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2007 BWHCC Board Members

Below please find some of our 2007 Brookwood Hills Community Club Board Member biographies. More bios will be included in next month's issue of BrookNotes.

Kathy Gentry - President

Kathy has served on the Brookwood Hills Board since the summer of 2004, when she joined as one of the two pool chairs. Kathy moved to Brookwood Hills in May 1998 from Houston, Texas. She "retired" as a Vice President of AIG in August 2005 where she was most recently its high yield ("junk") bond analyst covering the retail, supermarket, textile and apparel industries and having responsibility for a \$1.5 billion bond portfolio. Kathy is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). Kathy lives at 48 Northwood Avenue with her husband Boyd and two daughters, Brooke (10) and Casey (7). The Gentrys also bought 84 Palisades in June of this year and hope to be moving to that house once renovations are complete in December 2007.

Margaret Mertens - Secretary

Margaret Mertens serves as Secretary of the Board and has lived in Brookwood Hills for four years. After graduating from the University of South Carolina, Margaret was a weather anchor on television stations in Charleston, South Carolina and later in Macon, Georgia, where she met her husband, Anton, after following him into the Kroger check-out line! She was a corporate recruiter for HomeBanc Mortgage Corporation for five years before becoming a stay-at-home mom of two children - Anton (4) and Madeleine (2). In her spare time, Margaret enjoys writing, tennis, and hiking in the mountains.

Harold Solomon - Government Affairs

Harold has lived in Atlanta since moving here as a 12 year old in 1970. He is married to Lori and they have 2 children, Benjamin, 6 and Mira, 3. Both children attend Arbor Montessori near Emory University. The Solomon's have lived on Palisades Road since 2001. Harold is a regular runner and cyclist. A resident of Buckhead since 1984, Mr. Solomon is a co-founder and COO of RentBureau, a consumer reporting agency.

Mary Barrett - BrookNotes Co-Editor

Mary has served on the Board since January 2005. She moved to BWH in July, 1993. Prior to living in Atlanta she was an officer in the United States Air Force, working as a Family Practice physician. She is currently "retired," choosing to stay at home with her family. In her free time she enjoys reading and quilting. Mary lives at 49 Huntington Road with her husband Xavier Duralde and four children, Rafael, Elena, Carlos and Ivan.

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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.

Attention BWHCC Board Members

Mark your calendars for

Sunday, January 7th

for the

BWHCC Annual Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Rich Auditorium

Piedmont Hospital

*And afterwards at the home of Kathy &
Boyd Gentry, 48 Northwood Avenue*

BWH Book Club

Monday, January 22, 7:30 p.m.

at the home of Nancy Kennedy

35 Northwood Avenue

We will be reading Howards End by

E.M. Forster

Contact Maureen Zent at mzent1@bellsouth.net
or 404.724.0959 with questions

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of BrookNotes is Wednesday, January 10, 2007. Submissions may be either e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 49 Huntington Rd.

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Burch Hanson – Social Co-Chair

Burch Hanson has served on the BWH Board as Social Co-Chair since January 2006. She has lived in BWH since September 2001, first at 109 Wakefield Drive and currently at 69 Brighton Road. Burch is the Legal Recruiting Manager for the Atlanta Office of the international law firm Jones Day, where she directs the hiring of lawyers for the 140 lawyer office, and is active in the Junior League of Atlanta in a Leadership position. She and her husband Mark have two boys, Will (3 years) and Teddy (3 months) and two golden retrievers.

Collum Posey – BrookNotes Co-Editor

Collum Posey, Co-Editor of BrookNotes, has served on the board for six months. She and her husband, Chris, have lived in Brookwood Hills for six years. Collum stays home with her two children, Isabella (4) and Jack (3). She previously worked as a consultant for Siebel Systems, Inc. (now Oracle Corporation). Collum graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1991 and received her M.B.A. from Georgia State University in 1996.

2007 Brookwood Hills Community Club Slate of Officers for Election

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Board Position</u> |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Kathy Gentry | President |
| Joe Jackson | President Elect/Webmaster |
| David Morris | Treasurer |
| Margaret Mertens | Secretary |
| Mary Barrett | BrookNotes |
| Collum Posey | BrookNotes |
| Chris Moorman | Government & Community Relations |
| Harold Solomon | Government & Community Relations |
| Allyson Greene | Membership |
| Barkley Laing | Membership |
| Joe Gardner | NPU/Zoning |
| Bill Magruder | NPU/Zoning |
| John Mulcahy | Park |
| Hayes Wilson | Pool |
| Hunter Holliday | Pool |
| Brian Stanley | Security |
| Sarah Howe | Social |
| Burch Hanson | Social |
| Kelley Berman | Reservations |
| Bill Lynch | Trees |
| Nancy Walton | Bookkeeper |

A Thank You From BWHCC Membership

We would like to thank the Brookwood Hills Community Club members for your patience with the membership process in 2006. We experienced some growing pains as we endeavored to streamline and automate the membership renewal process and organize the database into a workable format.

