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Long-Range Plan for the Brookwood Hills Park

By Joy Lusk, BWH Park Chair & Bobbi Hurt, Park Planning Committee

The Brookwood Hills Board is pleased to announce the commencement of a new 5-year plan for our beautiful park. The park is facing several maintenance issues, and we feel that decisions about these issues are best made in the context of a big picture plan. The plan will seek to maintain the character and charm of the park while maximizing its safety and functionality.

A Park Planning Committee consisting of Betsy Armentrout, Ramsay Battin, Bobbi Hurt, Joy Lusk and Alli Richardson is spearheading this initiative.

At the recommendation of the Park Planning Committee, the Board has selected HGOR, Planners and Landscape Architects, to help develop the plan.

HGOR was selected because of their deep experience with landscape and park planning, including popular projects at Piedmont Park, Lovett School and the Pool Pavilion right here in Brookwood Hills, as well as their collaborative approach to design.



To begin the process, HGOR will facilitate a survey and several town hall meetings to solicit input from all neighbors. Please look for more details in future issues of BrookNotes.

To learn more about HGOR, visit their website: <http://www.hgor.com/>

Annual Meeting January 26th at 7:00 pm

The Brookwood Hills Community Club will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, January 26, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Rich Auditorium at Piedmont Hospital.

The agenda will include a review of 2013 and priorities for 2014. There will also be guest speakers from the community, including an update from the BWH Security team.

Directions to Rich Auditorium:

The Rich Auditorium is located in the 77 building next to the Collier Café within the main hospital facility.

- Park in the North Parking Deck behind the hospital.
- Take the North Parking Deck elevator to the Bridge Level.
- Once inside, follow the signs to the 77 Building.
- Take elevator D to the Mezzanine Level (Floor M).
- The Rich Auditorium is around the corner.

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Contribute to BrookNotes

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of BrookNotes is Friday, January 10th.

Submissions may be dropped off at 22 Woodcrest Ave. or e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com.

First of Grant Trees Planted in the Preserve

By Doug Smock, Clear Creek Preserve Chair

The installation of trees from the first of two grants awarded to BWHCC was completed in November. As a result of the Love Your Block Grant received this past summer, fifteen trees were planted along Armour and Clayton Drive adjacent to Armour Industrial Park.

The magnolia, red maple and pine trees were strategically placed as part of an effort to provide some relief to those residents with views of buildings inside the park. The Love Your Block Grant is funded by the City of Atlanta.

A second grant, sponsored by Keep America Beautiful, will serve to subsidize the installation of sixty-one additional trees in the coming weeks, most of which will be located closer to the trail on the west side of Clear Creek. **Thank you to Ramsay Battin for securing the Love Your Block Grant.**

Follow Brookwood Hills Community Club on Facebook



The Brookwood Hills Community Club page on Facebook was set up to provide club members with information during the summer about pool hours, pool closures, food trucks and events. Additionally, members can find information about the swim team and the dive team practices and events.

We will start to share information year round about BWH events on the Facebook page. Also, find photographs from BWHCC events added by the BrookNotes Editors and by fellow club members.

To find the Facebook page, enter "Brookwood Hills Community Club" in the search box at the top of the page on Facebook.com.

Click "Follow" to see updates from the BWHCC page in your News Feed.

Click "Like" to add the BWHCC page to your list of Likes on your timeline. (When you like a page, you'll automatically follow it, but if desired, you can adjust your settings to unfollow it.)

Thank you to Merrill Thompson for setting up the BWHCC page on Facebook.

