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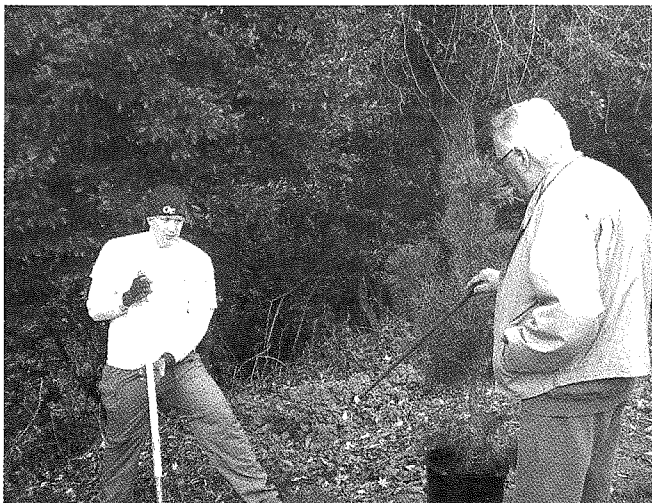
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## Report From Clear Creek

*By Alex Summers*

About a year ago BWHCC initiated a major step in halting the decline of forest cover by beginning reforestation in the Clear Creek Nature Preserve. A seven-year invasive plant control contract with Terry Sutton of Cascade Forestry was launched and already it has produced astounding results. Kudzu is getting under control, English ivy, wisteria and other invasive climbing vines are disappearing from the large trees, and privet, perhaps the most noxious invasive known to mankind, has been cut and treated to the extent that some natural re-growth of pines, maples, oaks, sycamores, and poplars is taking place where privet previously ruled.



On November 15th, in conjunction with the 5th annual tree replacement program in the neighborhood, Trees Atlanta, under the direction of Susan Pierce, made available 10 Virginia Pines and 5 Loblolly Pines for planting on the high ground of the Clear Creek Nature Preserve along Clayton Drive in the Armour Industrial Area. The planting was accomplished with the expert help of Lu Anne Schwarz, Hilary Nichols, Jamie Blackburn (at left, with Alex Summers offering advice), Kathryn Masuda, Amanda Campbell, Coleen Dudley, Andres Rincon, Sr. and son, Andres, Jr.: all volunteers from the staff of the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Independent volunteers Chris Ewald and

Mike Snyder helped as well. This new line of evergreens should increase the screening of the industrial area from Huntington as well as provide increased forest cover along Clayton Drive. Chip Cheatham of Pierce-Martin Inc. and Glen Murer of Atlantel Inc. and Mason Murer Galleries are allowing us use of their water to nourish the trees during the drought.

In October, the Brookwood Hills Board allocated funds for a planting which took place on December 7th of an additional 30 Virginia Pines and for the installation of protective landscape boulders along Armour Drive. This will extend the neighborhood screening behind 245 and 275 Camden Road, along an open area across the creek in front of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Building, White Cap Construction Supply and a portion of Westminster Inc., and will supplement the neighborhood's 2000-2001 planting of Nellie R. Stevens Hollies to the east.

With the continued support from the Community Club Board and neighborhood participation, we should, in the course of time, be able to create an enviable nature preserve right in our own back yard.



## BROOKNOTES

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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.

## Tennis Court Improvements

*By John Mulcahy*

Earlier this year, a group of BWHCC members were asked by the Board to investigate different options to improve the tennis courts in the neighborhood. This group included Lee King, Alan Simons, Jack Heisel, Alex Doman, Dan Granot, Margaret Mertens, Harvey Ross and John Mulcahy. Certain priorities emerged as the group discussed options, including quality and longevity, an upscale look, and a surface that requires little or no maintenance while being easier on knees and joints. Many alternatives were considered, from patching the existing asphalt to installing clay. The group contacted manufacturers and installers, visited local facilities, and questioned players and maintenance personnel. In the end, the group recommended at the November Board meeting that Rebound Ace be installed. This recommendation was approved and Signature Tennis has been contracted to install the courts.

Rebound Ace is a cushioned hard court surface that will be installed on top of the existing asphalt courts. It is comprised of a high density/high shock-absorbing rubber combined with a multi-layer acrylic coating. It was the official surface of the Australian Open from 1988 to 2007 and was used during the 2000 Summer Olympic Games in Sydney. It is in use in several locations in the Atlanta area, including the PGA Tour Superstore on Garson Drive.

