

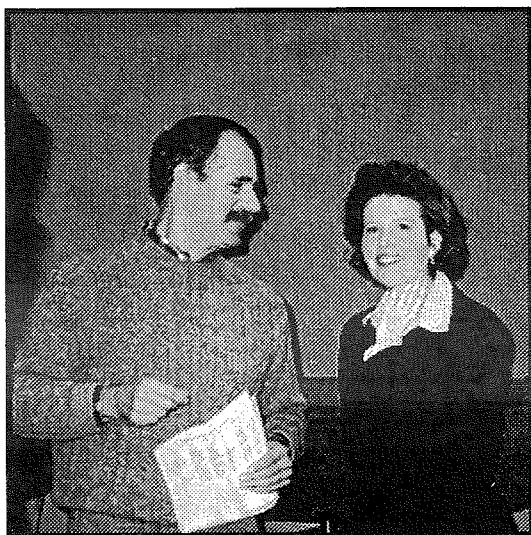


# BROOKNOTES

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

February 1998, Vo. XII No. 1

## BWH COMMUNITY CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING



*1998 BWH Community Club President Nick Sears begins his term by lauding outgoing President Betsy Crosby at the annual meeting.*

by Deirdre Stiles

The annual meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club was held on February 1, 1998 at the Rich Auditorium of Piedmont Hospital. Special guest Lee Morris, City Councilman for the 7th district, discussed the new City Council and the reduction of council seats from 18 to 15 this year. Lee also addressed the speed hump issue current facing the neighborhood. Lee is a proponent of speed humps because of their effectiveness in promoting safe speeds and in revitalizing neighborhoods that are suffering from high traffic flow. He pointed out that Atlanta is the third deadliest city in the nation with 55% of the children killed hit by cars on neighborhood streets.

Members were also introduced to Marcia Brinkley of the Mayor's office. Marcia has been instrumental in assisting neighbors to resolve city service issues and serving as a contact person for the Board. She encouraged neighbors who are experiencing city service difficulties to contact the

appropriate department. If the issue is not quickly or satisfactorily resolved, neighbors may contact Marcia at 404-330-6090 or Fax 404-658-6406.

As part of the business of the day, the Community Club members elected new officers and directors. A complete list of the 1998 BWH Community Club Officers and Directors is on page 7. Betsy Crosby thanked outgoing members Celeste Porter, our dedicated Tree Chairman; Laranne Oser who spent the last year in charge of Communication after two years on the Park committee; Rob Donovan who recently headed Government Relations; and Katie Bollman who did a great job overseeing the care and maintenance of our tennis courts.

There was good news from the membership committee. Diane Kellum reported an increase in membership from last year including a wait list of 25, should all current members renew. Likewise, the pool is great shape.

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Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is March 13, 1998. Submissions should be in writing and should be dropped off at Deirdre Stiles' house at 23 Northwood Ave or faxed to 404-815-0682.

### BWH Board - Quick Reference

President- Nick Sears 355-5104

Membership-Diane Kellum 876-8976  
Janet Frederick 897-1440

Parks - Harvey Ross 897-1077  
Frampton Simons 355-5005

Pool - Kathy McCune 872-1177  
Bill Long 352-3464

Security - Walter Bland 897-1384

# Letter to the Editor

Our Security Officer has repeatedly requested that people not park in the roadways of Brookwood Hills because it impedes his surveillance of possible unlawful intruders.

It is most unusual that so many cars are parked the the streets of Brookwood Hills. One does not see this in other comparable Buckhead neighborhoods such as Habersham, Tuxedo Road, Blackland, etc.

Recently, signs were posted warning of little children and limiting speed to 25 mph, but it would be much more important in protecting children, joggers, walkers, parents pushing infants in baby carriages, owners of leashed and unleashed pets -- all trying to squeeze through cars parked on both sides of the street, including curves. This notwithstanding, cars coming in both directions must compete for the narrow alley between the canyon of marked cars. It is difficult to understand why cars are parked in the road when driveways are immediately available.

Although the street parking is done in a number of streets in Brookwood, Brighton has the most. By my actual count (regardless of the hour or day of the week), there are between 20 to 40+ cars parked on both sides of the roadway.

I would like to suggest that we get up a single page flyer to be put under the windshield of wipers of parked cars every other day for a week or two requesting people not to park in the roadway. The flyer could simply recite the enhancement of security to assist our Security Officer and to avoid the hazard to children, joggers, parents strolling babies, the potential of children darting out behind parked cars, etc.

