



BrookNotes

April 2011

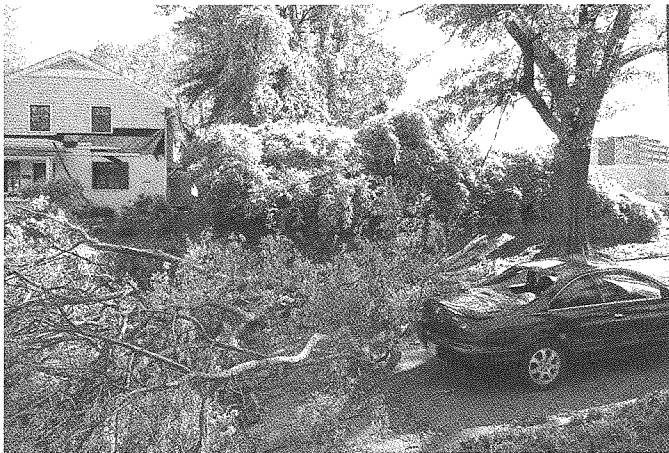
The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

Volume XXIV, No. 4

Spring Storm Wreaks Havoc on Neighborhood Trees

By Nathalie Fuson and Boyd Gentry

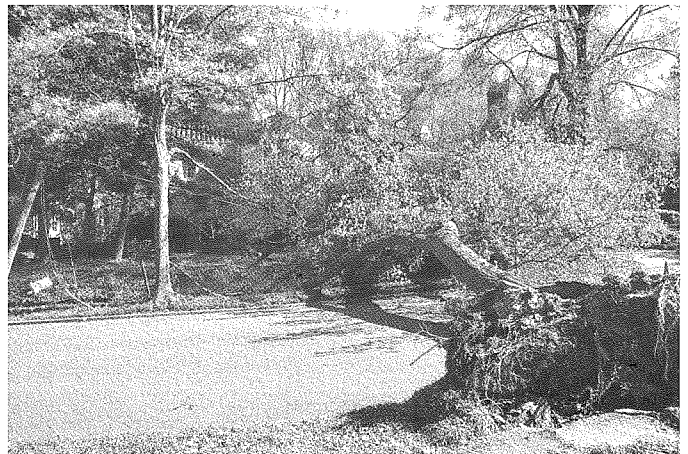
On the night of Monday, April 4 our city was shaken by a thunderstorm which felled numerous trees in Brookwood Hills. Fortunately, no one in the neighborhood was hurt, although a couple of houses did sustain damage. A major structural limb broke off a water oak at the top of Huntington Road and took off a piece of the front of Travis and Amanda Szwast's house, as well as shattering the rear window of a parked car on the street. The limb also pulled down a live electrical cable, which was not removed until late the following day.



On Palisades, a large tree in front of the house of Ginna and William Pope fell and hit Larre and Doug Holladay's house. Two large trees fell across from the pool on Wakefield, causing three houses -- the McCaul's, Shirley's, and the Perkey's -- to be evacuated by the police. The BWHCC fence on Wakefield was severely damaged, but fortunately the trees fell toward the pool and away from the houses. Two medium sized trees (8 to 10 inches in trunk diameter) on the club property between Wakefield and the pool will need to be removed because they were

struck and damaged by the much larger trees that fell. Sadly, one of the damaged trees is a mature Dogwood that will be missed.

Over the years we have lost several large street trees every year primarily in Spring or Fall storms. Because they were planted in the thin strips of property between the streets and the sidewalks, many have compromised root structures. The street trees have been a unique and defining characteristic of our neighborhood since the beginning with most of the trees dating back to the 1920's or 1930's, making the Water Oaks over 90 years old. The life expectancy of these trees when planted in areas where their roots can develop in a normal fashion could be well in excess of 100 years.



(Continued on Page 3)



BROOKNOTES

BrookNotes is published monthly for residents of Brookwood Hills on behalf of the Brookwood Hills Community Club, 77 Wakefield Drive, Atlanta, Ga. 30309. BrookNotes is sponsored on alternate months by Patti Junger of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes, Inc.

