

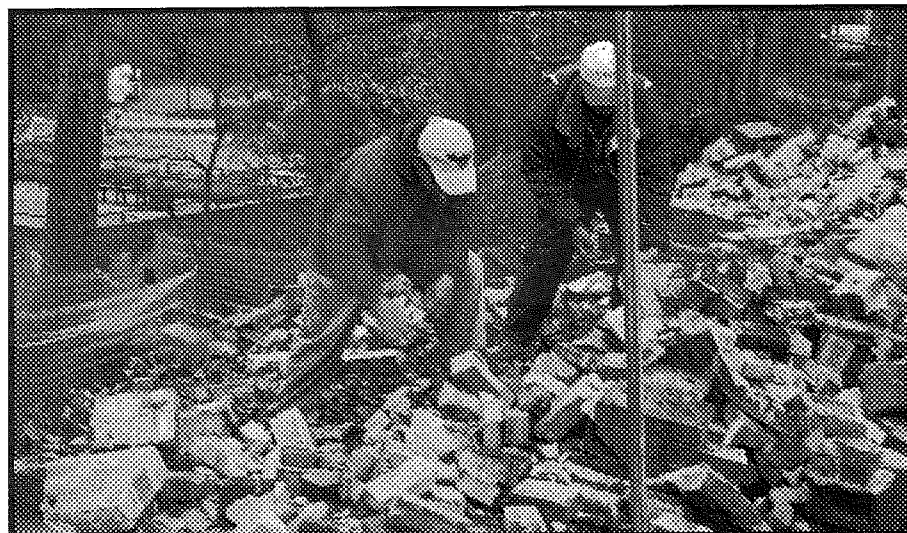


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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS!



By Carolynn Cooper

After many frustrating delays, we've finally received a permit from the City to begin our much anticipated remodel to the pool and park. Construction fencing was installed starting the next day. Tree protection will be visible very soon and, in fact, may be complete by the time you read this article.

Many people have expressed concern that the project may not be finished by spring 2002. While all of our contractors agree that our construction schedule is tight, they firmly believe the project can be completed by mid-April. Silverman Construction, Noah and Associates, and Valley Crest have committed to giving this project all the resources we need to open the pool on schedule.

In general, this is how the work will progress: Most of December will be devoted to demolition work by both Noah and Associates and Valley Crest. Starting in January, the construction crews will begin working on the pool/pump house and the park restroom building. The most visible part of this work will be the recladding of both buildings. During this time, plumbing and masonry work will be going on in the main concession building. The Valley Crest crew will begin their landscape/hardscape work at the pool entrance and will work out through the park entrance. However, since the construction crews will need to have access through the Wakefield entrance at all times, some of the work in that area will not be completed until later in the project. All the pool/park areas, including the basketball and tennis courts, will be closed for the duration of the project. The nature trail will not be closed, but it will dead end before you reach the entrance to the park. If you have any safety concerns you can discuss them with anyone on the implementation committee, or if you feel it is an emergency, please call me directly at 404-351-0555.



BROOKWOOD HILLS COMMUNITY CLUB, INC.

Dear Neighbors,

After much anticipation, the Board is pleased to announce the commencement of the Community Club renovation. The process to obtain a building permit was arduous. The permit was finally issued on Monday, December 3. Now that we have begun, I would like to inform you of the final Capital Improvement Construction Schedule, Budget, and Financing.

Construction Schedule According to our Project Managers and General Contractor, the project should be completed in three months. In order to insure that the pool will be available for swim team practice in early May, the pool will receive priority during construction. April 15th is the targeted completion date.

Budget We have approved a construction budget in the amount of \$1.4 million. The budget includes 10% for contingencies which currently totals \$118,000. Following is a summary of the Construction Budget:

Entry Pavilion	\$	18,000
Concession Building		418,000
Pool House		28,000
Park Buildings & Baths		92,000
Park Pavilion		33,000
Landscape, Hardscape & Fencing		403,000
Pool Resurfacing		49,000
Playground Equipment		83,000
Signage		15,000
Contingency		118,000
Design & Management Costs		184,000
	\$	<u>1,441,000</u>

Financing The project will be funded as follows:

Cash on Hand	\$	715,000
Promissory Note		646,000
Additional Gifts		80,000
	\$	<u>1,441,000</u>

