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BWH Annual Board Meeting and Elections

The Brookwood Hills Community Club annual meeting was held on Sunday, January 27th at 7:00 PM at the Rich Auditorium. The meeting was kicked off by Pamela Watson, who after serving on the board for four years most recently as president, handed the gavel over to incoming president, Everett Puri.

At the meeting, Pamela covered many of the initiatives that were started in 2001 and recognized existing board members and neighbors who worked hard behind the scenes to make it a great year. A key 2001 goal of Pamela's was to improve communication, to do this she started a past presidents network to share ideas and advice, she also focused on use of the neighborhood email list and web site. In addition, Pamela worked hard to involve the "C" members of the club by holding the first yearly meeting for them prior to Sunday's annual meeting and including a C member representative on the playground committee.

Park Chairman Clark Landers reported on the purchase of new playground equipment. The Club has received between \$30,000 and \$50,000 in voluntary contributions toward the capital improvements. The Garden Club has pledged an additional \$30,000. Clark said that the park needs a sponsor for a new water fountain.

Dan Bromstad reviewed the progress of the Peachtree Creek Sewer Interceptor Project. Heavy construction is finished. The city is working on earth stabilization and grass replanting and has given the BWH Community Club an allowance. Dan reported that BWH is now working with a consultant to develop a replanting plan.

Club members had the opportunity to hear some comments from Cathy Woolard, president of the Atlanta City Council, and Howard Shook, city councilman representing Brookwood Hills. While both acknowledged the upcoming challenges with the city's budget issues, they are excited about the possibilities ahead for the city and the work that Shirley Franklin is already doing.

The meeting proceeded with the unanimous election of the 2002 board members as well as reports from various committees. One of the highlights of the evening was Barry Miller's report for the Security committee. It is amazing how he manages to make neighborhood security so entertaining. The meeting closed with a few words from Everett Puri who is looking forward making this year a great one for Brookwood Hills.



New President Everett Puri hands outgoing President Pamela Watson a St. Joe brick.



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Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is March 6. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@yahoo.com or dropped off at 110 Huntington Rd.

BWH Board – Quick Reference

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- Membership** – Belinda Donovan 404-817-7551
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Amy Mattingly 404-352-3571
- Trees** – Nancy Field 404-352-0877

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 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.

President's Corner

At our Annual Meeting Cathy Woolard and Howard Shook gave short talks about the state of perpetual crisis in city government, and my thought was that BWH has been very fortunate to have thrived in an environment of tremendous overall stress.

Our vitality as a neighborhood is certainly a product of a great deal of enthusiastic and energetic work by volunteers over a number of years. Efforts to promote the quality of life for families is now manifested in the work that we are doing on our parks, trees, pool, and public spaces. Our efforts as a neighborhood are to recognize the beauty of our unique assets, and to attempt to contribute as much as possible to their health and longevity.

I have always loved the description of living in Brookwood Hills in the summertime, under the canopy of trees, and feeling about 10 degrees cooler just driving in. We are as much as any neighborhood in Atlanta an oasis of urban living, just when the model of suburbanism is questioned in favor of new urbanism. Our eighty year old sidewalks, greenspaces, proximity, and neighborliness are now the New New Thing. Quite remarkable indeed, and just what we have always secretly known!

Our foremost priority through the springtime is to complete our construction and renovation projects. As of this date we are on schedule, thanks to Carolynn Cooper, and many others. We are holding weekly meetings with our contractors, and discussions at our regularly scheduled board meetings. All ideas, suggestions or observations are welcome. My email is epuri@citycap.com, and my telephone number is 404-355-9101, and I would of course be happy to hear from you at any time.

—Everett Puri

Next month's Brooknotes deadline is March 6.

E-mail to brooknotes@yahoo.com or drop off articles at 110 Huntington Road.

Meet The President — Everett Puri

Our new BWH Community Club president, Everett Puri and his wife Lombard have lived in Brookwood Hills for seven years. They started out on Huntington and later moved to Brighton Road. They have two boys, Thomas (age 6 1/2) and Allan (age 4).

Everett is a native of Tallahassee. He graduated from the University of the South with a degree in history. Currently he is managing director for City Capital, a Midtown-based investment management firm.