Brooknotes Editors

Kimberly Ferro 404-607-7733 (118 Brighton Road)
Nathalie Fuson 404-254-2826 (144 Huntington Road)

Contributors this month: Amanda Baxter, Boyd Gentry, Kathy Gentry, Heidi Leithleiter, Margaret Mertens, Alex Summers, Elizabeth Wickland

Brookwood Hills Board

President

Ramsay Battin 404-355-5998

Vice President

Matt Tolleson 404-664-2427

Secretary

Jamie Cirincione 404-254-3595

Treasurer

Jeff Koebler 404-351-2288

Government & Community Relations/Clear Creek Preserve

Amanda Baxter 404-805-1230

Membership

Mary Long 404-352-3464

Webmaster

Peter Kotchen 404-375-7541

NPU & Zoning

Sara Jean Burke 404-355-6288

Jim Stokes 404-876-1809

Park, Tennis & Common Areas

Travis Szwest 404-724-0242

Pool

Lesley Carroll 404-352-5433

Merrell Thompson 404-352-4724

Security

Lisa Barnhart 404-355-3707

Pool Pavilion & Park Reservations

Jill Malino 678-358-3794

Social

Heidi Leithleiter 404-358-1368

Caroline Normark 678-772-5050

Trees

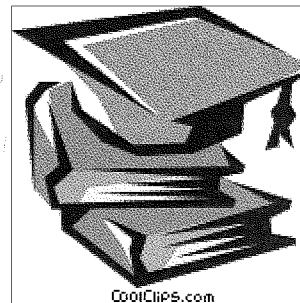
Boyd Gentry 404-394-6596

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**.

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*.



COOLCLIPS.com

You can email your announcements to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com.

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Friday, May 13. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 118 Brighton Road.

(Continued from Page 1)

However, while our historic tree lined streets have been a cornerstone of the neighborhood, the original plan was flawed as the developer planted a single variety of tree (all water oaks) at the same time. The single species has a single life expectancy so the trees are all dying / falling around the same time. Modern urban forestry strategy would suggest a continual planting program that does some planting every year (as opposed to planting at one time with no renewal for many years) and planting a variety of species that have different final life expectancies. The neighborhood has been doing this for the last twenty years, literally planting hundreds of tree replacements, but inevitably we will see a “gap” in the maturity of our canopy with fewer and fewer trees over twenty years old in the neighborhood – especially at the street and in our front yards.

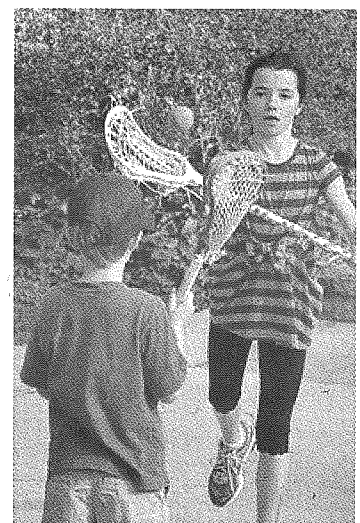
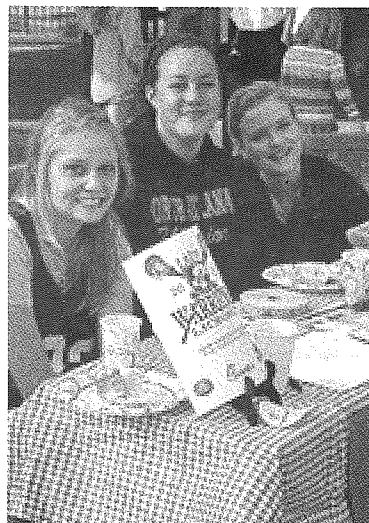
NAHS Ladies Lacrosse Team Fundraiser Breakfast

Dear Brookwood Hills Neighbors,

Do you know that you contributed nearly \$1,400 to the N. Atlanta High School Ladies Lacrosse team at the pool pavilion breakfast? Your generosity is extraordinary and the team appreciates it so much. It must have been very good karma as the team won both of its double header matches the next day.