Needless to say, Brighton Road and our other streets are very aesthetic, but the mass of vehicles certainly is a major detraction.

I will be happy to contribute \$100.00 toward the expense of printing and distributing such notices. Perhaps others who read this note will also contribute such additional sums as may be necessary. Of course, a sign requesting "NO PARKING" would be ideal.

Yours for a safer and more beautiful neighborhood,  
Stanely P. Meyerson  
241 Camden Road, N.E.

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Kathy McCune outlined some additional improvements for this year and announced that Swim Atlanta, Inc. has been engaged for a one year contract to manage the pool for the Community Club. This decision was unanimously supported by the Board. It will not only provide the Pool Chairman with the support and continuity of experience that is critical to overseeing one of the neighborhood's greatest assets, but it will do so in a cost effective manner.

Betsy reported that Huntington Road and Brighton Road have met the City's criteria for speed humps. Other streets in the neighborhood have not yet been analyzed. Speed Humps require 75% approval of the homeowners of the street. Signatures are being collected on Brighton; 85% of the homeowners on Huntington have signed their approval.

Nick brought the meeting to a close by thanking Betsy for all her hard work and dedication over the past year. As a token of the Community Club's appreciation, he presented Betsy with a gift certificate for dinner at Palisades restaurant.

The next meeting of the **BWH Board of Directors** will be held on **Monday, March 9th at 7:15 p.m.** at the home of **Margy and Bob Pastor, 152 Brighton Rd.** If you plan to attend, please call the Pastors at **404-355-6329**

## BWH Honored on Arbor Day



*BWH representatives Elizabeth St. John, Betsy Crosby, JoAnn Hagaman and Celeste Porter accept the "We believe in Trees" Award at the Arbor Day ceremony.*

On Arbor Day, February 20th, 1998, Brookwood Hills received the "We Believe in Trees" Award from Park Pride Atlanta and its coalition of Arbor Day Partners. Alison Barnett, Executive Director of Park Pride Atlanta, made the following address while presenting the award: *This year the Arbor Day Partners has honored Brookwood Hills Neighborhood with the "We Believe in Trees" Award. The Arbor Day Partners is a coalition of 29 groups throughout the City who work together to educate Atlantans about the value of trees and to coordinate tree plantings, educational programming, and seedling giveaways during the week around Arbor Day. Each year, this group presents an award to an organization or individual who has made an outstanding contribution to Atlanta's Urban Landscape.*

*In 1998, the Partners honored Brookwood Hills. This award was presented jointly to the Brookwood Hills Community Club and the Brookwood Hills*

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## Dinner in the Park

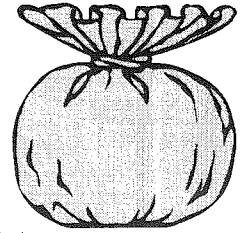
Join your neighbors for Dinner in the Park to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Brookwood Hills Garden Club. On Friday, April 24th at 6:30 p.m., the Garden Club will be hosting a neighborhood party in the Brookwood Hills Park with dinner, dancing, bluegrass music, games and door prizes. Look for your invitation during the third week of March. And, mark your calendars, line up the babysitter and dust off your dancing shoes.

# GARBAGE/TRASH PICK-UP - THE FACTS

By Susan Connell

Yard trimmings are picked up on the same day as your regular garbage pick-up but by a separate truck.

If skipped, call Yard Trimmings Diversion Program Hot Line: 404-344-0411. If this does not produce results, call the Public Works Department: 404-330-6236. If you still cannot get any satisfaction after repeated attempts, we have a last line of defense -- Marcia Brinkley in the Mayor's Office. She has been very helpful to the neighborhood : 404-330-6090. Please use this number judiciously.



Use paper bags or reusable 30-35 gallon plastic garbage cans clearly labeled "YARD TRASH" for grass, straw, and leaves. Shrubs and limbs should be smaller than 4" and neatly stacked by the curb.

An ordinary amount of yard trash is 2-5 bags. Amounts larger than 5 bags may require special pick-up by the City. Arrange by calling the Public Works Department 404-330-6236.

Garbage such as furniture, old appliances, mattress, etc. requires a call for pick-up at 404-659-6757, selection #2.

The City composts yard trimmings, bags and all. To obtain free compost from the City call John Culbreth, Coordinator for City NPU, 404-330-6786.

