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Park and Pool Projects Near Completion

By John Mulcahy, BWH Community Club President

This year's pool season brings with it major improvements to the amenities of the Brookwood Hills Community Club. Our pool, tennis courts, swimming pool and park restrooms are all undergoing a major renovation that will enhance the experience for our members. The most visible change will likely be at the pool pavilion. Joe Noah & Associates, in collaboration with Square Feet Studios and Silverman Construction Project Management, have completed an expansion that includes a dramatically larger deck to accommodate club functions and rentals. The restrooms have been expanded and have more showers and stalls. Please note that the men's and women's rooms have been switched with this renovation. The larger women's room is on the right while the men's room is on the left. Final city inspection was completed on April 16th and the pavilion is ready for the season. In conjunction with this project, Joe Noah & Associates also updated the restrooms in the park, installing new tile and fixtures.



John Mulcahy stands on the newly remodeled pavilion overlooking the pool with Phil Meador of Silverman Construction Project Management, contractor Joe Noah, and Square Feet Studios' John Benich.

While Noah was hard at work on the pavilion, Aquatic Solutions, Inc. has been renovating our pool. The bottom has been resurfaced and the bulkhead has been widened and extended. This change to the bulkhead has allowed us to widen the lanes and accommodate starting blocks, which will help to speed along our swim meets. A new gutter system will greatly improve water flow. Additionally, we have made the area between the rope and the dive well a bit shallower. Final plastering of the pool bottom is expected to take place the week of April 20th after which the pool will be filled and we'll be ready for the swim and dive teams.

Now that the pavilion construction has been completed, renovation of the tennis courts will begin during the week of April 27th and should last about two weeks. Signature Tennis will install the Rebound Ace surface, a state-of-the-art court that was used at the Australian Open for years. The courts will be unavailable for a couple of weeks during this project.

Brookwood Hills already had one of the best community club facilities in Atlanta. With the completion of these projects, we really have a club to be envied.



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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.

Into the Woods

By Alex Summers

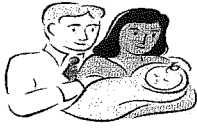
Recently I met with Andrew Walter, the Greenway Acquisition Property Manager for Atlanta and representatives of Southeast Pipe Surveying Co. Southeast has a contract with Atlanta to survey and clean out the sewers in certain areas, including the wooded land of our Conservation Easement. They have been working on a sewer line east of the creek that enters our property at the concrete batch plant near Armour and Slaton Drives and connects with the 54 inch trunk line built in 2000. From there they are moving to the main line on the neighborhood side of the creek behind the houses along Huntington, middle Camden and lower Camden. This work requires tracked, heavy equipment and a number of workers in the woods. Andrew is working with Southeast to mitigate any disturbance to the Greenway.

Progress has been made in our 5-year program to replace invasive plants with native species in our marvelous green space. If you are interested in seeing this for yourself I recommend sturdy shoes, long pants and socks (poison ivy protection), and going with at least one other person. There are two ways to enter the property on the neighborhood side of the creek without trespassing on private property: at the base of Palisades between 205 and 220 Huntington, or directly behind the neighborhood swing next to 147 Huntington. The less adventuresome can go to brookwoodhills.com to see newly taken pictures of our land. Under "New Developments" click on "Clear Creek Update Pictures."

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is May 6th, 2009. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 22 Northwood Avenue.

New Faces

By Patti and Sarah



Laura Simpson and Jamie Cirincione, who live at 24 Wakefield Drive, are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, James Michael. He was born on February 21st.

If you are new to the neighborhood and have not yet been featured in *BrookNotes*, or if a new baby has not yet been announced in the newsletter, please send your information to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com. We don't want to miss anyone!

Neighborhood Book Club

By Maureen Zent

The next meeting of the Brookwood Hills Book Club, rescheduled from its original March date, will be held on Monday, May 18th at 7:30 p.m. The book is *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. This New York Times best-selling novel based on a period in Frank Lloyd Wright's life has been described as "a beautifully designed, innovative and noteworthy work of art" (*Chicago Tribune*). New members are always welcome. The location for the meeting has not been finalized. Contact me at 404/724-0959 or at mzent1@bellsouth.net for more information.