Legacy Ladies Celebrate the Holidays

By Alison Caughman

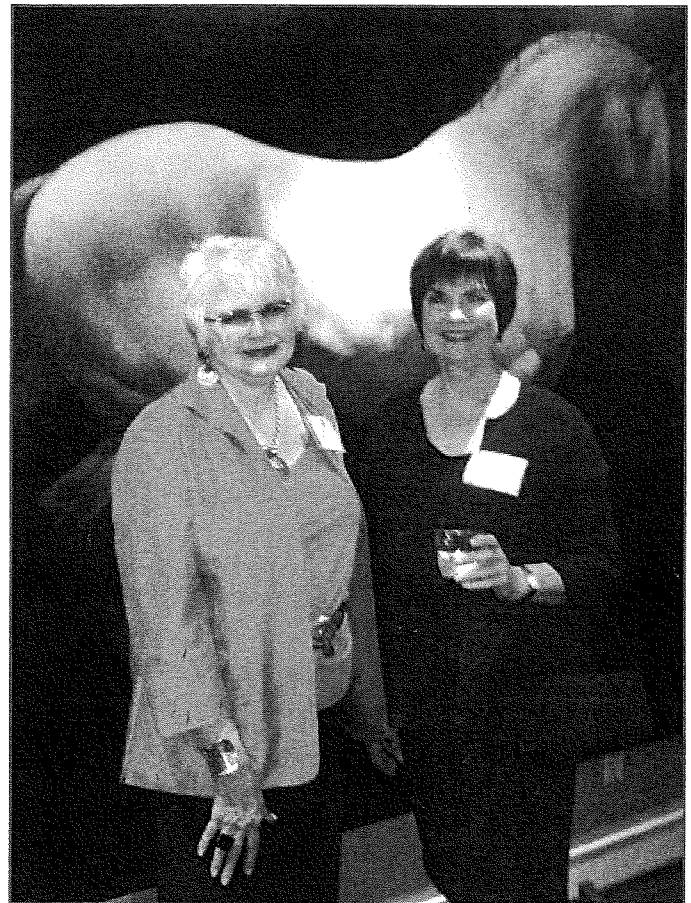
Friday, December 6th was a real treat for sixty-three Legacy Ladies and their spouses/partners. The annual Legacy Ladies holiday party is normally held at the home of one of the members of the group, but this year, Craig Koch and Vern Yip generously agreed to serve as the hosts. It's no surprise that Craig and Vern's Palisades home is beautifully decorated, given Vern's fame as an interior designer on a number of television shows, including TLC's Trading Spaces, HGTV's Deserving Design, and HGTV's Design Star.

It was great fun to get together in such a fabulous, and at the same time comfortable, setting. While less intrepid hosts might have fled after being overrun by a house full of seniors, Craig and Vern spent the evening engaged in lively conversation with their guests.

Many thanks not only to Craig and Vern, but also to party organizer Sandra Player and her committee of helpers, including Eve Goldstein, Nancy Woodall, Mimi McCallum, Mary Heisel, Suzie Renn, Betty Heery, Flo Dawson and Cathy Fox.

Who are the Legacy Ladies?

The Legacy Ladies are women over 60 years of age who are current or former Brookwood Hills residents. The organization hosts monthly events, usually a luncheon or tea. It is a wonderful way for its members to stay connected with one another.



Mary Heisel and Eleanor Banister smile for the camera while standing in front of a fabulous painting of a stunning white horse.

Coyotes Spotted in Buckhead Neighborhood

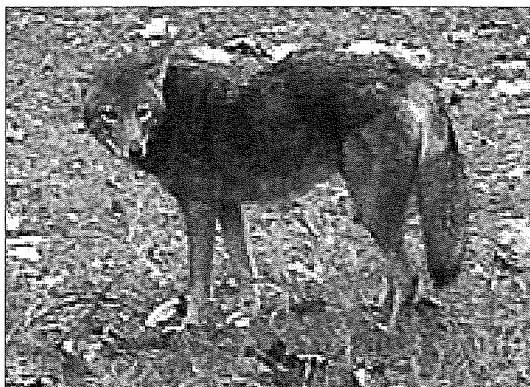


Photo shot by North Buckhead resident of coyote in yard, November 2013

From WSBTV.com

Posted: 6:29 pm Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013

Some metro Atlanta pet owners are keeping an eye on their animals. They've spotted a coyote in their neighborhood several times.

