



BROOKNOTES

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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From the President

As the new year gets underway in our neighborhood, we are off to a great start. As you will read in this letter and other articles in this month's Brooknotes, many of our neighbors are hard at work on our behalf. You will find elsewhere in this edition of Brooknotes a list of our board members and their areas of responsibility.

If you are not already involved in some activity in the neighborhood, please let me encourage you to contact a board member to express your interest in becoming involved. Quality of life is important to us all, and so much of it has to do with the wonderful character of the neighborhood. By getting more involved, you will not only make a difference in our neighborhood, but also get to know your neighbors better.

Now for a few brief comments about current activities. Zoning continues to be an ongoing challenge facing Brookwood Hills. New board member Mac Irvin will be assuming overall responsibility in this area. Currently, the Community Club is appealing, along with many affected residents, the issuance of a permit by the city to subdivide certain property at Palisades and Parkdale Roads into two lots. A second issue relates to on-street parking problems caused by commercial establishments on Peachtree Road. Lastly, upcoming property reassessments will affect not only the neighborhood in general, but the Community Club in particular, because of the twenty-seven plus acres of land it owns.

Esther Stokes and David Forquer have been hard at work for our upcoming pool season. Their biggest assignment has been finding someone to fill the huge shoes of Anne Donaldson, who served our neighborhood so effectively for many years as pool manager. Esther and David are pleased to announce the hiring of Kathleen Rosskopf as pool manager. Previously, Kathleen was the swim team coach at Capital City Club.

Our government relations activities will be under the guidance of another new board member, Mike Egan. As we work to preserve the character of our neighborhood, we need to maintain communication with our city and county officials.

Our Spring membership renewal process will soon begin, under Kathy Bernhardt's direction. Please keep in mind the Community Club's need to operate at full membership. We have some vacancies we hope to fill, and are also most anxious to see everyone in the neighborhood become at least a "B" member. Dues for "A" members will be increased 3.4% to reflect the cost inflation has had on the club's operation. This dues increase is the first in three years and has been minimized as an incentive for all residents to participate as "A" members. The Board of Directors has also increased dues for "B" members by \$20 to \$160.

Let me extend a hearty welcome to Alison Caughman as editor of Brooknotes. One look at this issue and you can see that Brooknotes has a bright future under her leadership. In addition to Alison, other new board members need to be welcomed. These include Sarah Ellen Love, George Strobel, and Brooks Bollman. Finally, I want to say a special thanks to all of the other members of the board and the many other neighbors who give so generously of their time and energy to make Brookwood Hills the special place it is. I look forward to our year ahead.

Sincerely,

Lee Robinson

New Neighbors

Robbie and Lib Foster, with their cocker spaniel "O'Neil," have moved to 169 Huntington from Charleston, South Carolina. Robbie is with the law firm Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough, which recently opened an Atlanta office. Lib, who managed a theater in Charleston, is active in volunteer work at Piedmont Hospital.

Ann and Dave Sapp have moved to 15 Northwood. He is with Bank South and she is an attorney here in town.

Bob and Judy Simmerman have moved from Briarmoor Manor in Northeast Atlanta, in to their home at 52 Montclair Drive. Both are psychologists, with Bob specializing in adults and Judy with children and adolescents. They have twin daughters, Julie and Jill, who are sophomores at Wheaton College in Massachusetts, and Miami of Ohio.

Kay Whipple, a native Atlantan, has moved to 52 Brighton Road -- a familiar street for her, since her grandparents lived on the same street for many years. Kay owned the Portfolio Art Gallery for ten years, and is now a full time mom to ten year old Ansley and seven year old Ben. Both children attend Westminster.

Luranne and Rick Oser, along with son Jeff, welcomed the arrival of daughter Elle, born February 4th.

Kudos to Piedmont

The Brookwood Hills Rookie Cardinals baseball team thanks Piedmont Hospital for being its sponsor this year.