Cash on Hand is from the current and prior year accumulated reserves and the 2001 membership assessment. A Promissory Note in the amount of \$800,000 was obtained from SunTrust Bank at a rate of 5.62% with a 15 year term. Additional Gifts consists of a \$30,000 Garden Club contribution and \$50,000 pledged from neighbors. Several neighbors have generously pledged additional amounts in order to fund the park pavilion and playground equipment. These contributions have enabled us to purchase additional playground equipment and renovate the park pavilion. There are other areas that lend themselves to additional individual contributions such as: fencing and stone columns, play structures, lighting, seating, drinking fountains, etc. If you are interested in funding a specific area of renovation, please contact Clark Landers, Everett Puri, or myself.

If you would like additional details of any of the above items or should questions arise during the construction period, do not hesitate to contact me or another Board member. Thanks for your support.

Very truly yours,

Pamela M. Watson,
President



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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.

Legacy 1931 Restaurant Offers BWH New Events in 2002

Chef Chuck Morgan hopes you will visit Legacy 1931 Restaurant many times in the coming year, and he believes his new ideas will be enjoyable for you and your family.

Beginning in January, Legacy will host a Happy Hour from 5:30-7:00pm. BWH residents (be sure to tell him that you live in the neighborhood) are invited for free hors d'oeuvres, and drinks will be discounted 10 percent. Additionally, in January, your family is invited for "kid's night" on Friday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm. Hotdogs, chicken fingers, etc., will be some of the signature items. Be sure to check with the Legacy staff about your BWH resident discount card the next time you dine. This card will provide you with a percentage discount in increasing increments the more you frequent the restaurant. One neighbor recently commented that the discount card makes an "already reasonable meal even better. Last night my husband and I both had trout and it was wonderful. Chuck Morgan, the chef, has always been very cooperative with making changes in a preparation to accommodate a food allergy. His comment was 'It's your restaurant. I only work here!'"

You should recently have received a letter asking you to sign up for the **2002 Street Tree Fertilization Program**, which the BWH Community Club is again sponsoring with Arborguard Tree Specialists. Please do your trees and your neighborhood a favor by participating in the program. Please contact Nancy Field at 404-352-0877 with any questions.

GOODBYE TO DEADWOOD

By Nancy Field, Tree Chairman

Our neighborhood is currently faced with a staggering amount of dangerous deadwood. Eighty-nine trees were recently identified in a neighborhood-wide survey as having large, dead limbs hanging over the streets and sidewalks where we stroll our children, walk our dogs, bike, jog, park, and drive.

While it is technically the City of Atlanta's responsibility to maintain our street trees, the unfortunate reality is that the City has only one crew to handle the vast amount of work required on city-owned trees throughout Atlanta. While we have had some success lobbying the City to handle individual homeowners' requests for work on their street trees, and the City has made some efforts on an emergency basis to handle a small number of those requests, fallen trees, dead trees and other "emergencies" throughout the entire City of Atlanta take precedence over our requests for deadwood removal.

Because the scope of the problem is far beyond what the City can or will handle at the present time, and because it is the position of the Board of Directors of the Community Club that the present situation represents an unreasonable risk to public safety in our community, the Club has hired Bartlett Tree Experts to prune out all of the large, dead limbs identified in the recent neighborhood-wide tree survey as being hazardous because of their size and location over the sidewalk and/or street. Pruning out the deadwood will also help preserve the health of the trees.

Terry Wisner, the arborist with Bartlett, has been asked to notify homeowners if he finds that their street trees contain any deadwood over their property (as opposed to the street or sidewalk) that may be hazardous. He has agreed to look for such deadwood in all of our street trees, including those that are not being pruned as part of the neighborhood program. Bartlett will be offering homeowners a discounted rate (since its crew will already be working in the neighborhood) to prune out any such deadwood over their property. You are encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity to clean out any deadwood in your street trees and, in the process, help to preserve those trees. If your trees contain deadwood over your property but you do not wish to have Bartlett or another tree service do the work, please call me and I will be happy to notify the arborist with the City of Atlanta Parks Department on your behalf and try to get the City to help you. However, even though the City remains ultimately responsible for the care of our street trees, as a practical matter there is no guarantee, given its severe budgetary and manpower constraints, if or when the City will be able to do the work.

