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It's Fun to Serve on the Board

By Alison Caughman

Why even think about taking on a new role at this, the busiest time of the year for many of us? Well, read on, because I am going to do my best to convince you to offer your time and talent not only for your neighborhood, but for yourselves too. On January 30th five of us will be stepping down from Community Club Board positions – so that means we need five new members starting this January. I have served on the board twice now (for a total of six years) since moving to Brookwood Hills in 1990, and I can say with enthusiasm that both experiences were stimulating and fun.

My first turn on the board started when I had lived here only a couple of years, had three young children and part-time employment. So much for the oft-heard statements that “I’ll serve on the board when my children are older,” or “I haven’t lived here long enough to be able to do justice to the job,” or “I’m just juggling too many balls right now.” Serving on the board taught me so much about Atlanta, allowed me to make new friends, and by extension of those relationships introduced my children to kids attending other schools. Three years later I knew I had gotten far more from the experience than I had given. And in 2007 when I was asked to serve again as a co-editor of *BrookNotes*, I worried that I was over the hill and was so non-tech savvy that I would have trouble learning software publishing. Plus with children out of the nest I no longer felt connected to the happening events in the neighborhood. Excuses, excuses! Once again I can say without reservation it has been energizing to get to know “the young people” in the neighborhood and it has been reaffirming to realize I’m not too old to pick up a new skill or two.

So – here are the open board positions. All come with a commitment to serve for three years. Trust me, if you step up you won’t regret it and you will have fun.

- **Board Secretary.** This is a no-brainer. You take notes 12 times a year at the monthly board meetings, distribute the minutes electronically and send them to the webmaster to post on the website. For more details contact Matt Tolleson, 404-343-2244.
- ***BrookNotes* co-editor.** You become the eyes and ears of the neighborhood and produce 6 newsletters over the course of a year, using Microsoft Publisher. MacIntosh users have access to a PC with the software on it. Your job is made lots easier by getting good at recruiting others to submit articles and photos. No previous publishing experience is required, just a willingness to dive in and learn the job. For more details give me a call, 404-355-7662 or talk to our other editor Nathalie Fuson, 404-254-2826.

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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 at 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**.

2011 Southeastern Flower Show February 25-27

In Tune With Blooms

Presented by the Southeastern Horticultural Society

The 24th annual Southeastern Flower Show at the Cobb Galleria Centre, *In Tune with Blooms*, celebrates music in the garden.

Experience professionally-designed Landscaped Gardens, Artistic Floral Design and Horticulture Divisions, Discovery, Photography and Bonsai Exhibitions within the Show, and garden shopping in the Marketplace, Bookstore and Raffle. Celebrity speakers, Display Vignettes by foremost southeastern Event Designers, informal demos, live musical performances and children's workshops and family activities are presented daily.

Friday - Saturday, Feb. 25-26, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Sunday Feb. 27, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. General Admission: \$18; Advance and Group Discounts. Cobb Galleria Centre, Two Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30339 (free parking).

For more information, hotel packages or tickets visit <http://www.sehort.org>, or contact BWH neighbor Caroline Gilham at (404) 355-0245.

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Wednesday, January 5. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 200 Camden Road.

- Reservations. This is a seasonal job, coordinating reservations for events at the pool and park. Reservation requests are made online on the BWH website, so you need to check it regularly, send out reservations paperwork, collect the requisite fees, and be available to answer a lot of questions about neighborhood policies regarding parties and events. For more information call Harvey Ross, 404-897-1077.
- NPU/Zoning co-chair. OK, this job ought to go to someone with some knowledge about city governance and the NPU structure. But if you are interested in learning about this stuff and serving a critical role in the life of our community, that's the beauty of having a co-chair who has already been doing the job for a year and who is a former community club president (that would be Jim Stokes, 404-876-1809). The outgoing co-chair, Lee Morris, would also be happy to answer questions, 404-355-3351.
- Social. This job is changing in 2011. Recently it has been shared by two hard-working women (in the 20 years I've been around I don't think any man has been up to it) who plan and execute 5 parties for the neighborhood every year: the Spring Fling some time near Easter, the new neighbor party near the opening of the pool, the 4th of July parade and party, the ice cream social and dog swim on the last pool day, and the Halloween party in the park. Starting next year the position will be held by one individual who serves as a chair of a committee made up of five individuals, each responsible for one event. We believe this structure will significantly reduce the amount of time required by the social chair – in essence, your job will be to assist (if necessary) the individual party co-chairs responsible for each individual event. So far, Mitch and Elizabeth Wickland have agreed to head up the ice cream social and dog swim party, while current social chair Stephanie Brown has agreed to head up the Spring Fling party – so the social “committee” is already coming together! For more information contact Wendy Granot, 404-733-6130 or Stephanie Brown, 404-355-9925.

