



BROOKNOTES

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You Won't Be Sorry You Came

The last thing that most of us want to put on the calendar is another meeting to attend. But the Brookwood Hills Community Club Annual Meeting is different. First, it doesn't last forever. It starts at 7:00 p.m. and is over by 9:00. Second, you can't get stuck in traffic getting there. In fact, lots of attendees walk, because it's just across Peachtree at the Rich Auditorium of Piedmont Hospital. Next, you get to hear from Barry Miller, the police officer who organizes and supervises our security patrol. Barry always has some good stories to tell and leaves everybody laughing. Finally, it's another opportunity to see neighbors you haven't seen in awhile and to meet new

residents of the neighborhood. Along the way you also get to hear a review of the Community Club's activities and to vote on the new officers and board members.

If you have attended an annual meeting in the past and wouldn't miss it for the world, this year invite a neighbor who has never been to go with you. And if you've never been yourself, consider this your official invitation. In past years the meeting has been held on the Sunday after the Superbowl. This year, however, the date will be **Sunday, January 15th**. See you there!

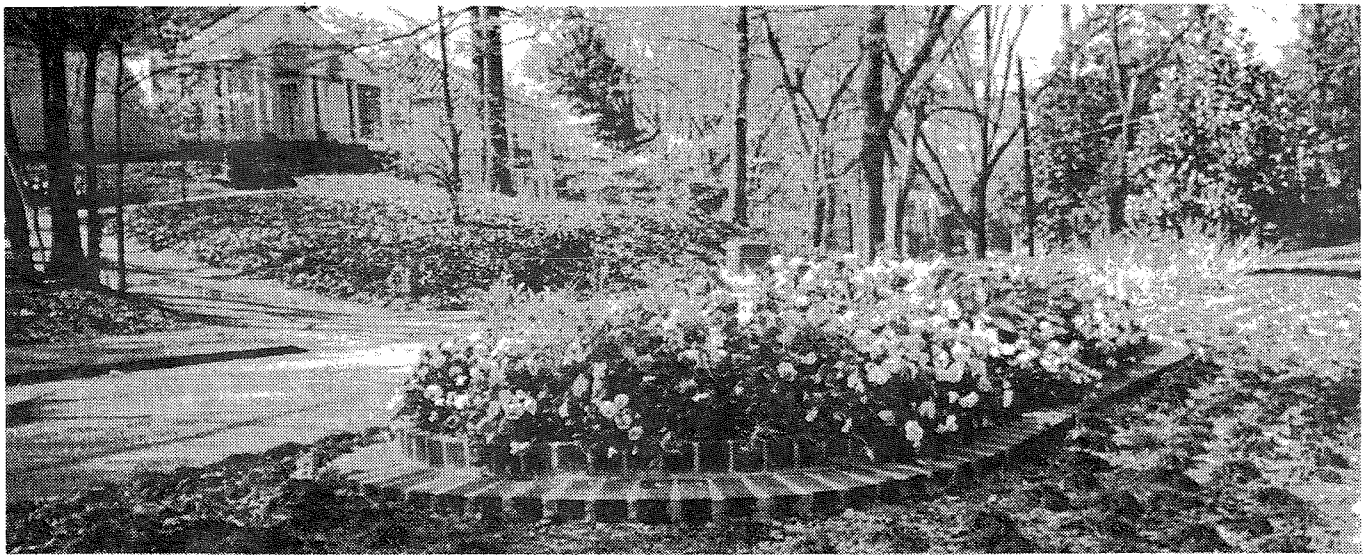
1995 Officer and Board Nominations

The following slate of officer and board nominations will be offered for your consideration at the 1995 Annual Meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club, to be held January 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rich Auditorium of Piedmont Hospital. President - Alison Caughman; Vice President - Hank Harris; Treasurer - Pelham Wilder; Secretary - Mary Lynn Eckl. Board

Nominations, Class of 1998: Betsy Crosby, Nancy Kennedy, Tom Lancaster, and Laranne Oser. If elected, these new board members and officers will serve in 1995 with current members Nancy Bramlett, Mike Egan, JoAnn Hagaman, Judy Horton, Mac Irvin, Sarah Ellen Love, Elaine Moynihan, Mike Nadal, Jim Porter, and Bibbie Withers.

At Last It's Done!

Brookwood Hills is once again an official historic district. The full City Council voted favorably on our designation at their meeting on Monday, November 21st. The mayor signed the legislation on November 29th, making Brookwood Hills a "Conservation District" under the city's Historic Preservation Ordinance. Special thanks go to the Brookwood Hills Board of Directors who gave their full support to this neighborhood effort, and to the residents who attended various meetings during the process to show their support. A most special vote of thanks goes to Nancy Swann who worked tirelessly on this project for over two years. Under Nancy's leadership, it was a true neighborhood effort. We can take pride in the resulting designation, which may prove invaluable to us in the future as development issues arise.



The Brookwood Hills Garden Club is responsible for maintaining the appearance of the Brighton Road entrance to the neighborhood. As you walk or drive by the corner of Brighton and Peachtree, take a moment to enjoy the club's handiwork. The mixture of pansies and greens at this time of year are an inspiration for those of us who are not such talented gardeners -- particularly in the Fall and Winter, when choices for color are more limited. This year the President of the Garden Club is Celeste Porter. Photo by Leslie Benham.

December Cultivations

by Daphne Coley for the Brookwood Hills Garden Club

Chief Seattle was one of the most respected chiefs of the Northwest American Indian Nations. His people, exhausted and defeated by the Indian Wars of the 1850's, were forced to sell their lands to the United States government. As their chief, Seattle signed the paper that the government put before him. On a planet riddled with pollution, torn by war, and laden with crime, the Chief's deep respect for the sanctity of life seems especially poignant. Thus the garden club is honoring Chief Seattle's speech, made at that signing, as a Christmas sentiment. Special thanks to Susan Jeffers, who provided the text for the speech in her book Brother Eagle, Sister Sky.

