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Good News for E. Rivers Elementary and Sutton Middle Schools

By Elizabeth Wickland

Thanks to your AMAZING outpouring of support, the Atlanta Public Schools, Board of Education, heard Brookwood Hills residents loud and clear and our desire keep BWH children attending E. Rivers/ Sutton. There are too many people to thank individually but please know that all of your time and energies truly made the difference.



The final vote by board members on April 10th declared no new elementary or middle school will be built in our district.

In the fall of 2013 the newly constructed 56 -acre North Atlanta High School campus (currently underway) will open on the former IBM campus on Northside Parkway. At this time, Sutton middle school students will move from their current Chastain Park location to the existing North Atlanta High School campus on Northside Drive.

During the 2013-2014, and through December of the 2014-2015 school year, E. Rivers students will be temporarily housed in the current Sutton Middle school campus at Chastain Park while E. rivers received a much needed overhaul. A new LEED certified building, expected to cost \$18-\$20 million, will be built on the current E. Rivers (Peachtree and Peachtree Battle) campus to reopen for students in January 2015. The expanded capacity of this new building will allow for children from all of the currently attending neighborhoods to remain at E. Rivers.

In 2015, the Chastain Park campus will become a 6th grade academy to serve children from Sarah Smith, Brandon, Jackson, E. Rivers, Bolton Academy and Garden Hills, with the Northside Drive campus serving as 7th and 8th grade.

While growing pains are never easy, the outstanding E. Rivers staff and supportive surrounding neighborhoods have made the school a treasured asset of our community and an environment of academic excellence with a very bright future indeed!

** E. River Kindergarten Kaleidoscope (open house for rising kindergarteners) Thursday, April 26th, 3pm**



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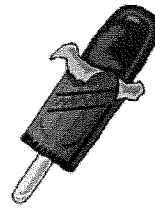
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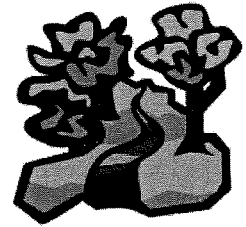
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Security Alert Signs

When you see the **Security Alert signs** posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the **Brookwood Hills Security Information Line at 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. The cell phone number for the neighborhood security patrol is **404-242-3321**.



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“Pop” on over to the Preserve!

Sunday, May 6, 3:30-5pm

Put on your walking shoes and check out the amazing new nature trail along the BWH Preserve with your neighbors while enjoying a complimentary popsicle

for all neighborhood “kids” ages 0-99

Sponsored by the BWH E. Rivers/Sutton/
NAHS kids in thanks for your support

Wild Turkey Sighting!

A wild turkey appears to have taken up residence in Brookwood Hills! The bird has been spotted by various children on the nature trail above the tennis courts, and by neighbors Marcia Abernethy and Jay Cohen crossing Brighton Road.

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Friday, May 11. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 118 Brighton Road.

Brookwood Hills Annual Spring Fling

The annual Brookwood Hills Spring Fling was, once again, a great success thanks to the generous sponsorship of Patti Junger of Dorsey Alston, Realtors, and the hard work of our BWH board Social chairs and volunteers. In addition to refreshments and a live D.J. there were Easter egg hunts, hula-hoop contests, a scavenger hunt and a sidewalk art contest. The winners of the golden eggs were: Gabe McCarthy, Casey Gentry, Sofia Buffa, Millie Long, Leslie Laws, and Betsy Blicht. The hula hoop contest winners were: Nias Blume and Kate Davis (age 4 and under); Clair Lusk and Matthew DiBiase (5-8); and Andrew Denn and Ali Grace Kessler (9-11). The scavenger hunt was won by Ren Jackson and Kyle Klingis, and the winners of the sidewalk art contest were Clair Lusk and Hunter Wannamaker.



Kickstands for Kids 2012

By Kem Lee

On Saturday March 24th Brookwood Hills hosted the 2nd Kickstands for Kids bike sale on Parkdale Way. It was delightful to close off the street and enjoy our venue under the big oak trees. Thanks neighbors on Parkdale who allowed us to block their drive ways with bikes! The event raised almost \$2500 for Children's Healthcare and was chaired by Betsy Armentrout, Laney Cahillane, Liz Davies and Kem Lee.

Neighbors brought various size bikes to sell beginning around 11am. The Gearheads, with special thanks to Travis Szwasz and Harold Solomon, helped tune and fit bikes for individual buyers. Once again, the adult bikes sold out instantly. There always seems to be one adult retiring a fancy bike for every potential buyer looking to take up biking.