Trees Project

The Brookwood Hills Garden Club, in association with the Brookwood Hills Community Club, is about to embark on a tree replacement program in the neighborhood. Last Spring the Garden Club raised over \$6,300 to be used to buy and plant replacement water oaks throughout the neighborhood. In addition, the Community Club has provided \$2,500 to be used on this project.

The character of Brookwood Hills is greatly influenced by the presence of the magnificent water oaks which give us needed shade in the summer and significantly lower our power bills! Many of the existing trees are, however, at the end of their life span, having been planted about seventy-five years ago. Planting over forty-five new trees in the neighborhood this Spring will help us retain that special character of Brookwood Hills.

A committee headed by Sara Jean Burke, past Chair of the Trees Committee for the Community Club, and a member of the Garden Club, has identified certain spots which are in need of replacement trees. The committee also maintains the list of persons who have specifically requested trees. All those residents who will receive a tree will be notified, and given a stake to place in the spot where the tree is to be planted. The power company has been notified to mark the power lines. Anyone who has any questions about this should call Sara Jean Burke (at 355-6288) or Garden Club President, Cary Weems (at 355-4716).

Tax Alert

Don't get overcharged! The State and Fulton County have acknowledged that there were literally tens of thousands of errors made this year in the mailing of forms used for renewing auto license tags. Many automobile owners never received their renewal forms. Among those who did, many found that their cars were being assessed at values equal to or higher than they were a year ago. Be sure to compare last year's renewal form with the current one before you pay the tax. If the form says your car is worth more today than it was a year ago, you probably owe less than the bill states. Call 730-6160 to verify whether or not you were correctly billed. At least one Brookwood Hills neighbor saved over \$40 by comparing her bills!

Note: Because so many taxpayers have been trying to get through to the Tags & Title office, any Fulton County employee is supposed to be able to take your name and number, so that you can be called back by someone who can help you. If you can't get through to the above number, try calling another Fulton County office.

A Word of Caution

During his security report at the annual neighborhood meeting, Officer Barry Miller mentioned that there have been several incidents at the automated teller machine in the Peachtree Battle Shopping Center. In at least one case, a car was stolen when the owner left it running while using the machine. Even during daylight hours, extra caution is advised when using these cash devices.

Brookwood Boys

Brookwood Boys is a neighborhood organization made up of fathers and sons (age 6 through Third Grade) who live in Brookwood Hills. Like Brookwood Girls (see next article), its purpose is to organize fun activities to be enjoyed by the intrepid fathers and sons throughout the school year. Any eligible fathers and sons not already involved should contact John Horton at 351-6257.

On February 27th at 1:30 The Boys will meet in the park and drive to The Varsity for an Epicurean feast, followed by a trip to CNN for an exclusive tour of the news facilities. Contact Dave Hagaman (876-2606) for further information.

On March 20th The Boys will gather at the park at 5:00 p.m. for the Second Annual Brookwood Boys Camp-out In The Park. This too will be accompanied by a mind-boggling feast, this time fashioned by each father-son team (or the take-out restaurant of choice). The camp-out is hosted by George Olmstead and Hillyer Young, both of whom live close enough to the park for the Boys to move in for the night if necessary. In April the group anticipates attending a Braves game under the direction of Jeff Bramlett and Wes Johnston. In May there are plans for more baseball, organized by Sheldon Jeter and Murray Gilman, but this time up close at a Georgia Tech game. In June there will be a camp-out at the "estate" of Bill Fryer at Lake Burton.

Look for pictures from the February event soon in Brooknotes.

Brookwood Girls

Brookwood Girls is a neighborhood organization consisting of fathers and daughters (First through Fourth Grade) fortunate enough to live in Brookwood Hills. Its purpose is to organize monthly activities from September to June. All fathers and daughters are welcome, particularly new residents, as it is an excellent way for the girls to make new friends.

So far this season the girls and their fathers have had a great time visiting the Fernbank Museum of Natural History, bowling at Express Lanes, shopping at Lenox Square, and visiting Berry Patch Farm for a pumpkin carving. Their next adventure will be a trip to the Stone Mountain Ice Chalet, February 21st. Then on March 28th they will camp out at the Atlanta Zoo. For more information or to join in on the fun, call Chuck Slick at 872-9393 or 239-0040.