Be a good neighbor and keep your trash/garbage/recycling off the street until pick-up day!

On another topic -- Water Quality Inquiries 404-609-8004

## Brookwood Boys Visit Coke

On Sunday, February 22 the Brookwood Boys Club spent a fascinating afternoon touring the World of Coke. The self guided tour of this unique Atlanta attraction included a taste of the different products that Coke sells around the world. Some of the more exotic flavors included honey-lemon, pineapple, and watermelon. The boys also got a chance to spend some money at the gift shop.

The next outing will be on Sunday, March 15th at Stone Mountain. If you plan to attend please call Steve Redd 404-262-9107.

## Brookwood Girls at Fernnbank



*Julia Davis, Susanna Bramlett, Caroline Naecl, Emily Clark and Devon Simons*

Brookwood Girls enjoyed an afternoon at Fernbank Museum learning about the fun side of science. This was followed by pizza at Everybody's. It just doesn't get any better than this.

Sunday March 8th is our bowling party. We will meet at 2:00 p.m. at the BWH park. Any girls 1st-5th grades and their dads are welcome to join us. For more information please call Lon Simons at 404-892-0802.

# Brown Water?

by Bert and Diane Light

Brown Water? We've been there and done that. My wife, Diane, and I, Bert, live on Wakefield in the house Lilla Costello remodeled. Shortly after moving in we began experiencing brown and rusty water coming through all the brand new faucets. And then the struggle began with the City of Atlanta.

The water department finally came out to take water samples from our house and from the street. They determined the water was above EPA standards, but the problem was within our own home and was not originating from the city's water line. We knew the house had been totally renovated with new copper pipes, which had been confirmed by the house inspector. The water department told us there were no other complaints so the problem had to be within our own house. We hired a plumber to replace the water line from our house to the sidewalk (we could not go under the sidewalk because the city told us that belonged to them). We still experienced brown and rusty water. Another sample was taken by the water department which revealed high iron content, but again we were told the problem was originating within the house. We hired another plumber to re-inspect our house. He confirmed that we had all new pipes.

The only place we had not replaced was under the sidewalk, which belonged to the city. The water department told us that the pipe was a new copper pipe. However, they did comply with our request to dig up the sidewalk and allow us to inspect for ourselves.

We were very frustrated. We sent a sample of the water to an independent lab. The lab came back with a result of .96 iron content. The water department told us that any levels of iron above .3 were unacceptable.

We paid to have a filtering system installed as water comes into the house. The manufacturer recommends changing the filter every 3 months. We were changing the filter once every week to two weeks.

Since we were not getting the water department to respond, we hired an attorney. He wrote to Remedios Delrosario, the head of the City Water Department. No reply.

We then asked Lee Morris for his help. With his influence, we began to see immediate action. The city admitted to knowing all along that the problem belonged to them and was not ours. They also said neighbors were being affected as well. The city was to begin flushing the lines on a regular basis (we had to call many times to remind them to do so). They also agreed to reline the pipes, which eventually got done for our part of the neighborhood.

We filed a claim for all our expenses. Eleven months after filing and many letters and phone calls we finally got a reimbursement check.

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*Brookwood Hills Garden Club. These groups banded together with a common goal of protecting the wonderful mature trees that make their intown neighborhood such a special place. The members of these groups are private citizens who have volunteered their time in the effort to protect some of our City's most valuable resources. The Brookwood Hills neighbors recognize the value of large trees that grace their neighborhood and have put many hours into protecting them. They have demanded that utilities and City departments care properly for their trees when working in the neighborhood. They have worked tirelessly to see that trees are replanted when they are lost. And, most recently, the neighbors have committed to work towards strengthening the City of Atlanta's tree ordinance. For their commitment and dedication to Atlanta's trees, the Arbor Day Partners are honored to present the 1998 We Believe in Trees Award to the Brookwood Hills Neighborhood.*

Arbor Day Partners have been on a search for the largest example of each species of tree native to Georgia. Last year, Brookwood Hills neighbors Alex and Cathy Miller won for their 100 foot Pecan tree in their backyard.

Winners of the search are announced every year on Arbor Day, which falls in late February. If you would like to nominate a tree in your yard, please contact Park Pride Atlanta at 404-817-6760. They will accept submissions anytime throughout the year until the first week of February 1999. So far no one has submitted a Water Oak.

