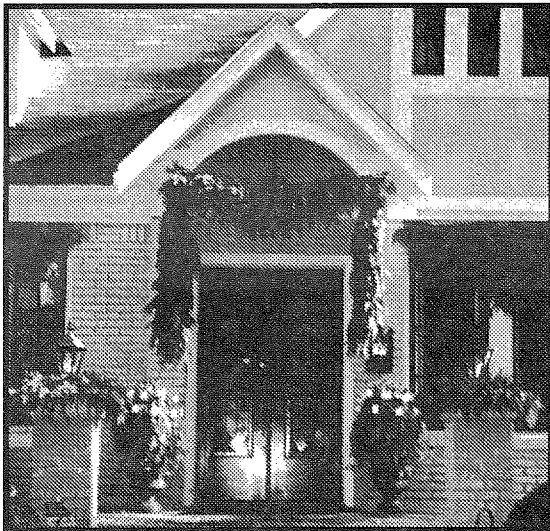


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NEIGHBOR LOVES DECKING HALLS AND MUCH MORE



Stella and Jerry's handiwork can be seen at 21 Northwood Avenue.

Two years ago, Brookwood Hills resident Stella Martin met Jerry Rainwater at a warehouse sale. The two began talking. This chance meeting led to the formation of Martin Rainwater, Inc. now in its second year of business - or third holiday season. Stella has a background in sales. Jerry has expertise in design, particularly floral design.

Stella and Jerry's first project was to decorate Stella's sister's home for a Christmas tour of homes. On this first collaboration, they designed and created their trademark swag of greenery and wonderful mossed urns. Stella and Jerry custom manufacture all of the forms and bases used in

their designs and are even hoping to patent some of their creations. They have built a thriving wholesale business selling their one of a kind designs at the Atlanta Merchandise Mart.

This year, Stella and Jerry have moved into the retail market in Atlanta. Since working on the Neiman Marcus Southern Accents holiday house, they have been busy decking the halls of private residences all around Atlanta. Stella emphasizes that they love to do everything from "a single center piece for a home" to the huge moss covered cones that they just put up in the Neiman Marcus display windows. Stella and Jerry like to go into a client's home and spend time getting to know them before beginning a project. Using the information they gather, Stella and Jerry create designs that are tailored to the unique style and taste of each client.

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In keeping with their move to retail, Stella and Jerry are planning to open a combination retail and wholesale store in Atlanta in the year 2000. Stella's eyes twinkle as she talks about having the best of both worlds - a front door retail store and back door manufacturing and wholesale business.

As for the near future, Martin Rainwater will be working on the Symphony Showhouse in April. And of course, Stella and Jerry have some dream projects they hope to realize one day. Both would enjoy the challenge of decorating the huge arches that grace the newly constructed Blue Point building across from Phipps. "And those lions..." Jerry adds. Both Stella and Jerry smile. It finally comes out that they would also love to get their hands on the great lions that guard the Marriott Marquis Towers.

When she's not busy designing and decorating, Stella has her hands full keeping up with her two sons Everett, age 15, and George who turns 12 years old this week. Stella, husband Tom and the boys have been in Brookwood Hills on Camden Road for three years now and "absolutely adore it." They are also delighted that Tom's brother David and his wife Elizabeth live just up the hill on Wakefield. Stella claims anyone who walks Camden regularly "knows that our garden is a work in progress. We test a lot of our designs on our own home." Wonder if she could use another test garden? Mine is certainly available.

Phone Books Recycling

by Alison Caughman

Did you haul your old telephone books over to the Howell Mill Kroger, where they've been recycled for years? Well, if you did, you discovered that the recycle bins are no longer there. Don't head for the trash cans just yet because there is now a recycle bin for telephone books located at the Post Office on Howell Mill at Collier Road. Save those Trees!

Security Alert Signs

When you see the **Security Alert** signs posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the **Brookwood Hills Security Hotline 325-5114** for details concerning a recent security incident. These signs are the signal that an incident has occurred in the neighborhood and the information has been recorded on the hotline.

BEST PROTECTION IS GOOD NEIGHBORS

There was a recent incident in Brookwood Hills that highlights how we as neighbors can be our own best protection against potentially dangerous situations. By being alert and taking precautions, we help keep our neighborhood safer for us all.