Plant Sale

It's time again for the BWH TWIGS Annual Bedding Plant Sale. TWIGS are local neighborhood groups whose mission is to support Egleston Children's Hospital of Emory University. Proceeds from the 1993 Spring bedding plant sale are earmarked for a high technology, intensive care "pod" to serve the needs of critically ill children. Your purchase of annuals and perennials through TWIGS can help make this goal possible. Prices are competitive with retail nurseries and part of your cost is tax-deductible. Micki Gambrell is coordinating the plant sale this year. An order form is inserted into this issue of Brooknotes. All orders should be in to Micki (22 Palisades) by March 1st, along with a check for your purchase amount. The week of April 12 - 16 Micki will notify you of an exact pick-up date in April. Thanks for your support of Egleston Children's Hospital!

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Pool News

A special thanks to Anne Donaldson, who retired as Pool Manager at the close of the 1992 season, after serving as Brookwood Hills Pool Manager from 1985 to 1992, having worked with hundreds of families and young employees. She has been manager, counselor, mother, consultant, neighbor, and friend to all of us, and we thank her for her years of leadership and for everything she has done for our Club and community. We also thank husband Sam, who came as a package deal of Donaldsons, helping out with everything from repairs to burger cooking. Thank you both! See you around the neighborhood!

Looking towards the summer, plans for the Brookwood Hills pool are taking shape. The pool committee is delighted to announce that Kathleen Rosskopf, former swim coach at the Capital City Club, will be joining us as the new Pool Manager. Kathleen brings a great deal of pool experience to our program, and we look forward to all of you having a chance to meet her. Also, the committee is very pleased that Topher McGibbon will be returning from Columbia University to be our swim coach. Additional staffing at the pool will be: an Assistant Manager, a Head Lifeguard, full-time lifeguards, part-time life guards, a Concession Stand Manager, concession stand workers, and two assistant swim coaches. In general, the pool will be hiring fewer people who will have an expanded list of job responsibilities, but will also earn higher wages. Any outstanding young people interested in applying for these jobs should contact Kathleen Rosskopf at 377-8746. Job interviews will be scheduled in March.

How to Get an Article in Brooknotes

As of this issue, the new Brooknotes editor is Alison Caughman. There are also two new neighborhood sponsors for our newsletter: Patti Junger (of Buckhead Brokers) and Sarah Hagood (of Specialty Homes Inc.) will underwrite the newsletter's costs on alternating months. You will see a different look evolving for Brooknotes over the coming year as we experiment with formats and styles and try to make it useful and interesting to readers. Let Alison know what you like (and don't like) about your community publication. Her phone number is 355-7662. Suggestions -- AND ARTICLES -- are welcome! She especially needs to know about new neighbors or babies, forwarding addresses of departing friends, etc.

Articles can only be accepted in writing, as there is too great a possibility for error when taking information over the phone. Besides the traditional information about the neighborhood, we are specifically looking for informative articles on topics of interest to homeowners. For example, next month Esther Stokes is going to share some of her landscaping expertise, with a piece all you gardeners out there will enjoy. Articles need only be legibly written, with the author's name and phone number (in case the editor has any questions). Brooknotes items should be dropped through the Caughman's mail slot at 200 Camden Road. Please put them in an envelope, as the family dog has been known to chew the mail on occasion! The deadline for the next issue will be March 10th.

Neighborhood Classifieds

Brooknotes can publicize the names and numbers of neighborhood kids interested in working for BWH residents as babysitters, carwashers, leaf rakers, etc. Send pertinent information (name, age, type of job sought, phone number, etc.) to Alison Caughman, 200 Camden Road.

A twenty-seven year old woman is looking for an apartment or guest house to rent, starting around May, in the Brookwood Hills area. BWH references available. Call 237-7446 or 876-8339.



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