The Brookwood Opens May 1

Many neighbors have expressed curiosity about The Brookwood, the new residential building located at the corner of Palisades and Peachtree. The project encompasses 219 homes with street level retail/restaurant space. The developers hope to bring in a high quality restaurant, as well as a coffee shop for early morning coffee and pastries. Mark Riley of Urban Realty Partners recently sent word to *BrookNotes* that the building will be completed May 1st. Mark wrote: "Our goal has been to create a landmark residence that will set the tone for the redevelopment of this historic part of Peachtree and we look forward to being an active part of the Brookwood neighborhood for many years to come. We understand that you have had to deal with noise from construction and traffic disruption as we complete our streetscapes, and we greatly appreciate your patience as we wrap up construction."

Mark has issued an invitation to Brookwood Hills residents to attend a neighborhood BBQ and tour of the site on Sunday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Questions can be answered by calling The Brookwood sales center at 404/874-7888. The sales center is located across Peachtree next to Café Intermezzo. It contains an actual home and a scale model of the building.

Swim and Dive Team News

By Lea Tranakos, Swim Team Representative

It is not too late to sign up for this year's Swim and Dive Teams! The Swim Team is open to children ages 4 to 18; the Dive Team is open to children ages 5 to 18. Our Brookwood Hills teams provide lots of fun, exercise, camaraderie and skill-building in a safe, supportive setting. No experience required! The Swim Team is proud to celebrate its 30th anniversary this year. The more youthful Dive Team is entering its 24th year.

Swim Team registration starts online this year at <http://bwh.Swim-Team.us>. The website information includes all you need to know to calculate participation fees. Step 2 is to send a check made out to BWHCC and mailed to Lea Tranakos, 807 Longwood Drive, 30305. Step 3 is to register, pay a nominal fee, and sign a waiver at the Atlanta Swimming website at atlantaswimming.com. Swim Team practice begins April 27th at 4:30 p.m. The season ends June 30th.

For Dive Team registration, go to the brookwoodhills.com website and print the form located in the pull-down menu under "Swim and Dive Team." Registration is by mail, with all necessary information on the form. The dive season begins May 11th and will conclude June 29th.

Be sure to get your registration in now to avoid the late fee charge that will be assessed after May 1st!

Questions? For the Swim Team contact Lea Tranakos at tranakos@comcast.net. For the Dive Team contact Sheridan Watson (404/874-5666) or Mary Long (404/352-3464).

New Directory Published

The 2009-2010 Community Club Directory is now available and was delivered to all homes in the neighborhood. Thanks to our neighbor Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes Inc. for once again sponsoring its publication. Please note two corrections to phone numbers listed in the directory:

- The phone number for Angie and Steve Meadows is 404/351-3667.
- The phone number for Laranne and Rick Oser is 404/351-4825

Please check your listing and let *BrookNotes* know of any corrections by sending an email to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com.

Calling All Graduates

It's that time of year again! Let us spotlight the college and/or high school graduate(s) in your family. Please list the school graduated from, degree earned, and post-graduation plans. Feel free to include (within reason!) honors such as scholarships awarded or cum laude designations. Email brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com.

Thanks for Being a Member

By David Adams, Membership Chair

The Brookwood Hills Community Club has concluded its annual membership drive with a membership rate of nearly 80% of our neighborhood's residents. That is quite an accomplishment, considering these uncertain economic times. Many neighborhoods, particularly those developed more recently, *require* association membership with strict rules governing what one can and cannot do. We believe in voluntary membership and value the right of our residents to live in and enjoy the neighborhood as they see fit. The community club is always looking for ways to enhance the benefits of living here and being a member of the club. Consider what we enjoy in this special place:

- The best outdoor pool in the city, with newly renovated facilities (see John Mulcahy's article on page 1), and first-rate swim and dive teams as well as masters' swimming.
- A terrific park and nature trail with play/gathering space for young and old alike.
- Two party pavilions available for member use, one in the park and one overlooking the pool.
- An about-to-be-refurbished tennis court with a world-class surface (see page 1 again), ALTA teams, and over a dozen tennis clinics geared to different ages and abilities.
- A 50+ acre protective buffer of conservation easement land, the largest undeveloped natural tract in the city.
- Social activities sponsored by the community club or other allied organizations: a new neighbor party, a children's "Spring Fling," a 4th of July parade and picnic, an ice cream social and dog swim on the last pool day, a Halloween party, an annual tree-planting in conjunction with Trees Atlanta, a garden club hosting a bi-annual party and auction, a Friends group sponsoring an annual party to raise money for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, a street party for Huntington Road, Friday night suppers during the pool season, and frequent neighborhood book club meetings.
- Representation at various governing bodies and civic groups, including NPU-E, the Beltline initiative, and the Brookwood Alliance.
- The "Brookwood Dads" group that hosts regular fun activities for neighborhood fathers and their kids.
- Regular monitoring of the neighborhood by off-duty Atlanta police officers.
- Communications, including *BrookNotes* (thanks to our neighbors Sarah Hagood and Patti Junger), the directory (thank you Sarah), and the community club website.

