



# BrookNotes

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## Holiday Security Tips

*By Gregory Fiore, BWH Security Chair*

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 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.

## Scenes from the November 8th Tree Planting

*Contributed by Katy Fransen*

A group of volunteers from Trees Atlanta, E. Rivers Elementary School, and the Korean American Community Service Day planted twenty-three new trees in our neighborhood, including one in honor of Harry Gilham.

There were a few neighbors who pitched in to help Tree Chair Edward Katz and committee members Katrina Newton and Eve Goldstein.

Next year, we'd love to see more neighbors roll up their sleeves along with volunteers from outside the neighborhood to restore our beautiful tree canopy.



*E. Rivers Teacher, Students & Parents at Tree Planting*

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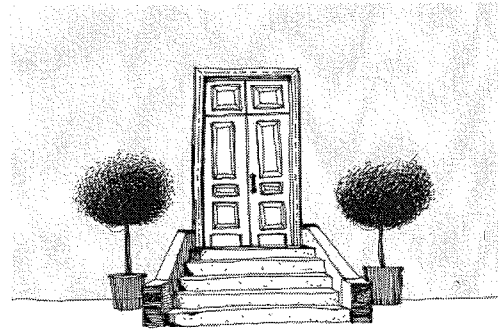
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### Contribute to BrookNotes

BrookNotes welcomes articles, artwork, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of BrookNotes is **Friday, January 16th**.

Submissions may be dropped off at **102 Wakefield Dr.** or e-mailed to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com).

## Mark Your Calendar!



### Brookwood Hills Tour of Homes

*Home Tour* Saturday, April 18th

*Patron Party* Thursday, April 16th

## Stump Stoppers

by Edward Katz, Tree Chair

Thank you to Renee and John Richardson on Montclair for using the Keep Atlanta Beautiful (KAB) program to grind a city tree stump near their home. Stump removal keeps our neighborhood beautiful and makes room for new trees.

The program enables Brookwood Hills residents to pay to have stumps ground via a tax-deductible contribution to non-profit Keep Atlanta Beautiful. **To request a stump grinding quote and the associated KAB paperwork**, contact Edward Katz, Tree Chair, at [edwkatz@gmail.com](mailto:edwkatz@gmail.com).

## Brookwood Hills Security

<b>Security Signs at the BWH Entrances?</b>	A security incident has occurred in the neighborhood. Call the BWH Security Info Hotline for details.
<b>BWH Security Information Hotline</b>	(404) 325-5114
<b>Neighborhood Patrol Cell Phone</b>	(404) 242-3321
<b>BWH Security Chair</b>	<a href="mailto:security@brookwoodhills.com">security@brookwoodhills.com</a> (657) 229-4728 (text or call)

## Brookwood Hills Security

*By Gregory Fiore, BWH Security Chair*

### About Our Security Patrol

Soon-to-be 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 APD motorcycles or in marked non-police vehicles. Sgt. Miller's patrol service has served and protected our neighborhood for over 30 years.

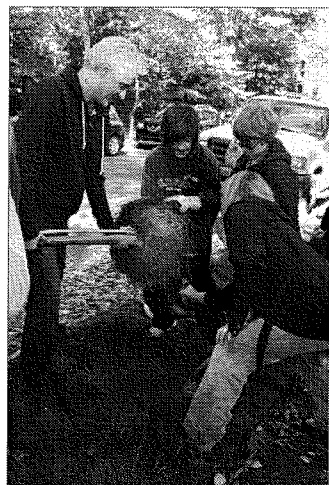
In our neighborhood, the security patrol is financed by the Brookwood Hills Community Club. A large percentage of the membership dues cover the associated costs.

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 be aware of your surroundings and know the procedures to report incidents.

### Scenes from Tree Planting

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*(Left) Jin, Elizabeth, Mike & James of the Korean American Community Service Day*

### Please Contribute to the Security Patrol Year-End Bonus

Annually, the neighborhood collects contributions for the holiday security patrol bonus. You can contribute in one of two ways:

- 1) Sign in to the Brookwood Hills website at [www.brookwoodhills.com](http://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.

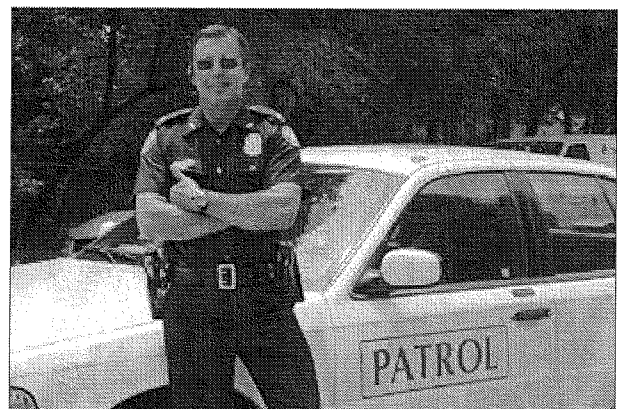
Thank you in advance for your support!

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

### Retirement Contribution for Barry Miller

This year, we are asking any neighbors to provide a second contribution to security officer Sgt. Barry Miller, who has served our neighborhood for over 32 years.

Barry will retire from the APD in February 2015, and Lt. Jeff Baxter will assume leadership of our off-duty patrol. Let's thank Barry for his commitment over many years to the safety of our families and neighborhood.



*APD Sgt. Barry Miller*

If interested, please include a separate check made out to BWHCC and write in the memo label Sgt. Barry Miller. Please drop off your check at 111 Brighton Road.

### Pet Sitter Referral

Scott Bass recommends pet sitter Lydia Kimball (404-490-5471 or [lydiakay@gmail.com](mailto:lydiakay@gmail.com)). Lydia has been our pet sitter for over 10 years, and I highly recommend her if you are in need. Over the years she has lovingly taken care of dogs, fish, hamsters, guinea pigs and a lizard.

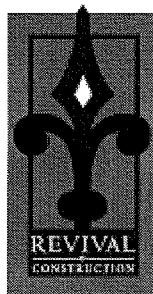
In addition to taking care of the pets, she looks after our home while we are away, brings in and sorts the mail and rolls out the trash cans on trash day. She also turns on and off various lights to make it appear that we are home. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Scott at 404-229-5768.

### After School Sitter

Angela Smock recommends First Presbyterian Preschool teacher Julia Harris. From Julia, "I am interested in finding a part-time nanny position. I am available Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.. I have 20 years of experience as a preschool teacher and great references! Give me a call if you are interested. Thanks! (404)719-7208

### Thank You to our 75th Anniversary Party Sponsors

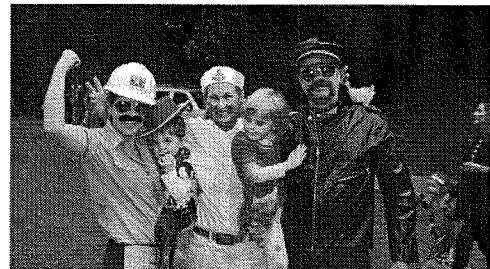
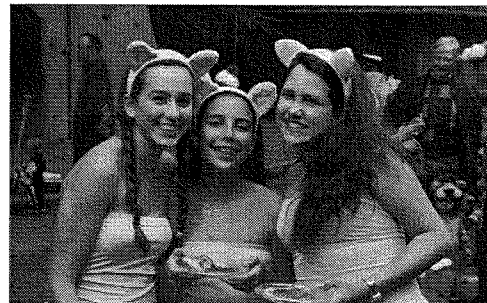
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