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Ringin' in Spring with Annual Spring Fling

By Nathalie Fuson

Despite looming rainclouds and below-average temperatures, the neighborhood showed up in full force to celebrate the arrival of spring with Brookwood Hills' annual Spring Fling. Our sponsor for the event was our neighbor, Patti Junger, with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. Patti has hosted this event for many years, and thanks to her generous sponsorship and the hard work of our dedicated volunteers, the Spring Fling



was a great success. There was a festive buffet, as well as Easter egg hunts, scavenger hunts, sidewalk art contests and a hula-hoop contest in which children (and adults!) of all ages participated.

All the children scrambled for Easter eggs, and four lucky winners found the golden eggs which earned them gift certificate prizes. The winners were Lizzie Drinan for the 0-3 age group, Larson Normark for the 4-8 age group, and Cate Simmons and Lucy Gebhart for the 9 and above age group.

This day could not have happened without our wonderful volunteers. They were Kellam Mattie, Trey and Jordan Laughran, Sarah Howe, Caroline and Pal Normark, Sabine and Tom Carr, Denise Wilbert, John and Cara Mulcahy, Deborah, Lucy and David Gebhart, Christina, Oliver, Cecelia and Luisa Whitney, Lauren and Chapman Monroe, Mary Brooks Perkey, Jeff Koehler, Greg Fiore, and Freddie and Carson Simon.

A great thanks to Patti Junger and all our volunteers, and congratulations to all the events' winners!





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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. The cell phone number for the neighborhood security patrol

BrookNotes Welcomes Nathalie Fuson

By Alison Caughman



Starting with this April 2010 edition of *BrookNotes*, please welcome Nathalie Fuson as a new *BrookNotes* editor. Going forward, she and I will be alternating the editing responsibilities for the newsletter. Nathalie and her husband Brad moved from Collier Hills to 144 Huntington Road in 2001 and have been members of the Community Club since 1998. They have two daughters who attend Trinity School, Sasha (9) and Katia (6). Brad works in fixed-income sales for SunTrust Robinson Humphrey. Nathalie has had a varied career, including working as a model in New York City and a grant writer at CARE here in Atlanta. She paints and writes, having published a couple of short stories. While she was growing up, Nathalie's father was a diplomat from The Netherlands while her step-father was a diplomat from Brazil, leading to a most interesting upbringing. She was born in Romania and moved all around, living in New York, Geneva, New Delhi, Brasilia, Washington DC, and Paris. As a result, besides English she is fluent in Dutch and Portuguese, and also speaks French and Italian. What a great addition she is to our newsletter!

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is March 3rd, 2010. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 200 Camden Road.

Clear Creek Nature Preserve Committee

By Amanda Baxter

Beginning this year, the Brookwood Hills Club Board created a new board position responsible for the Brookwood Hills Nature Preserve. Previously, a handful of committed neighbors, with the support of the club, had been meeting monthly to address issues related to the preserve. This group of neighbors, the Clear Creek Preserve Committee, had originally also been tasked with spending the \$1,760,000.00 received from the City of Atlanta in return for never developing 46 acres of the land the club owns along Clear Creek. With a representative on the board, the committee looks forward to continuing to implement many of its proposed goals for the preserve.

Brookwood Hills Nature Preserve, which for many years has been referred to as the Clear Creek property, consists of 51 acres along Clear Creek. While the agreement with the city restricts development of the land, it does not prevent the club from restoring, cleaning up, and otherwise improving this magnificent preserve located in the heart of the city and available for the club member's enjoyment. The committee has worked closely with the city in developing plans for improving the function of the preserve. Beginning in 2007, the club started a seven-year invasive plant control project in the entire 51 acres. This project is necessary to halt the decline of the forest cover and to begin a natural reforestation. With the on-going success of the invasive plant control, the committee is looking to the preserve's future. Two upcoming goals include designing and building a family-friendly trail that club members may enjoy as well as improving the two entrances to the preserve on Huntington Road. At this time, the club has retained a well-known trail designer to help improve and re-configure the existing preserve trail.

There is still much work to be done on our beautiful preserve. If your group (i.e. a Scout group) is looking for volunteer opportunities, the preserve would be a great idea. Please contact the Clear Creek Preserve Committee if you are interested.



