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## City Council Rejects Allied Readymix's Rezoning Application

Last October, RMC Allied Readymix applied to the City to rezone an area in Armour Circle from light to heavy industrial so that Allied could place a concrete batch plant there. On Monday, February 17, the City Council, following the recommendation of its Zoning Committee, denied Allied's application. The City Council recognized that Armour Circle is evolving into a "Miami Circle style" area, and that introducing heavy industrial activity into the area would endanger that trend. Indeed, the vast majority of Armour Circle business owners had joined BWH and Piedmont Heights in opposing Allied's application.

Many BWH residents helped fight Allied's application: Betty Black, Susan and Doug Connell, Nancy Field, Cookie Frank, David Lee, Lauren Monroe, Jill Perkey, Jim Stokes, Brian Vroom, and Kathy Zickert all dedicated time and resources to opposing Allied. In addition, a substantial number of BWH residents took time to attend the City's numerous hearings on the matter, and still others wrote and e-mailed the City Council. All of your efforts made a difference, and the neighborhood thanks you.

The neighborhood is also indebted to the City Attorney, David Blum, and City Planner, John Bell, who took the time to meet with us, as well as to the City Council Zoning Committee members who voted against Allied's applications: Howard Shook, Mary Norwood, Ivory Lee Young,

Jr., Derrick Boazman, Felicia Moore, and Natalyn Archibong.

Many of those council members visited Armour Circle personally, to better understand the case. Howard Shook, our district representative, and Mary Norwood, at-large, were especially staunch allies, and we are in their debt.

Lastly, I would like to thank our attorney, David Cooper, who steadfastly represented BWH, and our experts, Ken Cunefare of Arpeggio Acoustics, who showed that the batch plant would violate the City's noise ordinance, Arboguard Tree Service, who showed that the plant would endanger the Clear Creek trees, and Claude Terry of CTA Environmental, who showed that the plant would endanger a 3 ½ acre wetlands that is on our property.

Finally, I would like to especially recognize Dan Bromstad. As the Board's Government Relations Chair, he coordinated our efforts with those of Armour Circle and Piedmont Heights, and scheduled and attended many meetings with our lawyer, our experts, and various City Council Zoning Committee members. He also stuffed mailboxes and phoned people to encourage other BWH residents to write the City Council and attend the hearings. Were it not for Dan's sustained efforts, Allied would already be constructing its batch plant. Please join me in thanking Dan personally, if you happen to see him around the neighborhood.



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**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.

**BWHCC Annual Meeting Held Feb 2, 2003**

Nicole Cook, the incoming BWHCC president kicked off this years meeting with a thanks to the team who made our beautiful pool and park renovation a success: Carolyn Cooper, Clark Landers, Sarah Armstrong, Hayes Wilson, Belinda Donovan, Everett Puri, Pamela Watson, Jean O'Halloran and Ted Shirley. She also recognized the hard work of Joe Noah & Assoc, our builder, Silverman Construction Co., our project managers and John and Vivian Benzick, the architects who completed Stan Dixon's original and beautiful designs. The project came in on time and on budget!

Nicole also noted the generosity of our BWH neighbors when it comes to supporting the community club and specifically recognized the following people; Patti Junger and Sarah Haygood who continued their tradition of sponsoring many of the neighborhoods events and publications, Mark Williams, who donated a great deal of construction equipment to our work in the park, David Lee who donated flight time to help with our Allied Concrete investigation, Dina Woodruff, who personally financed the park pavilion, and Karen Mullinax, who in addition to sponsoring neighborhood parties, has agreed to donate the BWH.com domain name, which she owns, to BWH.

After thanking the outgoing board members and moving to elect the new slate the meeting progressed with reports from the pool and treasurer board members as well as the always entertaining and informative security update. Our city councilman, Howard Shook also attended the meeting and discussed current issues with the city and city council and reiterated his support for the neighborhood in the fight against Allied Concrete. The meeting was adjourned after about an hour (much to the delight of the attendees).

Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is Wednesday, March 12, 2003. Submissions may be e-mailed to [brooknotes@yahoo.com](mailto:brooknotes@yahoo.com) or dropped off at 122 Huntington Rd.

## News from E. Rivers Elementary – February 2003

Happy Valentine's Day from your friends at E. Rivers! Our love for books will be shown this month as we participate in various activities that demonstrate our ongoing emphasis on reading and literature.

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held February 18 – 21. The theme, "Hooked on Books," is certainly appropriate for the children at E. Rivers! Children, parents and teachers will have the opportunity to purchase items from a wide selection of books and learning materials. Scholastic gives E. Rivers a percentage of the profits from the sale and is also very generous with gifts of books and materials for the classrooms. You are invited to stop by our auditorium and "get hooked!" Please call Lauren Monroe at 404-603-9517 for specific shopping hours. We love to see our neighborhood friends!