Families were thrilled to donate and buy bikes for our young riders who often out grow a bike per year (say nothing of shoes and church clothes).

Chik-Fil-A kindly brought in their cow along with complimentary sandwiches that were sold to benefit CHOA. Bruster's donated delicious ice cream and our own Friends members brought water and Capri Sun drinks. Proceeds from all of the food and beverages went directly to CHOA.

We proudly signed up many memberships to the Brookwood Bikers. The wick-away sports shirts and ladies' fit T's were a huge hit with our families. Be on the look out for group bike rides in the near future.

Thanks to all of the families who supported this wonderful event.

Neighbor Profile: Eva Walker

"You always look so good!" It feels great to hear this, doesn't it? Meet Eva Walker, a Brookwood Hills neighbor and "wardrobe therapist" who helps individuals to be the best dressed, from the grocery to a gala. Eva lives on Camden Road with her husband Brad, who grew up in the neighborhood and returned to call it home.

Since beginning her career at Nordstrom in 2003, Eva built a successful styling business with one of the company's highest customer retention rates. She played a significant role in the evolution of the Personal Stylist program in the Southeastern U.S. and developed one of the largest and highest producing Stylist departments at Nordstrom. With a practical mindset, unique vision and a vivacious sprit she quickly became one of Nordstrom's most sought-after stylists and valued managers.

This spring, the entrepreneur is launching Eva Walker Wardrobe Therapy. Eva's approach includes closet editing, styling, personal shopping and concierge services that are completely confidential. Because the only thing better than looking great all the time is for everyone to think you did it on your own! She calls this "effortless chic." More than just a look into your closet, Eva looks at your lifestyle, body, budget, and personal style to ensure that your closet contains all that you will need for any event that arises.

If you have ever thought that you have a closet full of nothing to wear, seek Wardrobe Therapy with Eva Walker. Contact her at (phone number) or wardrobetherapy@evacolewalker.com for details on the process and various offerings.

GoGo Away Mosquitoes!

By Elizabeth Wickland

Each summer our family looks forward to endless hours of outside play, gardening and dining....but we quickly get chased inside once the mosquitoes show up! While we love living with the wildlife supported by Clear Creek and many acres of preserved land we hate the mosquitoes!

After talking to many mosquito companies in the Atlanta area, and receiving over 20 helpful comments through the BWH –all members Google Groups, I've found a environmentally safe company that has offered BWH residents a greatly reduced rate should we have multiple families participate.

GOGO mosquito (gogomosquito.com) uses a completely safe chrysanthemum flower based mist (Pyrethrum) to create barrier areas on your property free of mosquitoes (mosquitoes live with-in a 200 foot area of where you are bitten) fleas and ticks. Harmless to children and pets, this product can be used safely around vegetable/edible plants too. One treatment is guaranteed to last 30 days. GoGo Mosquito does not require a contract, instead you only participate for the months you need, so you don't pay for months that you plan to be out of town. While they suggest treating May – Oct, which months to treat/participate are up to you.

BWH pool member Katie Mauldin stated "Last summer, we had great success with an All Natural spray from Gogo Mosquito. We live next to a creek and a wooded area.

(I watched a sprayer from another company put on a gas mask before he sprayed and I was a little disturbed.) This product is made from natural plants, not harmful to your pets or children, and it also kills fleas and ticks. Lastly, the company is committed to supporting neighborhoods and communities and they give back a percentage to the community. "

Typically GOGO Mosquito charges \$89.95/month (comparable to 3 other companies I contacted). BWH has been offered reduced pricing as follows in months when multiple homes participate:

6 homes= \$79.95/mo; 12 homes= \$69.95; 20 homes= \$64.95.

Please contact Elizabeth Wickland if you are interested in participating at Lizzy.wickland@gmail.com, 404-375-7455.

Drivers: Please Be Alert!

Please be advised that every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 4:30 PM between Tuesday, April 10th - Thursday, May 17th, our young runners will be participating in training runs in BWH. They will be running on the left side of the street, facing traffic so please use extra caution during these times.