In the late afternoon of Monday, November 30th Geoffrey Fishman returned home from work early. He looking out for a repairman when he noticed a man in the back of his neighbors' house. The man was well dressed and was carrying a bag and a large stick. He knocked at the neighbors' back door several times. When he got no response, he came over the fence into Geoff's yard.

At this point Geoff realized that something was not right. The man was behaving strangely. He asked to be taken to Grady hospital. Geoff noticed that the stick the man carried was quite large. The man told Geoff that he was not going to hurt him. He explained that the stick was for dogs. Geoff realized at this point that the man was not acting rationally and could be dangerous. The man claimed to have been in an accident on I-285 and to have been wandering all day. He said he needed to be taken to Grady hospital so he could deliver a book to a terminally ill child there. Geoff managed to move towards the street where he hoped to flag down someone for help.

As it turned out, his good friend Paul Raulet was the first car he saw. Paul stopped and Geoff explained the situation. During this time, several neighbors passed the man. He continued to demand to be taken to Grady. The men offered to call a friend to come pick up

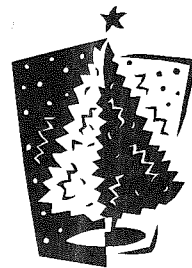
the man. He insisted that Geoff take him.

Geoff and Paul decided that they should get into Paul's car and call 911. They did not believe the man was stable and were concerned that he could become dangerous. They told him they were calling the police. He said he would remove his clothing if Geoff did not take him to Grady. He then removed his clothes and left them in a neighbor's yard. Geoff and Paul called 911 several times and waited in the car for the police to arrive. They followed the man in the car as he made his way up Huntington Road towards Peachtree Road. The police arrived 20 minutes later.

By this time several neighbors had come out of their houses. Some of them attempted to reason with the man. They asked him to get dressed. He refused. When the police arrived he resisted arrest and a backup car was called, which arrived immediately.

Geoff never left this man unattended to wander around the neighborhood. He believed the person to be potentially

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MULCH TREES AT THE PARK

Once again, Arboguard Tree Specialists has agreed to mulch our Christmas trees. The recycling effort is a great way for the neighborhood to benefit from our

Christmas trees, rather than just placing them in a landfill.

Bring your trees to the Brookwood Hills park Monday, January 4th through Wednesday, January 6th. On Thursday, January 7th so Arboguard crews will chip our trees, creating beneficial mulch. **Please remove all metal debris (tinsel) and tree lights before bringing the trees for recycling.**

Arboguard is appealing to BWH residents to join Park Pride, a nonprofit group dedicated to the care and preservation of Atlanta's parks. For more information about becoming a member of Park Pride please call 404-817-6760.

A huge thank you to Cookie Frank again this year for all her hard work on this wonderful neighborhood project!

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dangerous and acted on this belief. He and Paul stayed with this individual, monitoring him until the police took him into custody.

Clearly this person needed help. He was acting strangely enough to warrant extreme caution. Perhaps this incident can be a reminder of how to act responsibly when faced with a potential threat so as to ensure our own safety and the safety of others.

Thanks to both Geoff and Paul for being such good neighbors.

GA POWER TO TRIM TREES

Georgia Power Company will be in Brookwood Hills in January to prune trees near power lines. The three crews will be under the direction of an arborist. Any neighbor with concerns about the pruning of their trees is encouraged to put the specific issues in writing to Susan Connell, Tree Chairman. Letters may be e-mailed to connellprop@mindspring.com or dropped off at 385 Camden Road.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the tree fertilization project. It was a huge success!

BWH Gets E-Mail Group

by Mary Long

Thanks to the wizardry of neighbor Cosmo Boyd, Brookwood Hills is ready to face the new millenium with its very own e-mail group. To join the group (i.e. to receive the e-mails that are addressed to the group), log onto the Internet and go to:

<http://www.onelist.com/subscribe.cgi/brookwoodhills>

E-mails addressed to the group should be addressed as follows:

brookwoodhills@onelist.com



SALUTE TO AMERICAN CRAFT

by Elizabeth Martin

Salute to American Craft, held each year at the Georgia Dome, is a wonderful show of artists from around the country. In conjunction with the show, there is a Raffle with sales benefitting the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. The tickets are \$10 each and you need not be present to win. This year's Raffle prizes include an Ash leaf maple turned bowl by Ed Moulthrop, valued at \$4,500; a room of furniture at the Craft Show, valued at \$5,000; a week in Telluride, Colorado, valued at \$5,000; and much more.