Funds from the conservation easement agreement on the Clear Creek property will be utilized to pay for the new surface, in keeping with the requirement that the money be spent on capital improvements to the community club in order to remain tax-free. It is expected that installation will occur shortly after April 27th in consideration of the pavilion construction schedule and the Spring ALTA season.

*BrookNotes* welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is January 7th, 2009. Submissions may be e-mailed to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com) or dropped off at 22 Northwood Avenue.

## New Faces

By Patti and Sarah

- Congratulations to Angela and Doug Smock, 201 Brighton Road, on the birth of their first child, son Conner Harden Smock. Conner was born at Piedmont Hospital on November 12th, weighing in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measuring 20 inches long.



## Club Renovation Project Kicks Off

By Joe Jackson

After a year of planning, the club renovation finally commenced on Monday, November 24th. We're very excited about the renovation and believe it will boost the enjoyment of our club. Some highlights of what will be happening over the next few months are:

### Bathrooms

The pool bathrooms will undergo a complete renovation. They will be expanded by 500 square feet, 4 shower stalls will be added to both the men's and women's bathrooms, the countertops and plumbing fixtures will be replaced, and new tile will be installed throughout. The men's and women's bathrooms at the park will also get new tile, counter tops, and plumbing fixtures.

### Pool

New pool gutters will be installed in the pool. They will provide enhanced water flow in and out of the pool and will create cleaner water for swimming. The current bulkhead will be expanded by two feet in width and three to four feet in length, allowing us to widen the swimming lanes to seven feet. We will also drain the pool so we may plaster and seal the pool bottom, ensuring that it stays water tight.

### Tennis Courts

For a description of the tennis court renovation see the article by John Mulcahy on page 2 which details how the Brookwood Hills tennis courts will become among the best in Atlanta.

The renovation for the bathrooms and pool are scheduled for completion on March 22nd. The tennis court resurfacing will begin in late April and will take approximately three weeks to complete. Our current tennis courts will be available throughout the duration of the bathroom and pool projects.

The Brookwood Hills Board will send out periodic communications on the status and schedule of the project. We hope you are as excited as we are for these improvements to our club, funded with the proceeds from the Clear Creek easement agreement with the City of Atlanta. See you this summer!

## Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc.

### 2009 Board of Directors (Proposed)

*On January 11th at the Annual Meeting of the Community Club Membership a new Board of Directors will be elected. Directors typically serve one 3-year term, although the by-laws of the club allow for the addition of a 4th year if the incoming president has already served a third year on the Board. The Board meets monthly throughout the year, with each member responsible for one of the operations of the Club. Board meetings are announced in BrookNotes and are open to all members of the Community Club. The proposed 2009 Board appears below.*

<b>Position</b>	<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Term Starts</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
President	John Mulcahy	2007	Jan. 2010
Vice President	Open		Jan. 2012
Secretary	Amanda Baxter	2009	Jan. 2012
Treasurer	Ramsay Battin	2009	Jan. 2012
Government & Comm. Relations	Harold Solomon	2007	Jan. 2010
Trees	Bruce Wanamaker	2008	Jan. 2011
Brooknotes	Tony Wilbert & Alison Caughman	2007 2008	Jan. 2010 Jan. 2011
NPU & Zoning	Joe Gardner & Lee Morris	2007 2008	Jan. 2010 Jan. 2011
Pool	Deborah Gebhardt & Open	2009 2009	Jan. 2012 Jan. 2012
Membership	Mitch Wickland	2008	Jan. 2011
Social	Wendy Granot & Open	2008 2009	Jan. 2011 Jan. 2012
Park Reservations	Harvey Ross	2008	Jan. 2011
Webmaster	Simms Jenkins	2007	Jan. 2010
Park, Tennis & Common Areas	Gary Sayers	2007	Jan. 2010
Security	Open	2009	Jan. 2012

# PROXY

## Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc.