Thank you so much.

Kathy Gentry



Improved Path on Green Space Coming Soon

By Margaret Mertens

The Brookwood Hills Community Club has approved the creation of a path through the green space behind some of the homes on Huntington Road. The new path will largely follow the existing path on the Club's property. Brookwood Hills residents will be able to better enjoy one of our most beautiful neighborhood amenities – the 50+ acre urban green space. The decision to create this path is the culmination of more than two years of work and deliberation by the Clear Creek Committee, a committee made up of several Brookwood Hills residents.

Trail Design Specialists, a nationally known trail design firm, will create this new path. The path will improve drainage, improve access for walkers, and ensure that city vehicles will continue to have access to the sewage pipes without destroying the trail. Work is scheduled to begin early this summer and should last approximately four weeks. Because this is to be a nature friendly, unpaved path, heavy equipment will not be used. Access to the trail will be through the entrance at the bottom of Palisades and the entrance on the lot owned by the Club on Huntington (by the swing). For details on the trail location, please see the drawing by Alex Summers on the following page. The actual path is currently marked with blue flags.

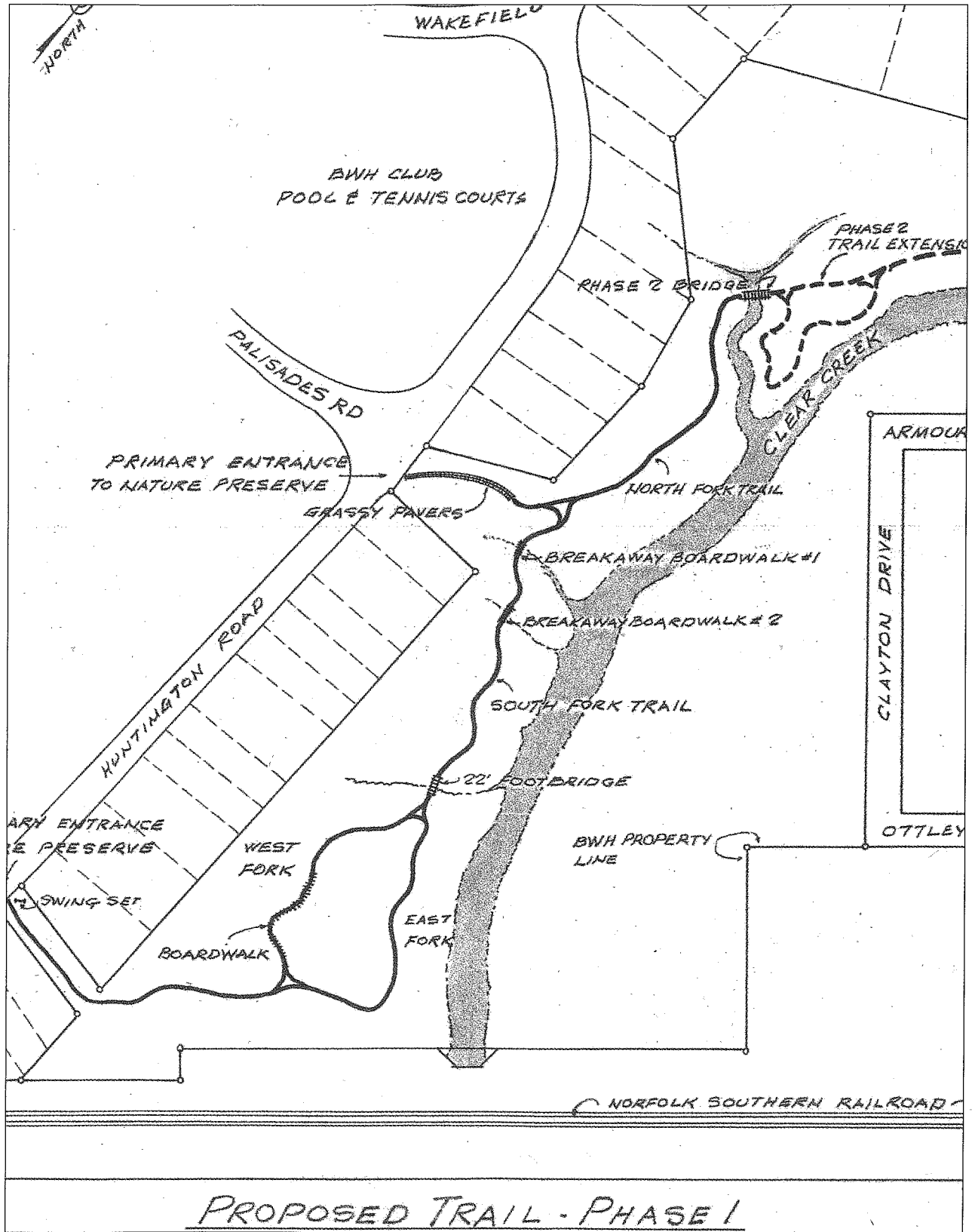
The Board recognizes that some residents may have concerns. Among those concerns are noise and unauthorized use of the trail. With respect to noise, we assure you that the trail will not be used by motorized vehicles, and will probably be inappropriate even for bicycles. We do not anticipate that unauthorized use will be a problem. The issue of vagrants occupying the green space has been abated, largely a result of the Board's invasive species clearing project. The "opening up" of the space has discouraged the kind of urban camping experienced in the past. Furthermore, this trail is on private Club property for use by Club members only. We will be working on signage to that effect.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amanda Baxter (aczabor@gmail.com), who chairs the Board committee responsible for the trail.