Starting in January the Community Club President will be Ramsay Battin. He would love to talk with you about any of these board positions. You can reach Ramsay at (rbattin@arcapita.com) or 404-920-9062.

BWHCC Waiting List Update

The waitlist for C members has been open for about 2 weeks, and so far 65 families have signed up. The waitlist likely will not be open for very long, and after it is closed it will not be reopened until it gets big again, so if neighbors know anyone who wants to get on the waitlist at this time, they should do so quickly. Please note that there is now a \$50 non-refundable fee to get on the waitlist. For more information please contact David Adams at 404-355-3880.

Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc.

2011 Board of Directors (Proposed)

On January 30th 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 2011 Board appears below.

Position	Board Member	Term Starts	Term Ends
President	Ramsay Battin	2009	Jan. 2012
Vice President	Matt Tolleson	2010	Jan. 2013
Secretary	Open	2011	Jan. 2014
Gov't & Community Relations/Clear Creek Preserve	Amanda Baxter	2009	Jan. 2012
Treasurer	Jeff Koebler	2010	Jan. 2013
Trees	Boyd Gentry	2010	Jan. 2013
Brooknotes	Nathalie Fuson &	2010	Jan. 2013
	Open	2011	Jan. 2014
NPU & Zoning	Jim Stokes &	2010	Jan. 2013
	Open	2010	Jan. 2013
Pool	Lesley Carroll &	2009	Jan. 2012
	Merrell Thompson	2011	Jan. 2014
Membership	David Adams	2009	Jan. 2012
Social	Open	2011	Jan. 2014
Pool Pavilion & Park Reservations	Open	2011	Jan. 2014
Webmaster	Peter Kotchen	2010	Jan. 2013
Park, Tennis & Common Areas	Travis Szwast	2011	Jan. 2014
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 30, 2011, 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 30th. 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 Mitch Wickland, President, and Matt Tolleson, Secretary, will act as your proxies.

If you will not be attending the meeting, please sign and return this form to Matt Tolleson, Secretary, at 241 Camden Road, prior to Friday, January 28, 2011.

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 25340 Silver Award Project

BWH Neighbor Pamela Watson is the Girl Scout leader for a cadette troop of former E. Rivers students who are now in middle school. Two of the girls live in Brookwood Hills --Pamela's daughter Morgan, and Margot Palmer. These Cadette Girl Scouts are working on their Silver Award, which is the highest award for the Cadette leveling of scouting. Their Silver Award Project is making and collecting Blankets for the Sleep Well Tonight Organization, which distributes blankets to those in need in the Atlanta Area through charities such as: City of Refuge, Lazarus House, North Fulton Charities, 7 Bridges, and others.

Morgan and Margot are gratefully accepting donations of new and used blankets, in any size and of any material, through the month of December. The girls will be glad to pick up your donations (please call 404-680-9695 to schedule pick-up), or blankets can be dropped off at the collection box at 163 Huntington Road.

Chett Burgess Photography Exhibit

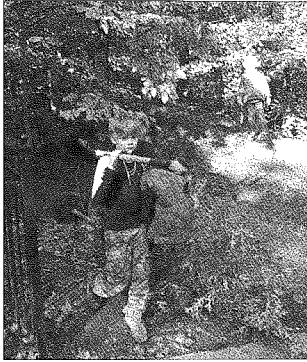
Brookwood Hills resident and photographer Chet Burgess will have an exhibit of some of his landscape photography during January and February in Avondale Estates. The exhibit will feature many images from Yosemite and Acadia National Parks as well as some Georgia material. In processing several of the prints for this exhibit, Burgess employed a multiple-layer processing technique that imparts something of the feel of a watercolor painting to the photographic image.

