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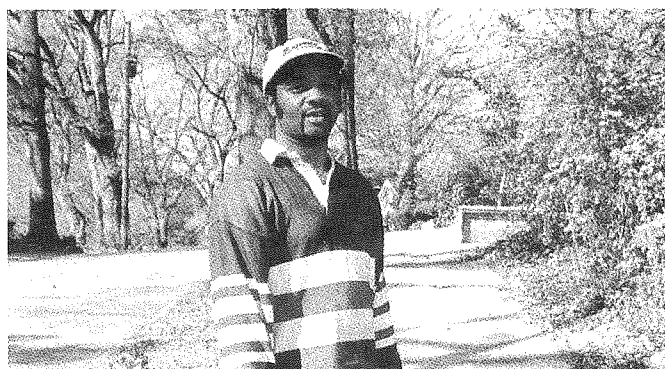
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## You Were A Good Man, Charlie Brown

A remembrance by Carla Fackler

Charlie Brown was a neighbor, even though he didn't live in the neighborhood.



Charlie Brown, who passed away March 15 at Grady Memorial Hospital, was a staple in Brookwood Hills for years.

He moved to Atlanta from Columbus in the mid-1980s, working as a landscaper and painter, first in Ansley Park and then Brookwood Hills. Brookwood Hills felt right to him, so right that he quit the paint crew and sought out jobs to spend his days in the neighborhood. It's impossible to tell how many people he helped over the years -- painting, cleaning gutters, polishing silver, washing windows and screens, moving heavy furniture or rugs and pressure washing walks, patios and driveways. He described work as he did life, "You gotta do what you gotta do."

He loved the neighborhood and kept tabs on his friends and knew if their children were visiting, where they lived and shared in their accomplishments. He could recognize a child years later and recollect a long ago happening. (In January as we were moving after 31 years in Brookwood Hills, Charlie picked up a German helmet from a pile and recalled a young boy, helmet atop his head, biking down Palisades. He didn't miss much if it happened in his neighborhood.)

Charlie wasn't an early riser and then had to take a bus or two plus a train or two to get to the neighborhood. He'd ask for a glass of ice water, stop to share the latest local news and get to work. Charlie loved to talk and was interested in just about everything.

Charlie had his territory--Woodcrest near the Abneys or Palisades and Montclair near the Burgesses and Stacks. You couldn't miss him with his rolling walk, cell phone to his ear, as he'd flag you down with a big smile enhanced by a much admired gold tooth.

At Christmastime, Charlie would stop by with a small gift and take a photo of his "special neighbors," sharing the latter with his family in Columbus over the holidays.

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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.

## CALENDAR

**Saturday, April 26: Brookwood Hills Garden Club 80th Anniversary Celebration and Live Auction. Come celebrate under the tent over the tennis courts. Dance to the music of the Mike Veal Band.**

**Saturday & Sunday, April 26 & 27: Neighborhood Yard Sale. The Yard Sale will be held, rain or shine, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. both days. (No early birds!)**

## SWEETWATER NOW FILLING POOL POSITIONS

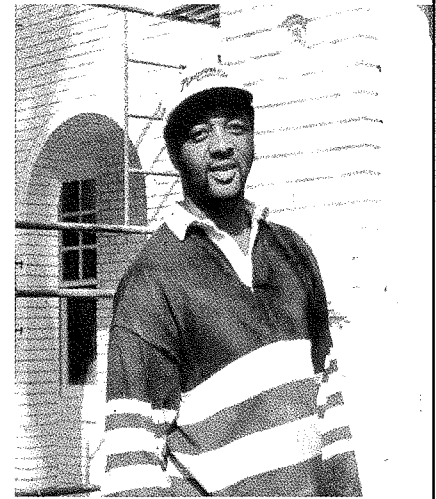
*The Pool will be opening in about four weeks, and many members have inquired about Lifeguard and Concession stand jobs for their children. We have a new Pool Management company: Sweetwater Pools. Applications for employment at Brookwood Hills Pool will be handled through Sweetwater Pools. They are in the process of setting up interviews. Anyone interested in a job at Brookwood Hills Pool this summer can go on line to [www.sweetwaterpools.net](http://www.sweetwaterpools.net) and fill out the employment application or call the main office @ (770) 939-5757 and ask for Candice or Christy. They will contact you for the interview. Please make sure to let them know that you are applying to work at Brookwood Hills Pool. Sweetwater is handling the whole process so all inquires should be to them directly.*

*Thank you, W. Hayes Wilson, Pool Co-chairman*

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brook notes is Wednesday, May 7, 2008. Submissions may be e-mailed to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com) or dropped off at 200 Camden.