With a commanding presence and eyes that mirrored the great soul that lived within, the Chief rose to speak to the gathering in a resounding voice.

How can you buy the sky? Chief Seattle began.
How can you own the rain and the wind?

My mother told me,
Every part of this earth is sacred to our people.
Every pine needle. Every sandy shore.
Every mist in the dark woods.
Every meadow and humming insect.
All are holy in the memory of our people.

My father said to me,
I know the sap that courses through the trees
as I know the blood that flows in my veins.
We are part of the earth and it is part of us.
The perfumed flowers are our sisters.
The bear the deer, the great eagle, these are our brothers.
The rocky crests, the meadows,
the ponies -- all belong to the same family.

The voice of my ancestors said to me,
The shining water that moves in the streams and rivers is
not simply water, but the blood of your grandfather's grandfather.
Each ghostly reflection in the clear waters of the lakes tells
of memories in the life of our people.
The water's murmur is the voice of your great-great-grandmother.
The rivers are our brothers. They quench our thirst.
They carry our canoes and feed our children.
You must give to the rivers the kindness you would give
to any brother.

The voice of my grandfather said to me,
The air is precious. It shares its spirit with all
the life it supports. The wind that gave me my first
breath also received my last sigh.
You must keep the land and air apart and sacred,
as a place where one can go to taste the wind that
is sweetened by the meadow flowers.

When the last Red Man and Woman have vanished with their wilderness,
and their memory is only the shadow of a cloud moving across
the prairie, will the shores and forest still be here?
Will there be any of the spirit of my people left?
My ancestors said to me, This we know:
The earth does not belong to us. We belong to the earth.

The voice of my grandmother said to me,
Teach your children what you have been taught.
The earth is our mother.
What befalls the earth befalls all the sons and daughters
of the earth.

Hear my voice and the voice of my ancestors,
Chief Seattle said.
The destiny of your people is a mystery to us.
What will happen when the buffalo are all slaughtered?
The wild horses tamed?
What will happen when the secret corners of the forest are
heavy with the scent of many men?
When the view of the ripe hills is blotted by talking wires?
Where will the thicket be? Gone.
Where will the eagle be? Gone!
And what will happen when we say good-bye to the swift pony
and the hunt?
It will be the end of living, and the beginning of survival.

This we know: All things are connected like the blood that unites us.
We did not weave the web of life,
We are merely a strand in it.
Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.
We love this earth as a newborn loves its mother's heartbeat.
If we sell you our land, care for it as we have cared for it.
Hold in your mind the memory of the land as it is when you receive it.
Preserve the land and the air and the rivers for your
children's children and love it as we have loved it.

Ring in the New Year

FirstNight Atlanta is a new, alcohol-free approach to New Year's Eve. Produced by the Midtown Alliance, it affords an opportunity to come together to celebrate the arts in Midtown. The festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m. on December 31st and will continue until 12:30 a.m. of the New Year. There will be entertainment consisting of various twenty minute indoor performances held throughout the evening in twenty-six Midtown theaters, churches, and building lobbies along Peachtree Street (between 14th and 17th Streets). Food will be available, and the evening will close with a fireworks finale. One admission button is good for all FirstNight activities. Buttons are \$8, available now at Chick-fil-A locations, or \$10 at the event. There will be no charge for children under six. For more information, call 881-0400.

Remember Our Police Patrol

The neighborhood traditionally gives each of our off-duty police officers who patrol the area a Christmas bonus. They are always most appreciative of our generosity and thoughtfulness. If you would like to contribute to this gift, please drop a check, made payable to the Brookwood Hills Community Club, in the mail slot at 30 Wakefield Drive. No donation is too small or too large! The deadline for being included is December 20th.

Out of Africa

Judy Smith and Zeke Fairbank write that they are happily settled in Nairobi, Kenya, and would welcome visitors. They can be reached care of The Coca-Cola Company, P.O. Drawer 1734, Atlanta, GA 30301, or by phone at 011-254-2-581-436. Nairobi time is eight hours ahead of us.

It's A Boy!

David Ross Mould, Jr. was born November 7th to David and Lisa Simpson Mould. The Mould's live at 50 Camden Road.

You're Welcome to Come

The next meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, January 9th, at 7:00, at the home of Nancy and Jeff Bramlett, 18 Camden Road. In order for them to have an idea of how many people to expect, if you would like to attend, please call Nancy or Jeff at 351-3609. All members of the Community Club are welcome.

Want to Get in Brooknotes ?

The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes will be Friday, January 13th. Brooknotes submissions must be in writing and should be dropped off at Alison Caughman's house, 200 Camden Road. Occasionally someone will drop off an unsigned submission; you must include your name and address or phone number in order to have your item published. Problems with delivery? Call Laura Inman, 352-5072.

Classifieds

FOR SALE: GE Frost Free Freezer. Upright. 16 cubic feet. \$250. Kathy Bernhardt, 874-5067.

Going Away for the Holidays? Responsible 6th Grader saving money for class trip to Quebec. Will collect mail and newspapers, feed pets, water plants and roll trash cans to the street while you're gone over Christmas. Call Pelham Wilder, 876-0716.

From 9:00 a.m. till noon on Saturday, January 7th, residents of Brookwood Hills who are considering having their ducts cleaned are invited by Laurie and Sims Bray, Jr. to observe the proper procedure for furnace and air duct cleaning performed by Duct Doctor at their home at 31 Wakefield Drive. Duct Doctor is offering an introductory discount of \$75 to Brookwood Hills residents only. Coffee and donuts will be furnished.



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