The undersigned hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_ or any of them, each with full power of substitution, acting by a majority or by any one of them if only one be present and acting, to vote in their discretion on all business properly coming before the annual meeting of the members of the Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc. on Sunday, January 11, 2009, and any adjournment thereof, for the undersigned in the same manner as the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then personally present.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

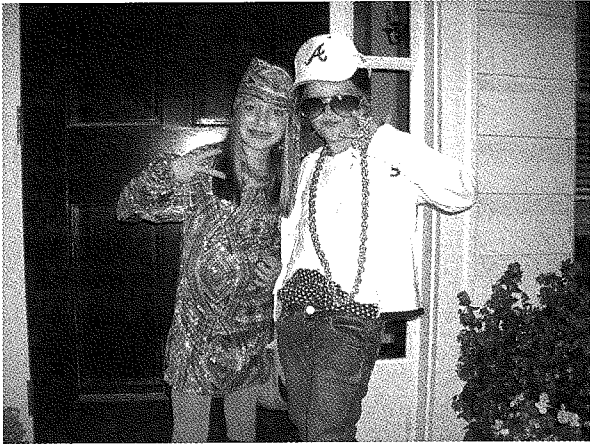
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Annual Meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club will take place at the Rich Auditorium at Piedmont Hospital at 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 11th. If you are a Community Club member and can not attend, you may designate any person or persons to act as your proxy. If you do not make any specific designation in the blank provided, then Joe Jackson, President, and Margaret Mertens, Secretary, will act as your proxies.

If you will not be attending the meeting, please sign and return this form to Margaret Mertens, Secretary, at 225 Huntington Road, prior to Friday, January 9, 2009.

## Celebrating a Spooky 2008 Halloween

*By Burch Hanson with Wendy Granot*

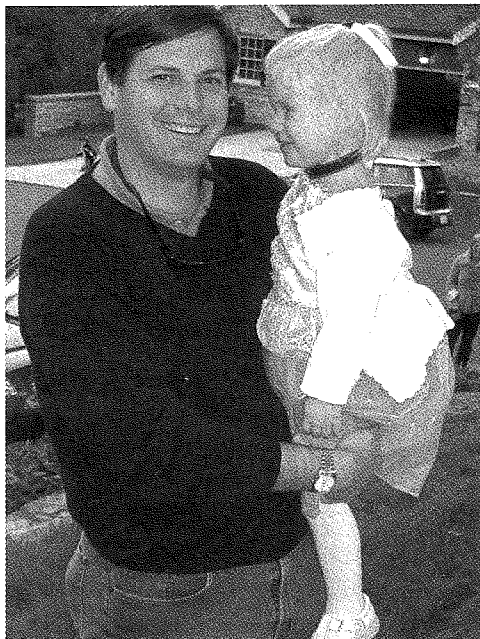


Mary Brooks Perkey and Courtney White pose for the camera while trick-or-treating.

The Brookwood Hills annual Halloween bash was a huge treat for all and a reminder of what makes living in Brookwood Hills especially great. This event was once again made possible by our kind sponsor, Joe Noah of Joe Noah & Associates. We appreciate Joe's continued support and involvement with our community. The weather was beautiful and our park was filled with Halloween spirit and every costume imaginable. There were Halloween treats for all, including "Full Moon" and "Mummy Cheese" pizzas from Mellow Mushroom and other festive snacks and beverages.

Once again, Debby Moorman worked her magic and transformed our park pavilion into a fabulous haunted house that never fails to delight kids of ALL ages. When venturing through the haunted house, there were many spooky surprises in store for all. We sincerely appreciate Debby's invaluable contributions to our celebration.

The annual costume contest is such fun to watch every Halloween and the level of creativity each year is truly spectacular. There were many children donning unique and creative costumes in the contest in each of six categories, and the judges had some extremely tough calls to make. The winners for each category were as follows:



Emily Beardsley takes a break from walking, thanks to her dad Pearson.

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- Spookiest – Griffin Williams (dressed as a green skeleton zombie)
- Best Princess/Angel/Fairy – Emma Dixon (dressed as Marie Antoinette)
- Most Adorable Costume (age 3 and under) – Matthew DiBiase (dressed as the "broken-legged frog and lily pad")
- Most Unique Costume – TIE -



Sandra Noel accompanies her children Hugo and Jean and a friend through BW Hills.

Savannah Lee and Lindsey Reid (as Siamese Twins) AND Carolyn Bland (dressed as Jack in the Box) (Cont'd on next page)

## Halloween Fun (cont'd. from previous page)

- Best Superhero/Action Character/Public Safety hero – Will Hanson (dressed as Captain Hook, accompanied by Peter Pan)
- Best Group or Family Costume - TIE - Emily, Louise and Caroline Howe (dressed as Geisha Girls) AND Khaki Loughran & Eliza Waldrop (dressed as Jolly Ranchers)

After a fun gathering in the park, the children dispersed to go trick-or-treating. The Halloween party could not have been accomplished without the help of many neighbors.