Hopefully in the future, if City budgets and priorities permit, our community will be able to rely on the City to do whatever work is necessary to preserve our trees and maintain the safety of our streets. For now, however, it is up to us.



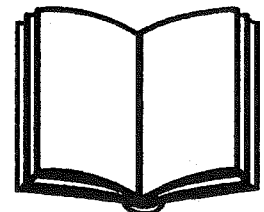
Tree Mulching, January 9-10

Many thanks to Cookie Frank and Arboguard Tree Specialist for arranging to have our trees

mulched again this year. Due to construction in the park, an alternate site has been selected for the mulching. Please drop you trees off at 145 Huntington, the EMPTY lot between 141 Huntington and 147 Huntington. (It is about .2 miles beyond the Palisades/ Huntington intersection if you are headed out of the neighborhood.) Signs will be posted for your convenience.

BWH Book Club

The Brookwood Hills Book Club will meet on January 17th to discuss Dickens' classic "The Tale of Two Cities." Anyone in the neighborhood interested in joining the group or who would like to be added to our e-mail list should call Carolyn Cooper at 404-351-0555.



Holiday Time and the Need for Security Diligence

By Rick Jackson, Security Chair

Ho! Ho! Hold it right there!! It's the holiday season and yes, someone is looking for that extra free present that just happens to be in your unlocked car, parked on the street or in your driveway, with no house lights on!! PLEASE take extra precaution and remove all valuables from your car at night and leave your outside lights on! We have also asked Sgt. Miller and his patrol to monitor more hours during the late evenings and early mornings over the holiday season. If you should see anything suspicious or security-related in BWH, please call the Security Hotline (404-325-5114), or if necessary call 911.

We did recently have an incident in the neighborhood. A homeowner was called by someone claiming to have found her purse. The person asked to meet the homeowner at a certain location, and then asked for a reward. This was a scam — the person claiming to have found the purse is most likely the one who stole it in the first place. If this happens to you, please call the police and have them meet you at the designated location. The police officer that handled this incident said that this type of scam has been happening all over town and they want to be involved to stop this type of crime from happening again.

WE ONCE AGAIN WILL BE COLLECTING A BONUS FOR OUR PATROL OFFICERS!!

Not only have the officers been working extended late night hours in BWH, but they have also been working 12-hour shifts for the City since the September 11th attacks. Too often their work goes unnoticed and unrewarded. **Please let them know how much the families of Brookwood Hills value their efforts.**

You can make checks payable to BWH Community Club, and mail or drop them off to 211 Brighton Road, Atlanta, GA 30309. Please feel free to call Rick Jackson at 404-275-7617 should you have additional questions.



Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season and a Bountiful New Year

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CALENDAR

The next meeting of the BWH Board will be Tuesday, January 1, 2002, at 7:15 pm at the home of Jill & Rich Perkey, 56 Woodcrest. All members are welcome. Please call the Perkeys at 404-888-9501, if you plan to attend.

The Annual Tree Mulching will be held on Wednesday, January 9 and Thursday, January 10. Because of construction, drop off is at a new location: 145 Huntington Road. There will be signs marking the lot.

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CLASSIFIEDS

Dogsitter Opportunity: dog sitter wanted on as-needed basis— owner travels sporadically. No walking necessary because of electronic fence, simply let out and feed. If interested, please call Sandy Litas at 404-724-0357 or email at sandylitras@earthlink.net.

Need A Housesitter? Call Hollis Kosco at 404-964-1024 or email at holliskos@aol.com. Contact JoAnn Hagaman (Brookwood Hills) for additional information. Hollis is a girls' soccer coach and marketing manager for the Atlanta Beat Soccer team.

Guitar Lessons: All styles and all ages from beginner to intermediate. Learn classical technique and theory or just learn to play guitar. Call Kim Tuthill at 404-881-0440 for more information.

Pawsitters: In-home loving care when you can't be there. In-home pet sitting and house sitting, call Kate Savage at 404-352-2969. For a neighbor reference, call Bill and Carla Cantola, 220 Huntington, 404-815-0648.

FOR SALE: Ash-colored Simons crib and Bellini changing table. \$400 for set (originally paid \$1200). Call Nicole Cook at 404-892-9495.

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