Everett loves spending time outdoors—hiking, camping, and golfing. Lombard likes to play bridge, cook, and garden. Thomas and Allan can be seen tooling around on their bikes.

Priority number one during his term, Everett says, is to finish the pool and park remodeling in good shape. “Also, I’d like to reach out to our neighboring communities—Ansley Park, Piedmont Hospital, Ardmore-28—to build more of a coalition to be able to address issues related to the development in our area.”

Outgoing President’s Farewell Notes

by: Pamela Watson

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of the board members that I served with this past year. Everyone worked incredibly hard and gave unselfishly of their time. I would like to give special thanks and recognition to those members who have completed their three years on the board and are passing the baton to new recruits.

Diane John, Social Chair, was perfectly suited for this job. She planned all the neighborhood events with such precision and detail and managed to have a good time at them as well. She was able to persuade and recruit large groups of neighbors to assist with each of the activities. In particular, the pool side cocktail party was one of the highlights of last year and well attended.

Leigh Furrh, Zoning Chair, had the daunting task of addressing zoning and variance requests of our neighbors prior to our Official Board meetings. It was not an easy job, especially at times when controversies arose, but he always met the task with great knowledge and a positive attitude.

Jean O’Halloran, Membership Co-Chair, probably had the most thankless job of the year—collection of a special assessment. Anyone who knows Jean is aware of her charm, grace, and exceedingly polite demeanor. All these assets came in handy when facing the challenge of dealing with membership renewal in an assessment year. She went above the call of duty to ensure that we have a full membership roster.

Carolynn Cooper, Implementation Chair, has been most impressive in her commitment to the capital improvement project. She had already performed diligently in her duties as Government Relations Co-Chair for 2 years and was gracious to take on the task of project implementation. Carolynn has had to work daily on the new construction project since breaking ground and her role will not be complete until May. We are indebted to her for the commitment of her time and skills to seeing that the project is completed as planned.

A final thanks to all the neighbors who gave me a “pat on the back” and a “good job” comment throughout the year. It was a pleasure to serve you all.

Garden Club wants Corporate Sponsors for Acorn Auction.

Brookwood Hills Garden Club is holding a neighborhood auction on April 20, 2002. Please consider a donation as the Garden Club wants this to be the best ever. In exchange for your contribution, the Garden Club will reference your company in the program for the event, on a display the evening of the event, and will be listed in Brooknotes as a sponsor of the event.

The sponsorship levels are:

Platinum – \$2000, Gold – \$1000, Silver - \$750, Pewter - \$500, and

Bronze - \$250. Please make check payable to Brookwood Hills Garden Club and drop by or mail to Sarah Hagood – member of the Fundraising Committee for corporate and business donations.

Sarah Hagood

201 Huntington Road

BWH BOOK CLUB'S NEXT SELECTION:

***Lying Awake* by Mark Salzman**

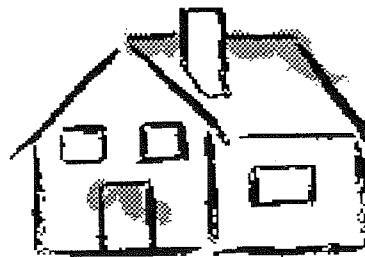
The Brookwood Hills Book Club will meet on February 28 to discuss *Lying Awake* by Mark Salzman. This is a novel about a middle-aged nun who begins to have mystical visions which may be triggered by the onset of epilepsy.

The club will have a guest speaker, neighbor and neurologist Ellis Hedaya. Come with questions.

Upcoming selections will be *Personal History* by Katherine Graham (April 11) and *The Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen (May 23).

For more information or to join the group please contact Carolynn Cooper 404-724-0555.

Do you have a new neighbor?



Please call the BWH Newcomer's Committee with your neighbor's name and address and we will provide them with a welcome gift and packet of information about the neighborhood. Please contact Erica Speed (404) 815-1618 or Amy Mattingly (404) 352-3571.

Join the E-hotline on Security

For the latest updates on security alerts, join the club's e-mail list. Contact Karen Mullinax, Neighborhood Relations and Webmaster at mullinaxk@mindspring.com or 404-724-9549.