Wendy and I thank everyone who volunteered their time to help: Simms Jenkins, Hayes Wilson (our photographer), Alison Jones, Stephanie and Bart Cooper, Kelley Berman and Caroline Normark. We also want to thank our fabulous costume contest judges, Robin Minson, Kem Lee, and Christy Payne. On behalf of Debby Moorman, thanks so much to the following people who helped set up the haunted house: Sarah Howe, Wendy Granot, Denise Wilbert, Lauren Monroe, and Merrell Thompson. Also much appreciation to Kelly and Simms Jenkins for spontaneously volunteering to staff the Haunted House during the party. Finally, a special thank you to Charlie Carroll, Tyler Bass, Garrett Moorman, and Will Moorman for helping spook people in the haunted house.

## New Neighborhood Directory Coming Soon

Membership Chair Mitch Wickland reports that the new BWHCC Directory will be printed and distributed to the neighborhood before the end of December. The directory includes the names, addresses and phone numbers of the club membership and a wealth of other information: sections on the history of the neighborhood, regulations regarding use of club property, tips on security and tree care, renovation guidelines and more. As has been the case for many years, the directory is sponsored by Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes Inc. and is an invaluable resource available only to members of the Community Club. For those neighborhood residents who have not joined at any level of membership or have not created a membership profile on [brookwoodhills.com](http://brookwoodhills.com), please contact Mitch at [membership@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:membership@brookwoodhills.com). If you are already a member and need a copy of the membership list for holiday mailings, you may request an electronic version from Mitch at the same address. Thank you, Sarah, for your support of our neighborhood with your sponsorship!

## Don't Forget Our Men In Blue

We are approaching that time of year when we recognize the efforts of our security team with a year-end holiday bonus. While the year has not gone without incidents, our security patrol continues to act as a deterrent to crime. Hopefully all our Brookwood Hills neighbors have had the opportunity to meet the officers who protect our homes and families. If you choose to participate, please make checks payable to "Brookwood Hills Security Bonus" and return to Brian Stanley, 323 Camden Road. Many giving levels are available:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| *Neighbor Watch (\$10-\$19) | *Detective (\$40-\$49)  | *Commissioner (\$100-\$199)  |
| *Patrolman (\$20-\$30)      | *Lieutenant (\$50-\$74) | *General (\$200-\$299)       |
| *Sergeant (\$31-\$39)       | *Swat Team (75-\$99)    | *Secy. Of Defense (\$300-Up) |

Thanks for your support!

## CALENDAR

- **Monday, January 5th — BWHCC Board Meeting**, 7:15 p.m., at the home of Mitch & Elizabeth Wickland, 377 Camden Road
- **Sunday, January 11th — Community Club Annual Meeting**, 6 p.m., Rich Auditorium, Piedmont Hospital
- **Saturday, March 21st — Friends Cocktail Party/Fundraiser**, details below

## BWH Friends Chapter Supports Children's Healthcare

By Caroline Wilbert for the BWH Chapter of Friends

The Brookwood Hills Chapter of Friends is dedicated to supporting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta through volunteer service, fundraising and advocacy opportunities. As you think about your plans for end-of-year giving, **consider a gift to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta**, a place where miracles happen every day.

Today, nurses at Children's will treat **728** children. Doctors will perform **103** surgeries. Parents of **471** children will visit the Children's Emergency Departments, and **326** children will need the assistance of Immediate Care Centers. Today, on every floor, in every room at Children's, lifesaving work is happening. Though these are uncertain economic times, the needs of Children's are immediate and critical, and simply cannot wait for a market turnaround. In these difficult times there is no greater investment you can make than in the health and well-being of our children. With the recent rise in unemployment, Children's surely will see an increase in uninsured families, adding to its already growing unreimbursed cost of care. In 2007 Children's provided more than \$98 million in unreimbursed quality care for children whose families could not afford treatment. With your donation, you can make a difference to the many children who are battling serious illness and injuries. To give call 404-785-GIVE or send a check today to: Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation, Attn: Gift Processing, 1687 Tullie Circle NE, Atlanta, GA 30329.

**Save the Date!** Our Friends group will host a cocktail party fundraiser for Children's on Saturday, March 21st, at the home of Sharon and Mark Williams at 47 Brighton Road.

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