Homeowners who live on Rickenbacker Drive and Pinecrest Road in Buckhead are used to seeing wildlife, because they live near a nature preserve. But they said a coyote has moved from the woods to the streets and - even their yards.

Full article: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/coyotes-spotted-buckhead-neighborhood/nbwW4/>

Thanks to Karen Bernhardt for the tip.

Brookwood Hills Security

By Gregory Fiore, BWH Security Chair

With the new year approaching, here is an introduction to the BWH Security Procedures for the new neighbors and a refresher for our current residents.

Security Concern or Request	Recommended Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a break-in or attempted break-in at your home or car. • You see suspicious activity in the neighborhood. • A solicitor has come to your door to try to sell something. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) First, call 911. 2) Then, call the Security Patrol cell phone at (404) 242-3321. 3) Finally, report the incident to BWH Security Chair Gregory Fiore by texting or calling (657) 229-4728.
You see yellow or red Security Alert signs at a BWH entrance.	Call the BWH Security Hotline at (404) 325-5114 to listen to a recorded message with details about the incident.
You are going out of town.	Call the BWH Security Hotline at (404) 325-5114 to provide your address and the dates you will be away.
You need a Brookwood Hills parking sticker for your car.	<p>Gregory Fiore distributes the BWH parking stickers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text your request to (657) 229-4728, or • Email your request to security@brookwoodhills.com.

Security Phone Numbers

- **911** - You should call 911 for everything from solicitations to invasive crimes.
- **Security Patrol Cell Phone: (404) 242-3321**
You can call this number for questions about security in the neighborhood or in the case of an incident, after you have called 911.
- **BWH Security Chair: (657) 229- 4728**
To report incidents or ask questions, call or text Security Chair Gregory Fiore at (657) 229-4728, or email him at security@brookwoodhills.com.
- **BWH Security Hotline: (404) 325-5114**
There are two reasons to call the Hotline:
 1. You see Security Alert signs at the entrances to the neighborhood.
 - **Yellow** Security Alert signs indicate multiple petty crimes.
 - **Red** Security Alert signs indicate an armed crime or home invasion has occurred.

Are you hesitant to call 911?

Sgt. Barry Miller of our security patrol has said that one of his biggest challenges is to convince people to call 911, even though this is the appropriate response in many cases.

He addressed the hesitancy to call 911 when he spoke at the last BWH Annual Meeting: "Does anybody in this room feel they don't pay enough taxes to call on your police?"

Call 911 before the Security Patrol

Calling the Security Patrol before 911 could delay response as there might not be an officer on duty then.

Sgt. Miller and his patrol members carry radios that are tuned to the Atlanta Police Zone 2 radio frequency so they hear the 911 reports at the same time the Zone 2 patrol officers do.

Brookwood Hills Security, continued

By Gregory Fiore, BWH Security Chair

Our Security Patrol

Retired from the Atlanta Police Department after 30+ year career, Sgt. Barry Miller leads a group of retired and off-duty officers who patrol our neighborhood and others in the Buckhead area.

You may see the officers driving in the neighborhood on Atlanta Police motorcycles or in marked non-police vehicles. Sgt. Miller's patrol service has served and protected our neighborhood for over 30 years.

In our neighborhood, the security patrol is financed by the Brookwood Hills Community Club. A large percentage of the membership dues cover the associated costs.

Throughout the years, our neighborhood has seen a lessening of the more invasive crimes as well as petty crimes thanks to this patrol.

As a Brookwood Hills resident, it is important to join the community club to contribute to our security programs. You should also be aware of your surroundings and know the procedures to report an incident.

Contribute to the Security Patrol Year-End Bonus

We are still well short of our holiday security patrol bonus goals. You can contribute in one of two ways:

- 1) Sign in to the Brookwood Hills website at www.brookwoodhills.com. On the home page under Latest News, you will see "Support Our Security Officers with a Year-end Bonus."