News from E. Rivers Elementary

Dive into reading at our Scholastic Book Fair! The Book Fair will be held the week of February 18 – 22 and will feature high quality books for all ages. Family Night will be on Thursday, February 21 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Neighbors and friends are invited to attend on Thursday evening, as well as on Friday, February 22 from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there! Please contact Lauren Monroe at 404-603-9517 for more information.

Our annual International Night was held on January 31 and was a huge success! Students had a great time touring each continent's display and getting their passports stamped at each area. Dancers, singers, artisans and student-made displays made the world come alive for the students. The food tasting rounded out the evening and provided yet another way for the children to experience different cultures. International Night is one our most popular events, and is a wonderful way to celebrate our rich cultural uniqueness.

We at E. Rivers feel that it is important to teach our children the necessity of giving to others less fortunate. Each February, we sponsor a Red Cross Drive to give students the opportunity to donate money to help families in need. We are always surprised and pleased at the generosity of our children. If you would like to contribute, please stop by the school office during the month of February.

Spring is on its way! Please feel free to use "The Field of Dreams" playground and track on the weekends and after school. We welcome all neighbors and friends. While many of us are dog lovers, we need to ask that you leave dogs at home and not bring them to play on the field. Thank you for your understanding, and we hope to see you at the field!

The next school tour will be held on Wednesday, February 27 at 9:30 am. For more information about E. Rivers, or to be included in the next tour, please call or email Liz Jacobs. (404-350-9000 or lizyj@bigfoot.com) Our school website is also helpful in answering questions: www.erivers-elem.org.

Save the Date!

**BWH Garden Club
Acorn Auction
Saturday, April 20, 2002**

Please call Karla Morris,
404-355-0043 if you have
items to donate.

**Pool Jobs
Available**



Pin down a fun summer job in the sun at the BWHCC Pool. Lifeguard and concession stand openings. Also we're looking for a pool manager. Contact Mary Kay Laboa at Swim Atlanta 770-992-7665, ext. 103.

Square Feet Turns Plan into Actual Buildings

Since starting work last July, Square Feet Studio has completed all conceptual drawings for the park and pool remodeling. Now their work is taking shape with bricks and mortar each clear day of winter.

In January 2001, John and Vivian Bencich founded Square Feet Studio, Inc. Their mission is to provide high quality architectural design with a particular interest in addressing the larger physical, social and historical issues of the city in which we live. They do this through detailed discussions with clients about their projects and the challenges of building in the urban environment. Their hope is to open a dialogue, revealing strategies that may not be readily apparent at the outset, and to invest every square foot of a project with the same critical thought, energy and consideration.

Combined experience is their greatest asset. John is a registered architect with 12 years of experience working with the unique requirements of existing buildings. His experience varies from managing the rehabilitation of state-owned buildings on Jekyll Island to the adaptive reuse of old industrial structures in the King Plow Historic District. He has the expertise to address the unique needs of specific users while remaining sensitive to the special qualities inherent in their buildings. John has also been involved in several award-winning projects and has been a guest critic in architectural studios at Georgia Tech and Southern Tech.

Vivian has eight years of experience with commercial and residential architecture and interior design. Her dual background of architecture and interiors stems from her desire to design spaces that not only work, but also resonate for the user. Vivian has a background in art history, supporting her strong interest in the relationship of interior design to the larger context of the building, its history, landscape and urban environment.

John and Vivian are delighted to participate in the renovation of the Brookwood Hills Community Club and believe it is truly a project in which all can take great pride.



Sponsor A Park Bench

Here's your chance to make your mark in the new park. Sponsors are needed for park benches and picnic tables. Imagine some little goblin munching on his Halloween pizza on the (YOUR NAME HERE) park bench! The cost for benches is estimated at \$1000 and tables are approximately \$900.

Where's My Pet?

Numerous cats have been roaming the neighborhood with no ID's. It is difficult to determine if these are strays or pets without proper ID's. Several cats have been caught, spayed and neutered recently, with the assumption they were Ferrell Kittens. It is difficult to keep ID's on cats, but please make every effort. Please be responsible for your pets and have them spayed and neutered so we don't have a problem in our neighborhood. Be aware that if Fulton County Animal Control picks up a pet their policy is to put them down if not claimed within three days.