The exhibit will hang from January 5th to February 28th at The Little Wine Shop, 100 North Avondale Road, Avondale Estates. There will be an opening reception and wine tasting at the shop on Saturday, January 8th, from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 p.m.

New Pool Deck

The pool is getting a fabulous Christmas present this year: a new deck! Starting a few days after the holidays, expect to see (and hear) some activity around the pool. We have commissioned Sweetwater to remove the existing concrete patio, replace/update some piping. Then they will lay down a new brushed concrete deck. The job is very extensive and should take until beginning of May to complete. Don't worry Bullfrogs, the pool will be finished in time for swim team practice. We are also excited that Stan Dixon will be helping us improve some of the design elements in order to create more dining space, ease high traffic areas and improve general aesthetics. This is a huge win for BWHCC! See you at the pool.

Neighborhood Tree Planting



On Saturday November 6 the annual Brookwood Hills neighborhood tree planting took place. As they have for many years, TreesAtlanta (www.treesatlanta.org) sponsored the planting, and with the help of neighborhood and TreesAtlanta volunteers, twenty-five trees were planted. Most of these were replacement trees in the strip between the streets and sidewalks.

BWH's participation was organized by two neighbors: Eve Goldstein (Palisades) and Katrina Newton (Brighton). Eve and Katrina have helped identify planting locations, contacted prospective neighbors, assisted with tree species selection, and collected checks for many years -- they are truly the "unsung heroes" of our annual planting.



Remember our Security Patrol this Holiday!

A big *THANK YOU* to all of you who have already made a contribution to the *The Security Patrol Holiday Bonus*. To make a holiday gift donation to our Security Patrol, please make check payable to Brookwood Hills Community Club. Mail or drop off check to Lisa Barnhart, 310 Camden Road.

Safety Tips for the Holidays

- * Always leave outside lights on at night
- * Keep cars empty and unlocked
- * Do not place empty boxes (tv, etc.) on street
- * Pick up packages at doors immediately
- * Call hotline 404-325-5114 (if going out of town)

To Report Suspicious Activity

*** Call 911 ***

Call Patrol cell phone 404-242-3321
(will answer if on duty)

Call Lisa Barnhart 404-771-1178
(cell) or 4-355-3707 (home)

CALENDAR

Monday, January 10—BWHCC Board Meeting 7:15 PM at the home of Harvey Ross, 16 Woodcrest Avenue

Sunday, January 30— BWHCC Annual Meeting 7 PM Rich Auditorium at Piedmont Hospital

C L A S S I F I E D S

Room or 1-BR Apartment Wanted - Elizabeth and Mike Nadal of Huntington Road are trying to help their friend Sarah Butler, a Pace Academy graduate ('07) and current SCAD-Atlanta student, locate a room or 1BR garage apartment in the Brookwood Hills/Ansley Park/Collier Rd. area. Sarah is a very responsible, dedicated, and quiet student, and is looking for a place in January or February (lease ends Feb 1st). Please feel free to contact Elizabeth and Mike Nadal at 404-870-5900 for a reference. Please contact Sarah at sarah@sarahebutler.com or call 678-296-0363.

Nursing Assistant Recommended - Mickie and Ken McKenzie of Woodcrest Ave. are recommending Michelle Laplante, a certified nursing assistant with over 20 years experience, who has been working for the McKenzies for almost five years. Michelle is available on select days to help provide at-home care, including to prepare and administer medications (including injections), to take patients to doctor appointments, and to help relay information to doctors and concerned family members. Please call Michelle at 678-476-4653.

SLOW DOWN! — *A Message from Mary Long*

On Thursday, December 2, about 7:45 AM, I took our 5-month old kitten, Thunder Tough Guy, out with me to pick up the newspaper on the sidewalk. A crossover SUV with a BWH sticker on the bumper came speeding down Montclair. Thunder panicked, and the car hit him. Thunder, our huge source of joy, suffered a broken back. We are channeling the Tough Guy in him and are intent on his recovery.

This vehicle was not the first to come barreling down Montclair Drive. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE SLOW DOWN. The people and animals endangered by careless driving are YOUR NEIGHBORS.

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