For more information please contact Alston Watt 404-724-0267 or Elizabeth Martin at 404-351-8208.

Neighborhood Safety News

by Walter Bland, Security Chairman

If you are the victim of a crime, vandalism, or harassment, or if you want to report a suspicious person you should call Atlanta City Police at 911 and file a report. You should then call the Brookwood Hills Security Information line and leave the following information: your name, your address, your telephone number, and any details regarding the incident. Barry Miller and his men and the Security Chairman monitor the Info-line on a regular basis. However, this is for information purposes only; they are not available to respond to a call.

The Security Chairman leaves a summary of recent incidents on the Info-line on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. You should check the Info-line on a periodic basis for updates on security issues in the neighborhood.

You may also use the Info-line to leave dates during which you will be out of town. This information will be passed on to Barry and his men, who will check your house specifically during their rounds. If you leave an out-of-town notice, please leave an emergency contact number. You should not leave this information in the BWH Community Club mailbox at 77 Wakefield.

If you need parking stickers, please call the info-line and leave a message. All calls/information are kept strictly confidential. You may call the Info-line 24 hours a day.

BWH Security Information Line 404-325-5114

INCIDENTS UPDATES

Over the last four months, there have been five vehicles stolen in the neighborhood - three personal vehicles and two commercial vehicles. There is no consistent pattern to the thefts, so it is unlikely that a single individual or group of individuals is targeting Brookwood Hills. However, there has been a great deal of construction, renovation, and repair work done in the neighborhood over the last few months, and this has brought a lot more traffic into the area and increased the potential for car thefts.

Atlanta City Police indicates that car theft and car break-ins are the most common crime in the city. They also say that there is little that can be done about it once the crime is committed. Brookwood Hills residents can, however, reduce the likelihood of these crimes. First, you should not park on the street. Even if you do not have room to park behind your house, you should park in your driveway. Second, never leave cellular phones or any other items in your car. Third always lock your car. If we all take these steps, it will send a message that Brookwood Hills is not a good target.

SECURITY BONUS REMINDER

Please send your contribution to the Security Patrol Bonus Pool as soon as possible. We need all residents of Brookwood Hills to contribute in order to show our commitment to Barry and his men. If you have not already done so, send \$15-20 (or whatever amount you can or want to contribute) as your share of the pool.

Please make your check payable to Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc. and send it to:

Security Chairman
57 Northwood Ave. NE
Atlanta, GA 30309



NEW FACES

by Sarah and Patti



48 Northwood Avenue. New neighbors **Boyd, Kathy and Brooke Gentry** hail from Houston, Texas. Boyd is Vice President and Treasurer of Mariner Post-Acute Network and Kathy is Vice-President, Investment Research for American General Investment Management. Brooke is a wonderful 2 1/2 year old little boy who loves his new neighborhood.

89 Brighton Road. Carolyn and Eric Kreimer moved into Brookwood Hills over Memorial Day weekend. They are both native Atlantans and have two pugs, Turk and Otto. They also have a baby due in late May. Eric is a senior Vice-President with Morgan Keegan. Carolyn recently joined Harry Norman Realtors as a salesperson in the Buckhead office.

146 Brighton Road. Paul and Dawne Raulet are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Virginia Grace. Grace was born June 11th and is named for Paul's grandmother. According to Dad, she is "the cutest, most adorable thing in the world."

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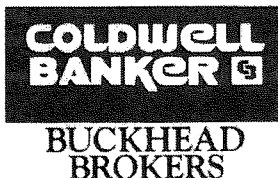
Babysitter needed. 20-25 hours per week in Brookwood Hills. Please call Mary Long 404-352-3464.

Landscape rocks. All sizes and shapes. Great for landscape accents and erosion prevention. Free to a good home. Call Mary Long 404-352-3463.

Apartment Wanted. Responsible young couple (our nanny and her husband) seek a garden apartment/carriage house. Please call 404-351-9850 and ask for Annette. Neighbor reference Robert Schapiro 404-351-9850.

Nanny to Share. Catherine and Alan Simons are expecting their first child in early December. If you are interested in sharing a nanny, please call them at 404-351-6720.

Housekeeper/Caregiver Needed. 2 days a week beginning in January. Call Carolyn at 404-603-8589.



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