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Santa Comes to Town Early

By Laurie Hood



On Sunday, December 6th, the Brookwood Hills Friends held the Fifth Annual Cookies with Santa fundraiser for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Robert Irick of 225 Camden Road hosted the party at his wonderful home and many members of Friends helped to stock the party with cookies and drinks. Robert graciously prepared delicious appetizers and had his home beautifully decorated for the event.

Visiting with Santa was enjoyed by the younger set while their parents had the opportunity to take a break from the hectic holiday season. We were especially

fortunate to have our same Santa back again this year. Just seeing him and how excited the children were brought back the magic for the parents of their own past Christmases! The two boys pictured above presenting Santa with their hopes for Christmas morning are Carl and Sam Jenkins, sons of Kelly and Simms Jenkins. Hmmmm, judging by the disparate sizes of the two pieces of paper, one son seems to have had a much longer list than his brother!

Event Co-Chairs Sabina Carr and I would like to thank everyone who supported the event with their attendance and donations. Cookies with Santa has become a fun neighborhood tradition with the added benefit of raising money for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta enhances the lives of children through excellence in patient care, research and education. Serving our community with more than thirty pediatric specialties, Children's is committed to being a model for pediatric care. Many Brookwood Hills neighbors have brought their own children to Children's and understand how fortunate we are to have this incredible resource in our community. Thanks to Simms Jenkins for providing the photo of Santa and the boys.



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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. The cell phone number for the neighborhood security patrol is **404-242-3321**.

Board Positions Open

By Mitch Wickland

The Annual Meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club membership is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Sunday, January 24th at Piedmont Hospital's Rich Auditorium. At that time we will elect a new Board of Directors and I will have the privilege of becoming the 2010 President of our club. On page 4 you will see the proposed slate for the new board (as of mid-December). As *BrookNotes* goes to press we are still in need of neighbors to volunteer to fill four open positions:

- NPU & Zoning Co-Chair (shared with Lee Morris)
- *BrookNotes* Co-editor (shared with Alison Caughman)
- Social Co-Chair (shared with Stephanie Brown)
- Government & Community Relations Chair.

Serving on the Board certainly requires a commitment of time and talent, but it is rewarding too. It is an opportunity to get to know new neighbors and to impact the future direction of Brookwood Hills. Typically the Board meets on the first Monday evening of the month. The term of office is three years. If you are interested in becoming active in the workings of your club and in learning more about any of these positions, I would love to hear from you. The most efficient way to reach me is by email, at mitch.wickland@gmail.com.

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is January 6th, 2010. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 200 Camden Road.

Annual Neighborhood Tree Planting Breaks Records

By Deborah Gebhardt, Boyd Gentry and Katrina Newton



Bruce Wanamaker and Boyd Gentry admire the fruits of their labors after installing one of the trees provided by Trees Atlanta.

On Saturday, December 5th, 2009, Tree Chair Boyd Gentry headed up neighbors of all ages, plus volunteers from both Hanbit Presbyterian Church in Duluth and Trees Atlanta for the annual planting of new and replacement trees. Everyone met at the Pavilion for bagels and orientation before planting over fifty trees throughout the neighborhood and park. The participants set a new Brookwood Hills record for the number of trees planted in a single day. Trees were also planted in the Clear Creek Preserve for the first time.

A big issue for our neighborhood is that our wonderful, towering water oaks were planted almost one hundred years ago. Since these trees are a single species planted at the same time with a restricted root environment, they are all dying at the same time. The strategy now is to plant a variety of trees

that will continuously renew with abundance at all different phases of their lives. Several of the trees planted this year went into neighbors' front yards, where they will have more root room and where they will not have to contend with Georgia Power wires overhead as they grow taller and spread out.