If you have been down to the Brookwood Hills Nature Preserve recently, you may have noticed an abundance of yellow flowers. With the help of Kay Summers and a book her mother had on wildflowers, we have identified the yellow flower as Wild Black Mustard (*Brassica nigra*). According to our resources, this flower is a weed that is "famous" for its sharp, spicy seeds which have been made into a spread and eaten with frankfurters. The flower, in plaster form, has also been applied to the chest as an old-fashioned cold remedy. If you have identified an interesting plant, flower, or tree in the Preserve, please let the Brookwood Hills Nature Preserve committee know by contacting Amanda Baxter at aczabor@gmail.com.

Proposed BWH Nature Preserve Trail

Illustrated by Alex Summers



PROPOSED TRAIL - PHASE 1

Transformations in BWH: Home Tour a Great Success

Thanks to the outstanding support of the neighborhood, Friends of Brookwood Hills raised over \$21,000 to support Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's commitment to excellence in patient care, research and education.

The generosity of the homeowners made each event, the VIP luncheon, the Patron Party and the Home Tour, a memorable experience for all.

Friends of Brookwood Hills could not have made this possible without the support of our sponsors:

Marble Circle Sponsors:

The Bermet Company	BrightWave Marketing	The Brookwood
The Macallan Group	Specialty Homes Inc.	Robin & Jack Minson
Donna & Jeff Mintz	Christina & Andrew Whitney	

Granite Circle Sponsors:

The Well-Seasoned Chef Series at Atlanta Botanical Garden

Jennifer and Scott Bates	Amy & Paul Mattingly	Revival Homes
Denise & Mike Wilbert	Wilbert News Strategies	

Cedar Circle:

Susan Brooks	Stephanie & Shannon Brown	Sabrina & Tom Carr
Clemons & Company Realtors	Susan & Doug Connell	Katherine & Tom Dierdorff
Laura & Alex Doman	Megan & Sean Drinan	Kim & Tom Ferro
Lori & Greg Fiore	Flourish Marketing Inc. (Kellam Mattie)	
Micki & Carl Gambrell	Jim Getzinger, Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's International Realty	
Jennifer & Buck Glenn	Gramercy Fine Linens & Furnishings	Hand & Laura Harris
The Hood Family	Clayton & Barrett Howell	Molly & Joe Jackson
Lynne & Ralph Jenkins	Patti Junger, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage	
The Jones Family	Elizabeth & David Martin	Cara & John Mulcahy
Elizabeth & Mike Nadal	The Normark Family	Sandra & Tom Player
Revival Construction	ServiceMaster by Bailey	Stokes Landscape Design
Dorothy Ruth & Fritz Smith	Natasha & Christopher Swann	
Leslie & Nelson Tyrone	Caroline McLean Tolleson Interior Design	
Mary Susan & John Wheeler	Elizabeth & Mitch Wickland	

Neighborhood Holds Another Terrific Spring Fling

Once again the neighborhood came out in full force to celebrate the arrival of spring with our annual Spring Fling. The event was sponsored by Patti Junger, of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. Patti has been the sponsor of Brookwood Hills' Spring Fling for many years. Thanks to Patti's generous sponsorship and the hard work of our event chairs Stephanie Brown and Heidi Leitheiter and the dedicated volunteers who helped them, 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 of all ages participated. Below are the contest winners.

Hula hoop contest winners:

8 & under: Lyla Rogers; 9-12: Tie: Savannah Jane Williams and Casey Gentry

All ages: 1st place: Sidney Hines; 2nd place: Julia Jackson; 3rd place: Erin Harvey

Judges: Ali Carter, Shannon Dixon

Sidewalk Chalk:

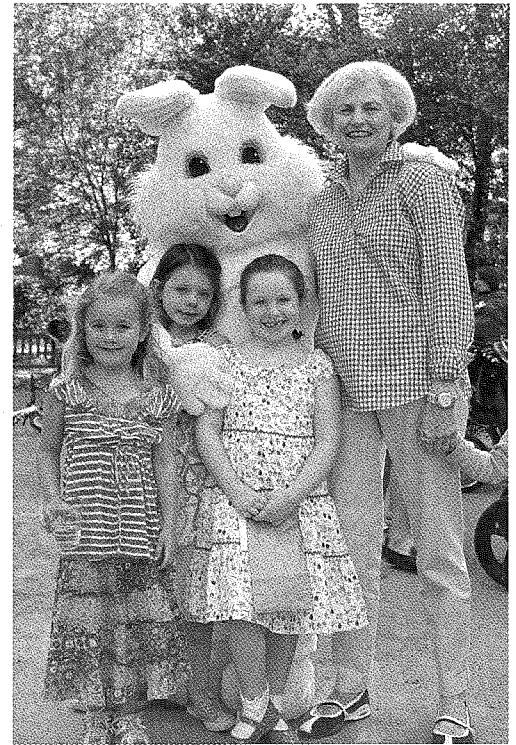
1st place: Savannah and Charlotte Lee; 2nd place: Barrett & Sheffield Howell and Oliver & Cecilia Whitney

Judges: Ellen Koebler, Robin Minson, Katherine Stockett, Caroline Wilbert

Treasure Hunt:

4 kids found all of the items: Sidney Hines, Casey Gentry, Justin Tardy, and Millie Long

Judges: Christina Whitney, Merrell Thompson



Patti Junger and Friends



C L A S S I F I E D S

Baby/Pet/House-Sitting

Allison Barnhart will be home from her freshman year of college on May 1st. She will be working as nanny in the mornings and is looking for any additional work... House sitting, Babysitting, Pet sitting, watering plants...anything at all. Please call or text Allison at 404.944.0282. She can be emailed at atb10e@FSU.edu.



CALENDAR

Next BWHCC Board Meeting: Monday, May 2—7:15 PM (location TBD)

New Neighbor Party: Friday, May 20 — 7-10 PM, BWHCC Pool Pavilion

BROOKNOTES

Sponsored by Your Neighbor

at 205 Huntington Road

Sarah Hagood

Owner/ Broker

www.sarahhagood.com

specialtyhomes@mindspring.com

Residence 404-881-0808



*Specialty
Homes
Inc.*

404-231-5678