CLASSIFIEDS

College student seeking summer housesitting jobs. Reliable and experienced college student available to take care of your pets, your home and your plants while you are away. Non-smoker. Will handle short or long term assignments. Neighborhood references available. Please contact Alissa Muldoon at AEM52883@aol.com.

Young woman looking for garage apartment or other lodging in the neighborhood to rent or in exchange for PT babysitting/housekeeping or a combination. Many local references. Call Grace Fripp, 404-237-3972.

HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED for half or full day each week to help maintain child/pet-free home on Huntington Road. Looking for someone fluent in English and not a "cleaning service." If you have a recommendation, please call Ann Dibble 404-724-0393 or 404 894-4679.

Seaside Cottage for Rent -- Charming cottage at Seaside, FL. Below market rent. Sleeps 6 to 8. Available May 31-June 7 and June 14-21. Call Esther or Jim Stokes at 404-876-1809 for reservations and other details.

Babysitter /Nanny Available: Young woman with nanny experience is going back to graduate school and looking for 28-30 hours per week as a babysitter. She would be happy to share hours between two families. Families must be flexible with her school schedule which changes each semester. Call Belinda Donovan at 404-817-7551 for reference.

2 adorable kittens looking for a loving home. Healthy, recently spade/neutered approx. 7 months. Call Sarah at 404-881-0808.

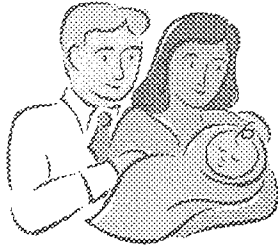
Dog found on Huntington Road Sunday Feb. 3rd. Male golden mix w/ red collar approx. 2 years old. not neutered, sweet disposition call Sarah for information at 404-881-0808.

Recommendations

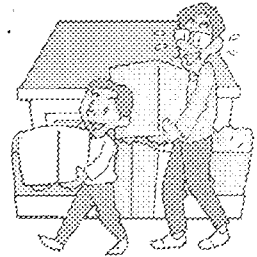
I'd like to recommend a mover, Fred Mauldin (770) 949-4806...he's helped lots of others in the neighborhood and everyone has been pleased. Ann Dibble.

Gunn Landscape (770-384-0098): We enjoyed working with Roby Gunn and his crew during our major landscaping project (both front and back yards). The crews were courteous, hardworking and neat. Belinda and Rob Donovan, 80 Huntington Road.

Shuford Landscape Construction, Co. (770-318-0075/ Billy Shuford) This outfit rebuilt our deck last summer. They did a wonderful job in a short timeframe. Belinda and Rob Donovan, 80 Huntington Road



New Faces By Sarah and Patti



Sallie and Lou Topfl of 39 Northwood welcomed Anna Elizabeth on January 16, 2002. Anna weighed in at 6 lbs. 6 oz. She is named after two grandmothers.

Kem and David Lee of 83 Huntington announced the January 28, 2002 birth of their son Graham McIntosh. Graham had his first playdate in the Piedmont Hospital nursery with the Bernot babies where he and baby Peter discussed sister management strategies.

Kelly and Mike Bernot of 71 Huntington doubled their fun January 30, 2002 with the births of Michael Peter Jr. "Peter" (7lbs., 3 oz.) and Virginia Bartan (7 lbs. 1 oz.). Sisters Charlotte and Annie are smothering them to death!! However, they can't seem to call them anything except "boy baby" and "girl baby"!!!

CALENDAR

Tuesday February 19. Friends Meeting. Denise Wilbert's house, 31 Northwoods Avenue.

Thursday February 28. BWH Book Club. *Lying Awake* by Mark Salzman. At the home of Margaret Shirley, 78 Wakefield. Anyone interested in joining the group or getting on the e-mail list should call Carolynn Cooper, 404-351-0555.

Monday March 4. BWH Board at the home of Karen and Brad Mullinax. All members are welcome to attend. Please call the Mullinaxs at 404-724-9545 if you plan to attend.

Tuesday March 19. Friends Meeting. Location TBA.

Saturday April 20. BWH Garden Club's Acorn Auction.

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