## Charlie Brown Remembered

Charlie Lee Brown, Jr. was born in Jersey City, N.J., in 1957 and a few months later moved to Columbus. As a young man, he worked at the Golden Foundry and later followed his younger brother Roosevelt Jordan to Atlanta. Charlie and Roosevelt were “close brothers and closest of friends.” You can bet no one picked on young Roosevelt with Charlie as a big brother. Charlie passed away March 15 at Grady Memorial Hospital. In addition to his brother, he leaves three adult children, a son and two daughters, his sister Sarah Mathis and his fiancé Sharon McCrary.



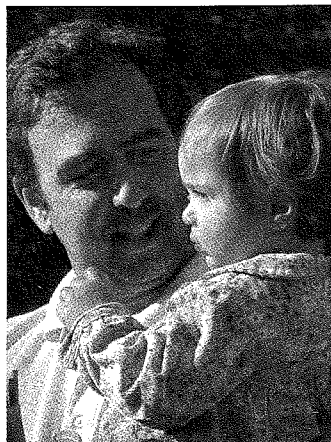
Plans for a tree to be planted in remembrance of our neighbor, Charlie Brown, were discussed by the Brookwood Hills board at its April 14 meeting.

*Harvie Abney and her son Charles and Bonnie and Chet Burgess said good-bye to Charlie at his funeral March 20 in Columbus. Neighbors, those he worked for and counted as family and those he knew and called his friends, sent nearly 20 checks to assist with burial expenses.*

Neighbors recall the good times and good work Charlie Brown did for them. He will be missed.

## ***DON'T MISS THE NEW NEIGHBOR PARTY***

The 2008 New Neighborhood Party has been scheduled for 7 p.m. May 16 at the pool pavilion. More than two dozen new neighbors have been invited to the party, which is open to all Brookwood Hills Community Club members with an “A,” “B” or “S” classification.



Beer, wine and cocktail food will be served. Commercial real estate services firm Dan Granot & Co., founded earlier this year by Northwood Avenue resident Dan Granot (pictured here with his daughter Olivia), is sponsoring the shindig.

Be sure to come and discover what most of you already know—what a special neighborhood Brookwood Hills is.

See you there!

## Clear Creek Cleanup Going Well; Please Respect Dumping Rules

By Alex Summers

At the end of March, we completed the first six months of our seven-year contract with Cascade Springs Forestry to remove and control the invasive plant material on our Clear Creek property. Terry Sutton and his crews are making great progress, having completed one-third of the work required. Sutton anticipates that his crews will have completed 50 percent of the work by the end of October. The work Terry has completed so far is remarkable. We are beginning to see the forest from the jungle.

During the next few weeks, I encourage you to put on your hiking boots, take a walk through the woods and see for yourself. Go down to the entrance at the end of Palisades and turn to the right and go south to our secondary entrance at the curve on Huntington. Or, take your wading shoes and go left at the bottom of the Palisades entrance. Follow along the creek around the end, where the creek turns eastward, and you'll see the rock palisades on the east side of the creek. Surely you will see the potential for a wonderful urban forest in our own back yard.

We had our first semi-annual inspection of the Conservation Easement property by Andrew Walter, the Greenway Acquisition Manager of Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management, in March. Andrew was very complimentary of the Club's efforts in the beginning to manage the land. The noted "violations," those things that are banned under the terms of the Conservation Easement, involved illegal dumping and several instances where illegal fencing and structures were noted. Most dumping is concentrated along Armour and Clayton Drives, but to a lesser degree along the Club's property lines, where several of the neighbors whose property abuts the Conservation Easement Property are dumping yard waste and construction debris.

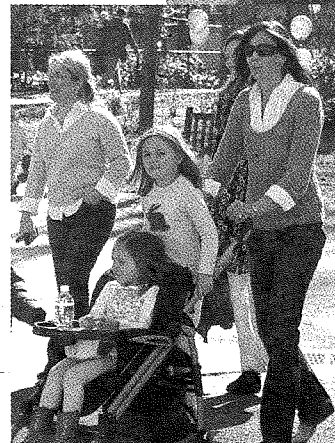
Andrew is planning to send a letter in the near future to all neighbors adjacent to the Greenway informing them of the existence and purpose of the conservation easement and explaining the types of activities that are allowed and prohibited. Under the terms of the Conservation Easement, it is incumbent upon the Club to see that the requirements of the easement are adhered to, and we hope all neighbors will assist in the endeavor.

We hope to begin some replanting and reforestation efforts after this summer and have initiated talks with Trees Atlanta and others. We have begun to discuss walking trails, passive recreational possibilities and enhanced entrances. In February, we got the Atlanta Highway and Streets Department to install a guardrail at the end of Armour Drive where several cars had gone over the edge. We are getting cost estimates for installing barriers at strategic locations along Armour and Clayton Drive to try to limit dumping over the cliffs along these streets.

If you have any ideas for other improvements in our Clear Creek Park should be sent to John Mulcahy, Rod Cook or me.

