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Brookwood Hills Annual Spring Fling

By Sarah Howe

It was a beautiful spring day when friends and neighbors gathered in the park to kick off the season at the annual Spring Fling. We want to begin by thanking our sponsor Patti Junger with Coldwell Banker Buckhead Brokers. We could not have had such a wonderful event without your generous support.

The day was filled with fun and games. The party began with not one, but two Easter Bunnies greeting the children, posing for pictures and making balloon animals. Meanwhile, the excitement was building for the big egg hunts. The children scattered all over the park gathering eggs filled with spring toys and candy. However, the big prize was a Golden egg hidden for each age group. The winners for each age group were Anna Kate Mattingly (under 3), William Mattingly (4 and 5), Jack Minson (6-8), and Savannah Lee (9+).

The fun continued with the Hula Hoop contest, which is always a crowd favorite. The best hula hooper in the 4 & under group was Clair DiBiase. The winner in the 5-8 age group was Schuyler Simmons. Sarah Cook was the winner in the 9-12 group, and Connor Perkey was the winner in the teenage group. In the adult category, Kathleen Waldrop took the prize. We would like to thank Cynthia & Per Normark for helping us make the selections in the Hula Hoop contest.

Throughout the party many of our young artists were creating beautiful, festive drawings with sidewalk chalk. The talent in this competition was truly amazing. The first place winner in the Sidewalk Art Contest was Zack Green. The second place winner was Emma Dixon. The third place prize went to Eliza Waldrop.

There were a number of individuals and families that took part in the scavenger hunt contest. Each participant was given a list of items to obtain within the park grounds. While many came close, only the team of Whit & Jack Fitzgerald collected all of the items on the list. They promised to share the prize with their triplet sister.

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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.



Brookwood Hills
New Neighbor
Welcome Party &
Pool Opening Party
Friday, May 18th

BWH Neighborhood
Yard Sale
Saturday, May 5th

Contact Ann Dibble at 404.724.0393 or
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BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of BrookNotes is Wednesday, May 9, 2007. Submissions may be either e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 49 Huntington Rd.

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We would like to thank all of the neighborhood volunteers who contributed their time to make this party such a success. First, we would like to thank our party chairperson, Denise Wilbert, for all of her hard work. Thank you to our egg stuffers: Margaret Mertens and family, Christy Payne, The Wilbert family, the Hanson family and The Howe family. Thank you to our incredible party set up crew: John Mulcahy, Claudia Jackson, Molly Jackson, Mark Hanson, Mike Wilbert, Denise Wilbert, and Amy Mattingly. A big thank you to Lori Fiore for volunteering to be our party photographer; taking pictures of our children with the Easter Bunny and other party festivities. Look for an email with information regarding picture ordering. Thank you to those who stayed to do the dirty work, clean up: Mary Beth Jenkins, Stan Dixon, the Wilbert family, the Hanson family, and the Howe family. We would also like to thank all of our contest participants and party goers, it wouldn't be much fun without you. See you at the park!

The Dogs are in the Doghouse!

The Brookwood Hills community park is a wonderful place for neighbors to get together and have great fun! As it stands now, our beloved dogs are allowed to venture to the park with us, and we want to keep it that way! However, because some dog owners may not fully understand the importance of our leash policy, the privilege of taking our dogs to the park is under scrutiny by the Board of Brookwood Hills.

Here are a few pointers: (No pun intended!)

1. Dogs must be kept ON a LEASH at ALL times. No exceptions.
2. A dog's leash should never be tied to any playground equipment.
3. A dog must be leashed even if the dog is "very old" or "just a puppy."
4. Even when a dog is leashed, please do not allow the dog to approach, jump on or lick children who are not familiar with the dog and may not be comfortable with the dog.
5. And last, but not least, don't consider a dog to be leashed if the dog is allowed to roam the park with the leash but WITHOUT the owner!!!

Please help us to make our Brookwood Hills Park a great place for people and pets!

The Brookwood Hills Book Club's next book for discussion will be **Saturday** by Ian McEwan. We'll meet to talk about this work on **Monday, May 21st** at **7:30** at the home of Kathleen Waldrop, 128 Huntington Road. For more information, please contact Maureen Zent at mzent1@bellsouth.net or 404.724.0959.

BROOKWOOD HILLS

SUMMER 2007 TENNIS CLINICS

Ms. Lee King will once again be conducting Junior Tennis Clinics. The clinics will run Monday—Friday for one hour each. Please call Lee at 404.261.8643.

The schedule is as follows:

<u>3 and 4 yr. old</u>	<u>June 4th - June 8th</u>	<u>9:45 am - 10:45am</u>	1st session
		<u>10:45 am - 11:45 am</u>	2nd session
<u>5 and 6 yr. old</u>	<u>June 11th - June 15th</u>	<u>9:45 am - 10:45am</u>	1st session
		<u>10:45 am - 11:45 am</u>	2nd session
<u>Beginning Women</u> <u>7 and 8 yr. old</u>	<u>June 18th - June 22nd</u>	<u>9:00 am - 10:00 am</u>	1st session
		<u>10:00 am - 11:00 am</u>	
		<u>11:00 am - noon</u>	
<u>9 and 10 yr. old</u> <u>Intermediate Women</u>	<u>June 25th - June 29th</u>	<u>9:00 am - 10:00 am</u>	1st session
		<u>10:00 am - 11:00 am</u>	
<u>3 and 4 yr. old</u>	<u>July 9th - July 13th</u>	<u>9:30 am - 10:30 am</u>	1st session
		<u>10:30 am - 11:30 am</u>	2nd session
<u>5 and 6 yr. old</u>	<u>July 16th - July 20th</u>	<u>9:30 am - 10:30 am</u>	1st session
		<u>10:30 - 11:30 am</u>	2nd session
<u>7 and 8 yr. old</u> <u>Beginning Women</u>	<u>July 23rd - July 27th</u>	<u>9:30 am - 10:30 am</u>	1st session
		<u>10:30 am - 11:30 am</u>	
<u>9 and 10 yr. old</u> <u>Intermediate Women</u>	<u>July 30th - Aug 3rd</u>	<u>9:30 am - 10:30 am</u>	1st session
		<u>10:30 am - 11:30am</u>	
<u>5 and 6 yr. old</u>	<u>Aug 6th - Aug 10th</u>	<u>9:30 am - 10:30 am</u>	1st session
		<u>10:30 am - 11:30 am</u>	2nd session
<u>3 and 4 yr. old</u>	<u>Aug 13th - Aug 17th</u>	<u>9:30am - 10:30 am</u>	1st session
		<u>10:30 am - 11:30 am</u>	2nd session

Block the Sun...Not the Fun!

By Margaret Mertens

As the weather heats up and outdoor activities increase, keeping these "sun-safe" tips in mind will ensure your time outdoors is safe and happy:

- Limit your exposure to the sun – especially between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. when the sun's rays are the strongest. Stay in the shade whenever possible.
- Wear sunscreen with an SPF (sun protection factor) of at least 15. Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours or after sweating or swimming.
- Wear protective clothing, including wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses.
- Don't be fooled by cloudy skies. Clouds only block up to 20% of ultraviolet (UV) radiation. Be especially careful on the beach or in the pool. Sand and water reflect about 85% of UV rays.
- Tanning is not healthy and is an indication that the skin has been injured.

The following are some sobering statistics, according to the Cancer Research and Prevention Center:

- One serious childhood sunburn could trigger skin cancer in later years.
- Skin cancer incidence rates are growing the fastest of all cancers.
- More than two cases of skin cancer are diagnosed every minute.
- 1.3 million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed this year.

While the bad news is that one person dies every hour from skin cancer, the good news is that skin cancer is preventable!

Play It Safe

By Margaret Mertens

We are so fortunate to live in historic Brookwood Hills, a vibrant community, rich in history and filled with families with children. While the Brookwood Hills Security Force works to keep our neighborhood safe from crime, we can all play a part in keeping our children safe outside. As the weather warms up, neighbors will be spending a lot more time outside; children will be playing in their yards, riding their bikes, and walking on the streets and sidewalks.

One of the simplest things we can do to help make our neighborhood safe for EVERYONE is to obey the speed limit of 25 mph. When was the last time you checked to make sure you were traveling at or less than 25mph? Our neighbors occasionally report seeing someone driving recklessly through the neighborhood. Don't hesitate to remind your teenagers, contractors, yard service truck drivers and others just how important it is to obey the speed limit.

Encourage your children to use the sidewalk whenever available. If there is no sidewalk, please encourage your children to walk facing traffic. When crossing the street, cross only at intersections. The American College of Emergency Physicians reports that most people are hit by cars when they cross the road at places other than intersections.

And lastly, please do not park your car on the sidewalk or block the sidewalk in any way. Not only is it against Georgia law, but it could pose a danger to walkers, parents pushing strollers, and little ones on scooters and tricycles as they have to maneuver from the sidewalk into the street to get around a car parked in a driveway and blocking the sidewalk.

Let's keep Brookwood Hills a safe and pedestrian-friendly place to live!

CALENDAR

Saturday, May 5th — Neighborhood-wide Yard Sale

Monday, May 7th — BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:15 p.m., at the home of Burch Hanson, 69 Brighton Road

Friday, May 18th — BWH New Neighbor Welcome Party/ Pool Opening Party, BWH Pool

Monday, May 21st, 7:30 p.m. — BWH Book Club, 128 Huntington Road

C L A S S I F I E D S

- **SUMMER SITTING AVAILABLE:** Elizabeth Bray is currently a sophomore at the College of Charleston and will be living at home in Brookwood Hills for the summer. She is great with kids, has had much experience and is interesting in babysitting. She is available after June 15 until August 19 when she returns to school. To contact, please call 404.314.5405 or e-mail at ebbay@gmail.com.
- **STROLLERS FOR SALE:** One full size 4-wheeled Graco stroller and one 3-wheeled Kelty jog stroller for sale. Both in good condition with low mileage. Call Rob or Sarah Armstrong at 404.352.0110. Asking \$50 for full size and \$175 for jog stroller OBO.
- **LAKE HOME FOR RENT:** Lake Nantahala lakefront home for rent this summer or fall. Sleeps 10, has a private dock on the prettiest lake in the Southeast. Email william.long@inta.gatech.edu for special Brookwood weekly rates and photos, or call 404.352.3464.
- **PART-TIME NANNY NEEDED:** I am looking for a part-time (1-2 full days/wk) English/Spanish-speaking nanny to care for a 2-year old boy. If your nanny is looking for an extra day or two or if you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Stephanie Cooper at 404.664.3629.
- **HOUSEKEEPER RECOMMENDATION:** Cecilia Figueroa has helped me for over four years, and she is a fantastic cleaner and wonderful person! Several of her "regulars" have recently moved so she has some free time. I cannot recommend her more highly – she does a terrific job and is a delight to have around. She has about 10 BWH clients who will also sing her praises! Call Cecilia directly at 404.636.6632 or me for references, Ann Dibble, at 404.724.0393.

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