As many of you know, we endured a number of problems with our initial online payment system but after switching midstream to a SunTrust account, everything went well. We anticipate smooth sailing in 2007 with the online registration and payment process. The manual system was a tedious and time consuming process for a long line of membership volunteers therefore we urge you to use the online system. Bills will go out in early February so look for the bright yellow card in your mailbox.

Again, we thank you for your cooperation.

Allyson Greene
Sheridan Watson
Membership Co-Chairs

Christmas Tree Recycling—Pick Up Date Is January 4th

Please bring your trees after Christmas to 1 of 2 drop off points for our annual recycling program. The trees can be left there anytime after Christmas until our pick up date of JANUARY 4. The drop off points are:

1. The side area at the trail entrance on Huntington.
2. The main park entrance on Parkdale. Please place trees off the path into the park, just to the left and on the grass.

A few important notes:

1. Please do not block the trail itself and do not place trees far up into the trail area. Please also do not block the pathway into the park on Parkdale.
2. Please make sure all lights and ornaments are removed--this was a problem for the tree company last year.
3. Once the date of JANUARY 4 for recycling has passed, DO NOT leave you tree at either of these sites.

Thanks so much to Downey Trees for donating this service again this year. If you have any questions, contact Lauren Whitehurst 404.355.7166.



Protecting Your Property When Coyotes Are In The Area

By Lauren Whitehurst

As many of you know, we have embarked upon a twice yearly program to control coyotes along the creek at the edge of our neighborhood. In addition to this program, our coyote trapper was kind enough to provide our neighborhood with the following suggestions for protecting your property from coyotes as best as possible:

Pets:

If possible, keep small dogs and cats inside. Always walk your dog on a leash. Dogs that chase coyotes off their property, don't always make it back home. Standing at your door while your dog is in the yard will not protect them. Instead, accompany pets outside. Coyotes fear man. At night, turn on all outside lighting, and talk to your pet, let your voice be heard.

Fenced-in yards do not provide your pet protection. Coyotes will climb, jump, and/or dig under fencing. Any hole that a coyote can get his head through, he can pull his body through.

Dog doors should be locked at night. Some dog doors open when activated by a radio frequency on the pet's collar.

Feed your pet inside. If feeding is done outside, do not overfeed. Do not allow any food to remain in the bowl when your pet is finished eating. At night, bring both food and water bowls inside.

If you have an outdoor cat, and your yard does not have many trees, install "cat posts," 4x4 posts that stand out of the ground at least 6 feet.

Garbage:

Keep garbage cans secure. If your garbage can does become a source for food, add ammonia or cayenne pepper to the can.

Wildlife:

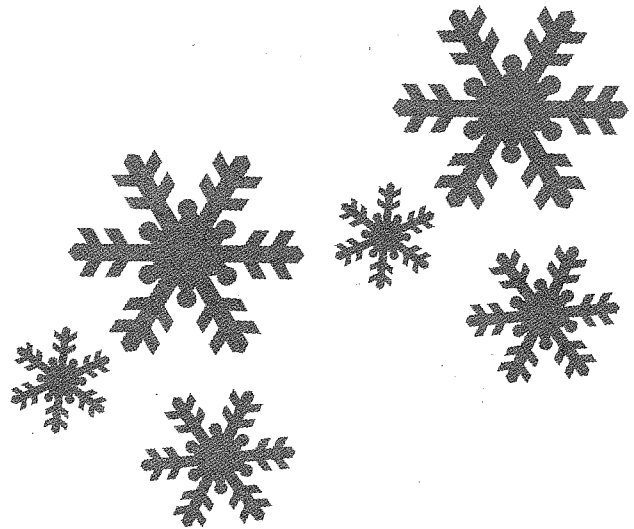
Keep shrubbery trimmed and to a minimum. Clear all brush from around your house, it might provide cover for a coyote to hide or to hunt. Remove or move bird feeders away from the house for they provide food for all prey animals which in turn attract coyotes.

Ask your neighbors to help with their yards.

CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 7th, 7:00 p.m. — BWHCC
Annual Board Meeting**, Rich Auditorium, Pied-
mont Hospital and afterwards at the Gentrys'
home, 48 Northwood Avenue

**Monday, January 22nd, 7:30 p.m. — BWH
Book Club**, 35 Northwood Avenue



C L A S S I F I E D S

- **PAINTER AVAILABLE:** Anna Bonilla's husband (Anna is Laura Smith's housekeeper) is looking for painting work. He specializes in interior and exterior painting and has done lots of work in Brookwood Hills. Please call Anna at 770.255.8434 or Pablo Bonilla at 770.868.6935. References available.
- **NEED A SITTER?:** Yvette Myles is available to babysit Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. She is also available to sit week nights and weekends. Yvette is great with infants and toddlers. Her daughter, Samantha, a high school senior, is also available to sit nights and weekends. Yvette and Samantha can be reached at 404.344.1032. Please feel free to call me, Margaret Mertens, if you have any questions at 404.249.7279.
- **GUEST HOUSE FOR RENT:** Private entrance and very private location in woods. Living room, bedroom, den, bath with shower and tub, eat-in kitchen and large deck overlooking woods. One block from Peachtree Street at Palisades Road. Gas and water included. \$1,200.00 a month. Please call 404.872.2940.

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