If you would like to participate in the Clear Creek Preserve Committee or would simply like to learn more at our next meeting, please contact Amanda Baxter at aczabor@gmail.com. The committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

5K For Sycamore Ridge

By JoEllyn Bass

On March 27, the neighborhood held a 5k fundraising race to benefit Sycamore Ridge, a residential community that is currently being developed for adults with developmental disabilities. Sycamore Ridge's vision is to create a community where adults with various levels of disability can live in homes with a family-like atmosphere and receive vocational opportunities based on each resident's skills and abilities.

The event, which was conceived and organized by Betsy Berry and JoEllyn Bass, was a huge success. Thanks to the generosity of friends and neighbors, we were able to raise over \$16,000 for this wonderful cause. Now neighbors Kim and Allen Tuthill's dream for their daughter Elizabeth is even closer to becoming a reality.

As always, our neighborhood was the perfect backdrop for the race. The weather was perfect and the enthusiasm was contagious. Runners and walkers of all ages came out to support Sycamore Ridge.

Many thanks to the volunteers for their time, the runners for their enthusiasm, and the neighbors for their patience. Our neighborhood creates an open and inviting atmosphere that is unique in Atlanta. This kindness was never more evident than at 9:00 Saturday morning, March 27th!

Dive Team Registration

Once again it is time for Dive Team registration! Our coaches are starting their preparations, and they are all excited for a great summer season! Come to the Pool Pavilion on April 18, 2010 from 12:30-2:30 PM to register and to order your 2010 swim suit, purchase apparel, meet your coaches and get psyched for the 2010 swim season! (Ordering a suit is optional - if you bought one last year, there is no obligation to buy a new suit this year). If you cannot be at the pavilion on April 18, you may download the dive team registration form from the Brookwood Hills web site and mail it in to the address provided on the form.

The dive team meet schedule is tentatively set for:

May 26
June 2
June 9
June 16
June 23

The Championship Meet at Georgia Tech is tentatively scheduled for June 28 and 29.

Please contact us at bwhdive@bellsouth.net if you have any questions - we are looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

“Hidden Gardens of Brookwood Hills” Garden Tour

The Brookwood Hills Garden Club and the Legacy Ladies will be hosting a free, self-guided tour of seven spectacular Brookwood Hills gardens and the Clear Creek Nature Trail on Sunday, May 2nd from 1:00 to 5:00. The tour will be open to Brookwood Hills residents and Community Club members and their guests. Directions and information about the gardens will be provided by hostesses at each garden. For more information, please contact Dana White at dana_white@bellsouth.net.

Book Club Selection: Dan Baum's *Nine Lives*

The BWH Book Club's next reading selection is the non-fiction work *Nine Lives: Mystery, Magic, Death, and Life in New Orleans*. Journalist Dan Baum captures the spirit of the city by profiling several residents of New Orleans, recapping their lives up to and after Katrina hit. We will discuss *Nine Lives* on Monday May 17 at 7:30 PM. New members and visitors are always welcome. For more information please contact Maureen Zent, mzent1@bellsouth.net.

Mexican Fiesta to Celebrate Brookwood Hills Annual New Neighbor Party

Please join us Saturday, May 8 for the Brookwood Hills Annual New Neighbor party. Margaritas and Mexican fare will be served at the pool pavilion from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new neighbors and reconnect with old friends. Thank you to Dan Granot and Alan Joel of Joel and Granot Properties for sponsoring this awesome event.

If you are a new neighbor or you know of a new neighbor on your street, please email Wendy Granot at granot@mindspring.com to make sure everyone is included in this fun evening.

CALENDAR

- **Monday, May 3: BWHCC Board Meeting**, 7:15 p.m., at the home of Lesley Carroll, 12 Camden Rd.
- **Saturday, May 8: New Neighbor Party**, 7 p.m., Pool Pavilion
- **Saturday, May 15: Swimming Pool Opens!**