# from the editor

This seems to be the month for letters both to and from the editor. I think it is great that neighbors in Brookwood Hills take an interest in communicating with each other. Whether it is helpful hints about trash or water issues, safety concerns or a Word of Mouth reference, the fact that we care enough to let our neighbors know what we've learned or how we feel is part of what makes this neighborhood a community.

Brooknotes is the vehicle for that communication. Although I put it together each month, this newsletter is only as interesting and informative as the input I receive from you - the community. As I start my second year as editor, I would like to repeat the request I made a year ago - be a resource for Brooknotes. Whether you have a story idea that you think might be of interest or you just met a new neighbor that hasn't been mentioned in Brookwood Buzz yet, take a minute and jot me a note. You can drop it in my box at 23 Northwood, fax it to me at 404-815-0682 or email me at Deirdre63@aol.com. I do ask that you put it in writing. If you call me and tell me about a classified ad or a new neighbor, it is questionable whether you will see it in print. My memory and attention span are spotty at best and there is almost always sufficient background noise in my home to render any attempt at transcribing information over the phone a virtual impossibility.

I have lots of great story ideas too, but not enough people to put them all on paper. I know we have lots of talented people in this neighborhood and if writing is your medium, we have a place for you here!

I want to thank those people who have helped with Brooknotes over the last year especially Betsy Crosby for her tireless proof-reading and contributions, Libby Simons for tracking down the Buzz, Laranne Oser for seeing to it that what I dropped off at the printer got to your door and finally to Sarah Hagood and Patti Junger for generously underwriting all our efforts.

I am including the 1998 Brooknotes deadlines to help facilitate getting material in each month. The deadline is always a Friday. Remember that there is a combined July/August issue which comes out in the first week of August. As always, I welcome your questions and comments about Brooknotes.

Deirdre Stiles

## 1998 Brooknotes Deadlines

<b>March 13th</b>	<b>September 11th</b>
<b>April 17th</b>	<b>October 9th</b>
<b>May 15th</b>	<b>November 13th</b>
<b>June 12th</b>	<b>December 11th</b>
<b>July 31st</b>	



## ENVIRONMENT ALERT

Please don't put those styrofoam "peanuts" used in shipping fragile items in the trash. Mail Boxes Etc. will gladly take and re-use them. The closest one is 2221 Peachtree Rd. There is another one between Linen's 'N Things and Publix at 2870 Peachtree.

# 1998 BWH COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD

## Officers Address Phone/Fax

<b>President</b> - Nick Sears	55 Montclair	404-355-5104
<b>Vice President</b> - Ann Sapp	15 Northwood	404-892-5705
<b>Secretary</b> - Margy Pastor	152 Brighton	404-355-6329
<b>Treasurer</b> - Pamela Watson	163 Huntington	404-876-6918

## Directors

<b>Brooknotes</b> - Deirdre Stiles	23 Northwood	404-249-9544 / 404-815-0682
<b>Gov't Relations</b> - Larry Pless	25 Palisades	404-892-6024
<b>Membership</b> -Diane Kellum	40 Woodcrest	404-876-8976
Janet Frederick	128 Huntington	404-897-1440
<b>Park</b> - Harvey Ross	16 Woodcrest	404-897-1077
Frampton Simons	230 Brighton	404-355-5005
<b>Pool</b> - Kathy McCune	44 Huntington	404-872-1177
Bill Long	30 Montclair	404-352-3464
<b>Tennis</b> - Diane Light	68 Wakefield	404-876-3797
<b>Trees</b> - Susan Connell	385 Camden	404-351-1633
<b>Security</b> - Walter Bland	57 Northwood	404-897-1384
<b>Communication</b> - Katrina Newton	49 Brighton	404-355-6574
<b>Zoning</b> - Ann Sapp	15 Northwood	404-892-5705
Brad Mullinax	116 Huntington	404-724-9545
<b>NPU</b> - Harry Gilham	106 Camden	404-355-0245

## BROOKWOOD BUZZ

Mary Stuart, Walter and Jay Bland welcomed **Carolyn Dalton** into their family on Tuesday, January 27th. Carolyn weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and is named for her maternal grandmother. Mary Stuart was out and about in no time and even hosted a meeting at her home two weeks to the day after Carolyn's arrival.