I'm sure I'm forgetting other amenities we enjoy. The point is, thanks to all of you loyal community club members for making these things possible, not only with your dues but also with your time and talent. And if you are reading this and feeling a bit guilty about not being a member, contact me at bhccmembership@gmail.com and I'll go over with you our membership categories, which vary from a low of \$285 to a high of \$785 per year. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

New Neighbor Party

By Wendy Granot, Social Co-Chair

All A, B, and S adult members of the community club are invited to attend a party to welcome neighbors who have recently moved to Brookwood Hills. This will be a great time to socialize with old friends, meet new friends, and enjoy the fruits of our recent pool pavilion renovations. The party will start at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8th. Beer, wine, and cocktail food will be served. Look for your e-vite in your email in-box, and thanks to our party sponsor Dan Granot of real estate services firm Dan Granot & Company.

Brookwood Hills Security Update

By Lisa Barnhart, Security Chair

For over thirty years your community club dues have made possible a security patrol made up of off-duty Atlanta police officers, overseen by retired officer Barry Miller. Throughout the years our neighborhood has seen a decrease in invasive crimes, but petty crimes such as car break-ins do continue to occur. As a resident and member of the community club it is important for you to be familiar with the procedures to report an incident and also for you to be aware of your surroundings.

- For everything from solicitations to invasive crimes **call 911**. Officer Miller's team monitors the police radio and will be aware of any incident.
- After calling 911, **call 404/242-3321**. This is the private phone that the security patrol officers keep with them while on duty.
- Next, **call 404/355-3707 (h) or 404/771-1178 (c)** to report the incident to me, your Security Chair, Lisa Barnhart.

When an incident occurs, I will place a security alert sign (yellow for petty crimes, red for more serious incidents) at the 3 entrances to the neighborhood. To learn the details of the incident, call the Security Hotline at 404/325-5114, where I will have left a recorded message. Note that the Hotline is *not* used to report crimes. But if you are going out of town and would like the security patrol to periodically check on your house, you should call the Hotline and leave a message with your name, address, and dates you will be away.

As your Security Chair through 2011, I am the person to call to obtain a BWH parking sticker for your car. Officer Miller says these stickers are a big help to the security patrol because any car without a sticker merits more attention from the officers. I can also get directly in touch with Officer Miller, which I did earlier this month when fallen trees rendered a house open to both human and natural elements. Officer Miller was able to contact the homeowners to let them know of the need for 24 hour surveillance of their property until it could be secured.

Remember, it is your membership in the community club that pays for the patrol. And it is your awareness of your surroundings that will keep you and your immediate neighbors safe.

C L A S S I F I E D S

Housekeeping Recommendations. Maureen Sweeney recommends Val Magrito, who is looking for extra work. Val does a great job, is honest, reliable and good-natured, always willing to do anything extra. Also available for babysitting or pet sitting. Maureen can be reached at 404/351-1344. Val is at 770/873-2566. Molly Jackson recommends Jana & Silvia Molnarova, who have been working for her over one year. They go well above and beyond the call of duty, are respectfully quiet and don't talk on their cell phones. Contact Silvia at 678/643-8916 or Molly at 404/532-1614. Mickie McKenzie recommends Luzia Resende and her family. They have worked for Mickie over 5 years, are reliable, honest and pleasant. Mickie says "they have found things under the bed that I haven't seen for years!" Mickie can be reached at 404/874-7855. Luzia is at 678/615-2222 or 678/334-7773. Esther Stokes recommends Cecilia Figueroa and her daughter Barbara, who have been cleaning Esther's home for four years. Both are delightful to have in your home, and they have many Brookwood Hills clients who will also sing their praises. Call them at home (770/734-9695) or by cell (404/734-9873) or call Esther for more info (404/876-1809).