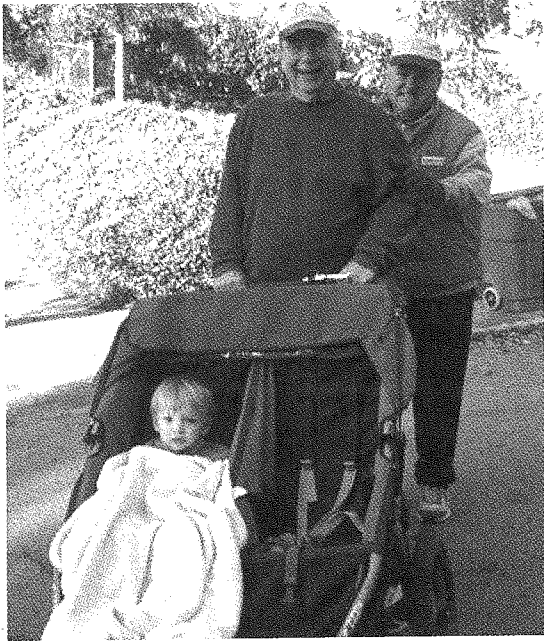
Trees Atlanta, a non-profit group that is passionate about reforesting metro Atlanta, has partnered with Brookwood Hills for six years in their *Neighborwoods* Program which is built upon the assumption of volunteer "sweat equity" planting support. Prior to that, between the 1995 ordeal of destructive Hurricane Opal and 2003, the Community Club and Garden Club planted trees with Bold Springs Nursery and Gunn Landscaping. Since 1996, the two initiatives have installed approximately 475 trees in Brookwood Hills.

Next year's date is still being finalized but is targeted for the first Saturday in November when the weather will hopefully be warmer. The Community Club has set as a goal to increase the number of neighbors who help out with the planting next year. Every one of us has benefitted from the efforts of volunteers outside of Brookwood Hills, like the good folks from Hanbit Presbyterian Church and the other regular volunteers to Trees Atlanta who showed up on December 5th. Without them, we never would have been able to install the trees made available to us this year. Next year please consider volunteering for the benefit of Brookwood Hills and the trees we love. A strong showing from the neighborhood ensures our future involvement in the *Neighborwoods* Program.

Thank you to all the neighborhood street captains for your hard work and leadership this year. Many thanks also to Chris Hastings and his company, Arbormedics, for donating an entire dump truck load of mulch for the planting.

New Faces

Congratulations to Leigh and Lee Cardwell, 121 Huntington Road, on the birth of their first child, daughter Marion Cates "MC" Cardwell. MC was born on Tuesday November 17th, weighing in at 7 pounds, 7.9 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. MC has the distinction of being a *fifth generation* Brookwood Hills resident.



Grandparenting Fun

For as long as I can remember, every morning great friends Sam Donaldson and Dudley Ottley leave Brookwood Hills for a walk up Peachtree. They return to the neighborhood about 7:30 a.m. every weekday morning and then, while stretching, spend some time trying to push over the tree at the corner of Palisades and Northwood. I can set my watch by their appearance, they are such regular fixtures! Well, Sam and Dudley have taken their exercise to a new level here, as Dudley assists Sam in pushing Fleetwood Ashurst, son of Kenan Donaldson Ashurst, down the street.

Submitted by Mary Long

What: Brookwood Hills Community Club Annual Meeting

When: Sunday, January 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Piedmont Hospital's Rich Auditorium

CALENDAR

- **December 25th — January 10th**, Drop your Christmas tree off for recycling at the end of the park nature trail on Huntington Road
- **Monday, January 4th — BWHCC Board Meeting**, 7:15 p.m., at the home of Mitch & Elizabeth Wickland, 377 Camden Road
- **Sunday, January 24th — Community Club Annual Meeting**, 7 p.m., Rich Auditorium, Piedmont Hospital
- **Monday, January 25th — BWH Book Group**, time and place TBA

Don't Forget Our Men In Blue

By Lisa Barnhart, Security Chair

Here's a reminder that it is the time of year when we recognize the efforts of our security team with a year-end holiday bonus. Despite all the attention paid to crime in the recent mayoral race, this has been one of the quietest years on record for Brookwood Hills. The visibility of our security patrol is a big reason for that. Hopefully you've had the opportunity to meet and personally thank these officers who protect our homes and families.

Keep in mind Officer Barry Miller's Safety Tips for the Holidays:

- Always leave outside lights on at night.
- Keep cars empty and unlocked (no more need to replace smashed windows).
- Do not place empty boxes (for new computers, televisions, etc.) on the street.
- Pick up packages at doors immediately (neighbors helping neighbors).
- Call the BWH security hotline (404-325-5114) for home surveillance while away.
- Call 911 to report suspicious activity. Then call 404-242-3321, the cell phone carried by the security patrol when they are on duty. And finally please call me at 404-771-1178 (cell) or 404-355-3707 (home) so that I will be aware of any incidents.