New neighbors **Taylor and Avery Williams** recently moved into 185 Huntington Road. Taylor hails from Virginia where she attended Washington & Lee University. She is a commercial real estate mortgage broker with Wilson & Nolan, Inc. Avery is from Florida and graduated from the University of Georgia. He is a pharmaceutical sales rep. with Eli Lilly.

Eyewitness Account: Seen on Brighton Road - an amazed and grateful **Karen Klare** thanking good neighbor **Marcia Abernathy**, who was cleaning up after her dog used the Klare yard as a potty. Thank you from all your neighbors, Marcia.

## Security Alert Signs

When you see the **Security Alert** signs posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the **Brookwood Hills Security Hotline 325-5114** for details concerning a recent security incident. These signs are the signal that an incident has occurred in the neighborhood and the information has been recorded on the hotline.

## WORD OF MOUTH

Dennis & I hosted the law firm holiday party. **Charles Siskins Catering Company** catered the evening. We were very pleased. Charles Siskins 404-350-0633, 2072 Defoors Ferry Rd., Atlanta 30318. For references call **Bibbie Withers 404-351-7881**.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Rescued.** Two adorable young dogs! need a loving home with a fenced yard. Black cocker, less than 1 year and black lab approximately 2 years. Vet checked and OK. Currently being boarded at Buckhead Animal Clinic. Please take a look or call Sarah at 404-231-5678.

**For sale.** Crib & changing table. Both in good condition. Crib needs new mattress. \$100 for the crib, \$20 for the changing table. Call Deirdre Stiles 404-249-9544.

**For Sale.** Antique golden oak armoire \$275. Call Donna or Jeff Mintz. 404-352-0198.

**Desiring to find an apartment** to rent during April and May 1998. Please call Cathy Lindenberg if available 404-351-0541.

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231-5678



**BROOKWOOD HILLS COMMUNITY CLUB**

**AGENDA**

**Annual Meeting - February 1, 1998**

- I. Call to order
- II. Opening Comments
- III. Update from City Councilman Lee Morris
- IV. Introduction of 1997 Board Of Directors

Outgoing: Betsy Crosby, Celeste Porter, Laranne Oser, Rob Donovan,  
Katie Bollman

- V.. Election of New Officers and Directors

*Marcia Brinkley*

*330 6090*

Officers:	Nick Sears	President
	Ann Sapp	Vice President/ President Elect
	Margy Pastor	Secretary
	Pamela Watson	Treasurer

New Directors:

Susan Connell	Trees Chairman
Katrina Newton	Communications
Larry Pless	Government Relations
Diane Light	Tennis

- VI. Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report	Brad Mullinax
Membership	Diane Kellum
Zoning	Nick Sears
Pool	Kathy McCune
Trees	Celeste Porter
Security	Walter Bland
	Officer Barry Miller
Speed Humps	Betsy Crosby
Peachtree Creek	
Sewer Relief Project	Ann Sapp

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- VII. Review of 1997 - Betsy Crosby
- VIII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment - Nick Sears

Security 325-5114

Mania Brinley 330-6040

### 1998 BWH Community Club Board Nominations

Position	Name	Street	Term Starts	Term Ends
President	Nick Sears	Montclair	1996	Jan. 1999
Vice President	Ann Sapp	Northwood	1997	Jan. 2000
Secretary	Margy Pastor	Brighton	1997	Jan. 2000
Treasurer	Pamela Watson	Huntington	1998	Jan. 2001
Brooknotes	Deirdre Stiles	Northwood	1997	Jan. 2000
Govt. Relations	Larry Pless	Palisades	1998	Jan. 2001
Membership	Diane Kellum	Woodcrest	1997	Jan. 2000
	Janet Frederick	Huntington	1997	Jan. 2000
Parks	Harvey Ross	Woodcrest	1996	Jan. 1999
	Frampton	Brighton	1997	Jan. 2000
	Simons			
Pool	Kathy McCune	Huntington	1996	Jan. 1999
	Bill Long	Montclair	1997	Jan. 2000
Tennis	Diane Light	Wakefield	1998	Jan. 2001
Trees	Susan Connell	Camden	1998	Jan. 2001
Security	Walter Bland	Northwood	1997	Jan. 2000
Communication	Katrina Newton	Brighton	1998	Jan. 2001
Zoning	Ann Sapp	Northwood	1997	Jan. 2000
	Brad Mullinax	Huntington	1996	Jan. 1999
NPU	Harry Gilham	Camden	1997	Jan. 2000