8:00 PM daily with normal pool hours starting the week after Memorial Day. There will be festivities on both opening day and Memorial Day so stay tuned for more information!

It is a race to get the heater installed by May 1st, but we hope to have the pool warmed up for the first swim team practice

# CLASSIFIEDS

- BUNK BEDS FOR SALE: Two precious Corsica brown finish iron "bunny beds" from Punkin Patch. Perfect for a little girl's room-can be sold individually or together. A great price, trundle included at no extra cost. These are perfect and look great with any room, my girls want bunkbeds. Retails for \$850/bed, will make a great deal. Call Kem Lee 404-892-3406
- NEED A BABY SITTER?: Experienced red cross certified Westminster rising seventh grader is looking for either day time or night time babysitting or mother's helper roles. Call Ellie Fahs at 404-352-3841
- NEED A SITTER?: Yvette Myles and Samantha Davenport (Yvette's 17 year old daughter) are available to sit. They have been sitting for me for four years and are wonderful. Yvette and Samantha's home number: 404.399.6175.

- Samantha's cell: 678.873.7890. Please feel free to call me. Margaret Mertens 404.249.7279.
- SUMMER SITTER AVAILABLE: Kristy Lynn Wiegmann (who is friends with Ben Carter who lives at 43 Northwood and Sarah Dodge who baby sits for several families in the neighborhood) will be living in Atlanta this summer, is great with children and is interested in baby sitting. Kristy can be reached at 443-790-0999 or kristylynn@aol.com
- RENTING A MOONWALK? Way Cool
  Moonwalks will offer a 10% discount on rentals
  for Brookwood Hills neighbors. Check them out if
  you are thinking of doing something like this for
  a party. Contact Shelly Middelthon at 404-6437373 or okok@mindspring.com. You can also
  check out their site at
  ww.waycoolmoonwalks.com.

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