If you choose to participate in the security bonus, please make your check payable to Brookwood Hills Community Club, with "Security Bonus" in the memo line. Your check should be dropped off at my home, 310 Camden Road. Many thanks for your generosity.

Brighton Road Entrance Update

After two years of planning, work has finally begun on the Brighton Road entrance. As you may recall, The Brookwood Hills Garden Club and the Community Club are jointly paying for the renovation that will include new hardscape and plantings. This work should be completed by the end of the month. In January, two pillars and a neighborhood marker will be installed by Noah and Associates to identify the entrance to our neighborhood. All efforts will be made to minimize disruption to egress and ingress, but there will be some occasions when the Brighton Road entrance will be blocked while pavers are installed in the roadway. Thank you for your patience while this project is ongoing.

Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc.

2010 Board of Directors (Proposed)

On January 24th 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 2010 Board appears below.

Position	Board Member	Term Starts	Term Ends
President	Mitch Wickland	2008	Jan. 2011
Vice President	Ramsay Battin	2009	Jan. 2012
Secretary	Matt Tolleson	2010	Jan. 2013
Clear Creek Preserve	Amanda Baxter	2009	Jan. 2012
Treasurer	Jeff Koebler	2010	Jan. 2013
Government & Comm. Relations	Open	2010	Jan. 2013
Trees	Boyd Gentry	2010	Jan. 2013
Brooknotes	Alison Caughman &	2008	Jan. 2011
	Open	2010	Jan. 2013
NPU & Zoning	Lee Morris &	2008	Jan. 2011
	Open	2010	Jan. 2013
Pool	Deborah Gebhardt &	2009	Jan. 2012
	Lesley Carroll	2009	Jan. 2012
Membership	David Adams	2009	Jan. 2012
Social	Stephanie Brown &	2009	Jan. 2012
	Open	2010	Jan. 2013
Pool Pavilion & Park Reservations	Harvey Ross	2008	Jan. 2011
Webmaster	Peter Kotchen	2010	Jan. 2013
Park, Tennis & Common Areas	Alan Simons	2010	Jan. 2013
Security	Lisa Barnhart	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 24, 2010, 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 _____

The Annual Meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club will take place at the Rich Auditorium at Piedmont Hospital at 7 p.m. on Sunday, January 24th. 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 John Mulcahy, President, and Amanda Baxter, Secretary, will act as your proxies.

If you will not be attending the meeting, please sign and return this form to Amanda Baxter, Secretary, at 284 Camden Road, prior to Friday, January 22, 2010.

C L A S S I F I E D S

House Rental Needed. My daughter Jenni is getting married next year. I am looking for a 4 bedroom house to rent for two weeks around the date of April 10, 2010, in Roswell, Sandy Springs or Buckhead. If you know of anything, please give me a call at 404-504-0801. Patti Junger.

Reading Tutor. Allyson Greene has an opening in the afternoon for reading and handwriting tutoring. Allyson trained at The Schenck School in the highly effective *Orton-Gillingham* Approach to reading instruction and is an instructor at Literacy Action, Inc. She is also trained in the *Handwriting Without Tears*® handwriting curriculum for readiness, print and cursive. Please contact Allyson if your child is struggling with phonemic awareness, fluency, comprehension, spelling and/or handwriting. AllysonG@att.net 404-217-3713.

Babysitting Available. I am a Junior at the University of Georgia and have been babysitting families in the neighborhood for years. I am off school from December 11 through January 7. My phone number is 404-909-1756. Caroline Nadal.

Christmas Tree Mulching Schedule

All Brookwood Hills neighbors are requested to be good stewards of our natural resources by participating in the post-Christmas mulching of trees, made available through the Community Club. Starting December 25th, Christmas trees -- **with all decorations and lights removed** -- can be taken to the nature trail where it ends at Huntington Road. An easy way to get your tree to the collection point is to tie it to the back of your car with a rope and drag it to the appointed spot. No pick-up trucks or major muscles required! On Monday, January 11th, the trees will be ground up, with the mulch available for use throughout the neighborhood. Please do not deposit any trees at the Parkdale entrance to the park. At one time this served as a second collection point, but it is no longer appropriate for you to leave your tree on that side of the park. Thanks in advance for your participation in this program.

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