BWH Garden Club wishes to thank the generous contributions in-kind towards our neighborhood auction:

Dennis Dean Catering

Marguerite Peele Fine Stationery

Peachtree Road Package Store - Bo Wilson

Esther Stokes Landscape Design - BWH proposed projects

Carol Dew - invitation artwork

Elaine Luxemburger & Kay Summers - BWH vintage photos

Hayes Wilson - AV set up

Luminari - Robin Forbes

Signs by Tomorrow

Chick-fil-A, Peachtree at Collier

The Fresh Market - appetizers & desserts

Sufi's Persian Restaurant - appetizers

Moore Farms and Friends - appetizers

Zoe's Kitchen - appetizers

Maki Fresh Sushi - appetizers

Starbucks - Peachtree Battle

Auctioneers: Hank Harris, Fred Burke,

Mike Nadal & Rich Perkey

BWH Garden Club expresses our huge appreciation to our wonderful 2012 Corporate Sponsors:

\$1,000 Sponsors (Golden Rain Tree)

Abrams, Davis, Wallace, Mason & Long, LLC
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Thank you to the MANY thoughtful BWH neighbors who donated to our auction and the BWH Garden Club members who gave their time to plan our 90th birthday celebration!

BWH Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A

Our neighborhood Chick-fil-A has offered to host the first "BWH Spirit Night" on Wednesday, May 2nd from 5-8 pm at their restaurant. 10% of the sales from the designated hours will be donated to the BWH Garden Club. Come enjoy Chick-fil-A with your neighbors!



A Bee Miracle

By Sarah Hagood



Some bee-like insects recently moved in to my house around a bathroom vent, just under my attic, at the top of three stories! I couldn't tell what they were at first, and called my termite exterminators to take care of the problem. Little did I know, they were honeybees on the endangered species list, and cannot be handled by an exterminator. After a lengthy search for a bee remover with skills for this type of situation, I was referred to Bill Owens of Georgia Bee Removal by several different people independently. To say he is an expert is an understatement. After extensive study at the University of Georgia, Bill became certified as a Master Craftsman Beekeeper. In his bee removal business, he keeps the

queen bee contained on the outside of the bee canisters, relocating their hive. Others I contacted said they would need to do "major surgery" to my house in order to remove the bees. Much to my relief, Bill Owens took care of the problem in one day, with no impact to my house. Should you need any assistance with bees, don't hesitate to call him! Bill Owens: www.gabeeremoval.com or 404-516-1807.

CALENDAR

BWH Garden Club Acorn Auction – Saturday, April 21, 7 PM - 10 PM, Pool Pavilion.

Swim and Dive Team practice Begin - Monday, April 30, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM, Pool.

Popsicles at the Nature Trail - Sunday, May 6, 3:30 PM - 5 PM, BWH Nature Preserve.

May BWH Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 8 7:15 PM at the home of Caroline and Matt Tolleson, 241 Camden.

C L A S S I F I E D S

Neighborhood Consignment Sale - Are your closets filled with gently used children's clothes that your kids have outgrown? A group of moms in the neighborhood are considering putting together a children's clothing consignment sale later this summer. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail Meg Blackwood at mthomablackwood@hotmail.com.

Hilton Head Villa - 2 bedrooms, sleeps 6. Located at Monarch on Sea Pines, steps from the ocean. Pools, fitness center, and other amenities. Available June 16-June 23. Priced significantly under market at \$1,400 for the week. Contact Eve Goldstein at eve.goldstein@att.net.

Baby/Pet/House Sitting - Martha Easton McLemore is a rising junior at UGA, and an active member of Delta Delta Delta. She is an interior design major and will be working 8-5 at a design firm Mon-Thurs as an unpaid intern. She is available weeknights and Friday, Saturday, Sunday starting May 30 to babysit, pet sit, or whatever else you may need. She is the oldest of 4 and has a lot of babysitting experience. Helen Harris has worked with her for the past three years, and she is a spectacular person, and great role model. She can be reached by email, memcl@uga.edu or by phone 478-718-1492.

McCollum Brothers BWH Dog Whisperers - Dog care provided at your home in BWH. Feeding, walking, washing, clipping, training. Fraction of the price of professional kennel care. Please call or write us when you plan your summer holiday. Clarke 404.969.2969 clarke.mccollum@gmail.com; Sam 404.401.4449 sam.mccollum2000@gmail.com; Mike 404.626.0115 michael.o.mccollum@gmail.com

Summer Sitter Needed - I am looking for a summer sitter for my two boys, ages 6 and 8 for the weeks of May 23rd, June 11th, 18th, and 25th from 9:30 to 3:30pm. Must be able to drive. Please email Elizabeth Meredith at elizmeredith@gmail.com.



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