Tree Care. Boyd and Kathy Gentry highly recommend Chris Hastings and his firm Arbormedics. Chris has been caring for their massive oak (not the city tree that just fell!) at 84 Palisades. One of the reasons they recommend Chris is that he is not in the business of removing trees, but rather the less immediately profitable business of tree preservation. Contact Chris at chrishastings@arbormedics.com or 770/715-1713.

Landscape and Stone Work. Ruth Isaac recommends Javier Figueroa at Figueroa Gardens LLC. Ruth says he recently completed a stone patio and total landscaping of her backyard at 70 Huntington. He also does yard maintenance and works on site with his yard crew. His number is 404/319-4347.

Beach House. Our beach house at Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, is still available for a few weeks this summer. 3 BR/2BA, sleeps 10. Beach is a short walk. Golf cart on premises. Pool table, huge front yard. Available by the week for \$1500 plus cleaning. Call or email Sandra Player for specifics: 404/808-1134 or bbwolf2you@aol.com.

Tutoring Services. Nationally Board Certified Teacher with Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education (Pre-K through Grade 5). Twelve years teaching experience in public school system. Please call if your child needs a tutor this summer to keep him/her on track for next school year, or to help get a head start for next year. Contact Alison Roedder for more information, 404/351-3830.

Summer Math Camp. If your child benefits from small group instruction, structured lessons, teacher guidance, skill reinforcement, peer learning, challenging activities, and enjoys learning in a fun, dynamic environment, then sign up for *Math Madness*. Two sessions held at 100 Palisades Road for rising 4th - 6th graders, June 8-12 and June 15-19. Lead instructors Jane Nagle and Beth Plunkett are math teachers at The Westminster Schools. For a brochure send an email to janen@westminster.net.

CALENDAR

- **Monday, April 27th** — First Swim Team Practice, 4:30 p.m.
- **Monday, May 4th** — BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:15 p.m., the home of Lesley & Jamie Carroll, 12 Camden Rd.
- **Friday, May 8th** — BWHCC New Neighbor Party, 7:00 p.m., pool pavilion
- **Monday, May 18th** — BWH Book Club, 7:30, p.m., location TBA

Barnes & Noble/E.Rivers Book Fair

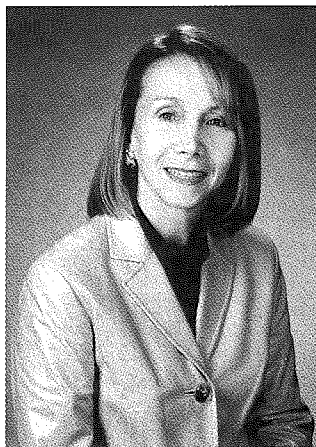
By Kem Lee

Shop at Barnes & Noble anytime during the week of May 3-9 and use an E. Rivers voucher to purchase your books. Vouchers will be available at the E. Rivers table in the children's section and at the cashiers' registers. A portion of all coupon purchases goes to our wonderful neighborhood elementary school. This is a great week to purchase Mother's Day gifts and summer reading books. There are several exciting events planned, including a book signing with our own neighborhood author and E. Rivers parent, Kathryn Stockett. Kathryn's book *The Help*, will be discussed at 7:00 p.m. May 7th. The rest of the signing schedule is: May 5th, 7:00 p.m., Hill Harper; May 6th, 7:00 p.m., Tim Link; May 8th, 7:30 p.m., Laretta Hannon; May 9th, 2:00 p.m., Souper Jenny, Emily Griffin, and Sam Massell. There will also be a "Doughnuts for Dads" time at 9:00 a.m. on May 9th.

C L A S S I F I E D S

Home Health Care. Two caregivers who took stellar care of my mom during her final years have some availability. I cannot say enough about the quality of their loving service. Brenda Speed can be reached at 678/768-2823. Ida Barrow is at 404/484-0947. Submitted by Alison Caughman, 404/355-7662.

Home Repairs. Experienced homebuilder is looking for work in this down economy. Bill and Cindy Withrow on Brighton Road (404/350-0077) would like to recommend Tom Withrow for home repair projects small or large, including door and window replacement, sheet rock repairs, interior painting, rotten wood replacement and handyman jobs. References available. Contact Tom at 706/768-1917.



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