Simply click the link to make a secure, online contribution using PayPal. (We have resolved earlier issues with the link.)

- 2) Or, if you prefer, drop a check off to Gregory Fiore at 111 Brighton Road. Please make checks payable to BWHCC.

Thank you in advance for your support!

If you have questions, please text or call Gregory Fiore at (657) 229-4728.

Crime Prevention Tips

The holidays are here, and unfortunately, it means an increase in crime. With the help of our security officers, I have put together some holiday security tips.

- **Solicitation**

BWH is a no solicitation neighborhood. City ordinance makes it illegal to solicit in our neighborhood. If someone knocks on your door unexpectedly, please do not open it. Let the solicitor know that it is illegal to solicit. Next, call 911. Then, you may call our security patrol and finally, notify the BWH Security Chair Gregory Fiore.

- **Gifts**

Leaving gifts out in the open, whether inside your car or visible through a home window, should be avoided. Also, be a good neighbor and be aware of neighbors' packages. Please move packages from the front of their homes to a secure location.

- **Boxes**

Please do not leave boxes or other packaging from expensive items on the curb. This advertises big ticket items and attracts crime. Boxes can be turned inside out or brought to the curb on the morning of trash pick-up.

- **Suspicious Activity**

Thank you to the neighbors who continue to report suspicious behavior. If you notice suspicious activity or feel unsafe at anytime, please call 911. Then, call the security patrol, and finally, report the incident to Gregory Fiore, BWH Security Chair. If it is safe to do so, take pictures with your cell phone or camera. These may be helpful to the security officers.

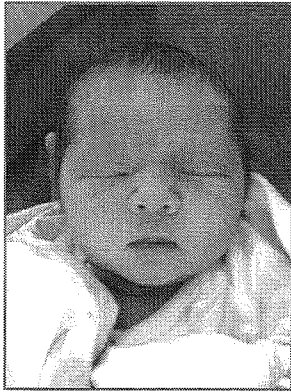
- **Lighting**

A well-lit house is less of a target than a dark one. Using LED bulbs reduces the cost of electricity, there is no reason to have a dark home. This goes for inside the home, where timers are effective, as well as outside the home.

- **Travel**

If you will be away, please call the BWH Security Hotline (404) 325-5114 to provide your address and travel dates. The security patrol will check on your home while you are away. Do not publicize on social media that you are traveling.

New Arrival in Brookwood Hills



Robin & Neale Fisher welcomed Janie Louise on December 1, 2013. Janie weighed in at 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19.5 inches long.

Janie joins her proud big sisters, Virginia (6) and Caroline (4), at the family's home on Woodcrest.

Babysitter Available Dec 20th to Jan 20th

Deane Pless, a freshman at Trinity College in Hartford, CT is available to babysit over the Christmas break. Deane is a camp counselor for Camp Merrie Woode in the summers and loves being with kids!

She is available from the 20th of December until the 20th of January. **To contact, please call Deane at 404-861-7493.**

Christmas Tree Pick-Up & Recycling

Contributed by Mike McCollum



Fourth Ward Alliance



Boy Scout Troop 298 will pick-up and recycle Christmas trees as a fundraiser and a service to the community.

\$10 donation—Please make your check out to Troup 298. Leave it in the mailbox at 240 Brighton, or when you email, you can arrange for a boy scout to pick up cash or a check from your home.

Tree Pick-up, Saturday, January 4, 2014



- Place your tree on the curbside, in front of your residence, by 9:00 am on January 4th.
- Please remove all decorations.

Trees are picked up curbside, in front of your residence, and brought to chipper locations for mulching.

This is the main fundraiser for the troop. 100% of the donations will fund local scouting programs.

To sign up or ask questions, please send an email to Will, Clarke or Sam McCollum:

mccollum.will@gmail.com, clarke.mccollum@gmail.com,
sam.mccollum2000@gmail.com

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