# SPRING FLING MARCH 9, 2008

Thanks to Carolyn Norton for these photos of Spring Fling, which took place in the Brookwood Hills Park.



**Many Thanks to the BWH Garden Club 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Sponsors**

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**Many thanks to our neighbors who have donated so many fabulous auction items.**

# Brookwood Hills Summer Tennis Clinics 2008

Ms. Lee King will once again be conducting Junior Tennis Clinics, Women's Intermediate Clinics and Women's Beginning Clinics. The clinics will run Monday through Friday for one hour each. The price per person is \$90 per week. Please call Lee directly to sign up or if you have any questions: [404-261-8643](tel:404-261-8643); [leekingtenpro@aol.com](mailto:leekingtenpro@aol.com) The schedule is as follows:

<u>3 and 4 year old</u>	<u>June 2nd—June 6</u>	<u>9:45 am—10:45 am</u> (1st Session)
		<u>10:45 am—11:45 am</u> (2nd Session)
<u>5 and 6 year old</u>	<u>June 9th—June 13</u>	<u>9:45 am—10:45 am</u> (1st Session)
		<u>10:45 am—11:45</u> (2nd Session)
<u>Beginning Women</u>	<u>June 16th—June 20</u>	<u>9:00 am—10:00 am</u>
<u>7 and 8 year old</u>	<u>June 16th—June 20</u>	<u>10:00 am—11:00 am</u> (1st Session)
		<u>11:00 am—12:00 noon</u> (2nd Session)
<u>9 and 10 year old</u>	<u>June 23—June 27</u>	<u>9:00 am—10:00 am</u>
<u>Intermediate Women</u>	<u>June 23—June 27</u>	<u>10:00 am—11:00 am</u>
<u>3 and 4 year old</u>	<u>July 7—July 11</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 year old</u>	<u>July 14—July 18</u>	<u>9:30 am—10:30 am</u> (1st Session)
		<u>10:30 am—11:30 am</u> (2nd Session)
<u>7 and 8 year old</u>	<u>July 21—July 25</u>	<u>9:30 am—10:30 am</u>
<u>Beginning Women</u>	<u>July 21—July 25</u>	<u>10:30 am—11:30 am</u>
<u>9 and 10 year old</u>	<u>July 28—August 1</u>	<u>9:30 am—10:30 am</u>
<u>Intermediate Women</u>	<u>July 28—August 1</u>	<u>10:30 am—11:30 am</u>
<u>5 and 6 year old</u>	<u>August 4 —August 8</u>	<u>9:30 am—10:30 am</u> (1st Session)
		<u>10:30 am—11:30</u> (2nd Session)
<u>3 and 4 year old</u>	<u>August 11—August 16</u>	<u>9:30 am—10:30 am</u> (1st Session)
		<u>10:30 am—11:30 am</u> (2nd Session)

**C L A S S I F I E D S**

**SUMMER SITTER AVAILABLE:** Elizabeth Bray is currently a junior 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 baby-sitting. She is available beginning May 12<sup>th</sup> until August 17<sup>th</sup> when she returns to school. To contact Elizabeth, please call (404) 314-5405 or e-mail at [eb-bray@gmail.com](mailto:eb-bray@gmail.com).

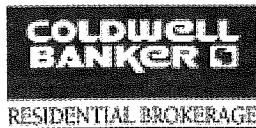
**BROOKE'S PET-SITTING:** My name is Brooke Gentry. I am 12-years-old and would love to take care of your pet while you are on vacation. I have a dog and four cats, and I foster kittens for the Humane Society; so have lots of experience! Please call me at (404) 876-4480 (home), (404) 423-1512 (cell) or e-mail me at [brookekgentry@comcast.net](mailto:brookekgentry@comcast.net).

*Repeat*



**EXCELLENT HOUSINGKEEPING DUO:** Mother and daughter team Silvia and Jana Molnarova have been cleaning our home for nearly a year. We have had many different people help us with housework over the past 10 years and have never had such an outstanding team. They are honest, efficient, thorough, and effective. They go well above and beyond the call of duty – a great example includes washing duvet covers as needed without suggestion. For those with napping babies, a big plus is that they are respectfully quiet and don't talk on cell phones or make unnecessary noise. Contact Silvia at (678) 643.8916. Feel free to contact Ellen Koebler (404) 926-5692 for a reference.

**MONTHLY STROLLER WALK:** Are you interested in walking the neighborhood with your baby and meeting other BWH neighbor moms? Then join us the 1st Thursday of every month outside the BWH park entrance at 12:00 noon. Rain or shine! Email Lori Fiore with any questions at [loriann-fiore@yahoo.com](mailto:loriann-fiore@yahoo.com). - Lori Fiore, Katherine Dierdorff, & Tiffany McNary



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