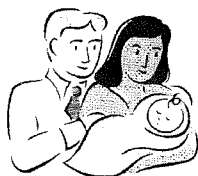
In Memoriam

James Ryan (Jim) Marietta, age 58, died March 17, 2010 at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta after a short illness. He was born in Joliet, Illinois and graduated from Lockport High School. He was the youngest son of Clarice Ryan Marietta, deceased 2002, and Robert. L. Marietta, deceased 1977. He is survived by Letsa Sarah Mallette Doster Marietta, wife and companion; and sons Ryan Hamilton Marietta of Chicago and Fisher Crum Marietta of Rome, GA. Other survivors are a brother, Robert (Mary) Carlson, Cincinnati, Ohio; and sisters, Joan Carlson Krumlidge, Palm Coast Florida; Virginia Carlson Thompson, Lake Barrington Shores, Illinois; and Jean Marietta Henry, Palm Coast, Florida. Marietta graduated from Purdue in 1971 with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science. He went on to graduate fourth in his class and Suma Cum Laude from the University of Georgia Law School in 1977 where he was a member of the Georgia Law Review and the Order of the Coif. Marietta was also a founding member of the Coot Hounds, a loose law school group. In 1984, he received his masters of law from Emory University, with a concentration in tax law. He began his career as an Staff Associate with the Internal Revenue Service in 1977. From 1981 to 1987, he practiced law as associate with Alston and Byrd, Atlanta, Ga. Since 1988, Marietta has practiced law at Bank of America, focusing on commercial lending. A devoted family man, Marietta's principle focus was his family and their well being. Marietta has been a steadfast rock for Ryan, Fisher and his wife, Letsa. An ardent advocate for education, Marietta strove to ensure that his children received an excellent education throughout their formative years. He constantly supported and attended his sons' activities, including swimming, debate, football, baseball, and wrestling. His legacy lives on with both of boys graduating this fall with their master's degrees. As devoted as he was to his family, Marietta was also committed to animal welfare, especially those of dogs. All of the family thrived on their love for their most recent family pets, Atsro and Sam. A memorial service will be Friday, 11:00 AM in the Chapel at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, 3180 Peachtree Road NE Atlanta, GA. The family will receive friends at their home immediately after the service at his home, 73 Palisades Road NE Atlanta, GA. You may sign the guest registry at www.caringbridge.org. Arrangements by the Cremation Society of Georgia 404-355-7627.

Parents Of Soon-to-be-Graduates:

Please let us know about graduations coming up in your families. We would like to acknowledge our neighborhood graduates in an upcoming issue of *Brooknotes*. You can e-mail your information to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or sashakatia@yahoo.com.

New Faces



Jane and Chris Nagle of Palisades Road welcomed a new baby boy to their home on Feb. 19, 2010. Patrick Sheffield Nagle was born at Piedmont Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs 3.4 ounces and was 21 inches long. Big brother James is excited about his new playmate.

On December 9, 2009 a baby girl, Mim Aline, was born to Alison and Chad Roedder of Camden Road. Mim was born at Piedmont hospital, and has a proud older brother, Chapman. The neighborhood is delighted to welcome the new additions to Brookwood Hills!

C L A S S I F I E D S

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 for rising fourth, fifth and sixth graders are being offered: July 12-16 and July 19-23. Camp will be held at 100 Palisades Rd. Jane Nagle and Beth Plunkett, the lead instructors, are math teachers at The Westminster Schools. Please send an e-mail to janen@westminster.net for a brochure.

PAINTER

Marge Henson would like to highly recommend a great painter — Ken Jones, at 404-397-0309, who also does plaster, drywall repairs, etc. He is very good, a perfectionist, and takes pride in his work and has completed various jobs for the Hensons. He has a full-time job, but will work with you to get a job completed.

SWIM TEACHER

Kathleen Summers, who grew up in Brookwood Hills and whose parents still reside on Huntington Road, is available to teach swimming to children ages three years old and upwards. Kathleen has worked as a lifeguard and has taught swimming at Brookwood Hills, Haverty Hollow, and Westminster Summer Camp. She has maintained her Water Safety Instructor, CPR, and First Aid Certifications. Kathleen is also available to baby sit and house sit. She can be contacted at (404) 351-4597, or kathleens@westminster.net. Many references available upon request.

C L A S S I F I E D S C O N T ' D

NANNY/BABYSITTER

The granddaughter of neighbor Flo Dawson, Lucy Wille of Peachtree Hills, freshman at UGA, and salutatorian at N. Atlanta, '09, seeks a nanny position/babysitting jobs for the summer from May through July. Lucy has extensive babysitting experience and can provide references upon request. She can be reached at 404-895-2224.

GIRL'S FURNITURE FOR SALE

Lauren Monroe is selling the following furniture pieces which her daughter has outgrown: A queen size bed skirt, and a matching skirted table, lamp and chair. The fabric is a pink and green floral with a hint of blue. Asking \$150 for the set. If interested, please call Lauren at 404-274-4018.

KNIFE SHARPENING

Theodore Davis, 12-year-old neighbor at 122 Huntington Rd., will provide high-quality and affordable knife-sharpening from his own home. Theodore charges 25 cents per inch (minimum \$1) and will deliver your knives to you upon completion (no serrated blades please). Please call 404-724-0959.



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