On February 28, we will have our annual "Read 'Round Rivers Day." This special day is the culminating event of our winter reading challenges, which include the Six Flags Read to Succeed program and the Plato Challenge sponsored by Publix. It also corresponds to Dr. Seuss' birthday week! During "Read 'Round Rivers Day" the children focus all day on the fun of reading. In past years, the children have dressed in costume, listened to guest authors and storytellers, and shared favorite books with younger and older students. We can't wait to see what fun is in store this year!

Please plan to stop by the Brookwood Hills Chick-Fil-A restaurant on Thursday, February 27 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm for E. Rivers Night! Just tell the cashier that you are a friend of E. Rivers and they will donate a portion of the profits that evening to our school. You will also get a chance to meet some E. Rivers parents and their children. We appreciate the support of our neighborhood Chick-Fil-A!

Mark your calendars! On March 12 at noon, the North Atlanta Parents for Public Schools (NAPPS) meeting will be held at E. Rivers. NAPPS meets monthly to discuss various issues that impact our north area neighborhood public schools. The meetings are very informative, and are a great way to feel more connected to the many things that are happening with the Atlanta Public Schools in concern to our neighborhood.

As part of our ongoing focus on cultural arts, our children will have the special opportunity to see the local actress and singer, Joanna Maddox, portray Harriet Tubman on stage. Brought to us by Young Audiences, Ms. Maddox will help us celebrate Black History Month. We feel fortunate to have access to such great talent!

If you have questions about E. Rivers, please contact Liz Jacobs at 404-350-9000 or [lizzyj@bigfoot.com](mailto:lizzyj@bigfoot.com). Tours of the school are available on Wednesdays upon request. Our website, [www.erivers-elem.org](http://www.erivers-elem.org), is also a great source of information.

### Save the Date!

*Don't miss the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual BWH Friends Cocktail Party.*

*May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m.*

*This will be a very exciting event and this year will include special prize opportunities.*

*If you have a prize that you would like to donate, please contact Sharon Williams (404)848-9169 or Katie Simon (404) 355-1838.*

*We will be offering weekends away, tickets to local events, spa packages, etc...*

*Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the party!*

## Brookwood Hills Sports and Games Camp for Boys is Back

This summer, Spencer Hagaman, a lifelong resident of Brookwood Hills and a junior at The Lovett School, will once again conduct the Sports and Games Camp for Boys. The camp will operate from 9:00 AM until 1:30 PM in the Brookwood Hills Park and includes snacks, drinks and lunch. Adult supervision will be provided. The dates are:

- June 9—13 for boys ages 6—8
- June 23—27 for boys ages 4 and 5



Cost will be \$95 per camper. You may register by contacting JoAnn or Dave Hagaman at 404-876-2606 or by dropping them a note at 115 Palisades Road.

## Brookwood Hills “Lights Up” Over Recycling

Last year's Christmas tree recycling program was a big success with many neighbors bringing their trees to the park for chipping. The mulch was then available to all neighbors to use in yards and gardens. It seems though that some neighbors may not understand what happens when a tree is placed in a chipper.

One of the groups of intrepid morning walkers discovered a Christmas tree with lights still on it in the recycling pile by the nature trail. Now, we are not talking a string of lights. This tree must have been decorated by a professional or a person with OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder). Lights were literally wrapped around every branch and the trunk, hundreds and hundreds of lights. These walkers took the time (almost two hours) to unwrap the lights from the tree. Thanks to (left to right) Lee Wilder, Alison Caughman and Pam Helms for their efforts!



## Calling all Volunteers

Amy Mattingly and Avery Williams, BWHCC Social Co-Chairs, are looking for willing volunteers to be a part of our Social committee. We would appreciate any and all help with the neighborhood party season. Our parties this year will include a “Spring Carnival” (Easter), “Fourth of July”, “Ice Cream Social”, “New Neighbor Party”, “Movie Night in the Moonlight” and “Halloween”.

Please contact Amy (404) 352-3571 or Avery (404) 352-4598.

## **Legacy Ladies Live It Up**

By Nancy Kennedy

It's been a fantastic first year for the Legacy Ladies. Being a member of this group is one of the treasures of longevity — almost up there with having grandchildren.

After twelve “lunch and laugh” sessions, we ended the year 2002 with a BYO Cocktail Party that included spouses and dates. Never have so many treasured friends or so many delectable hors d'oeuvres gathered in one spot.

And to end it all, I guess some of the young people called the police to quiet us down because who should appear at the door around 9:30 but Sergeant Barry Miller!

Those of you who still have 20/20 vision just wait until you have 20/60—it's like seeing the world through rose colored glasses! Soooo, let us know when YOU turn 60. Anyone 60+ interested in Legacy Ladies contact Margaret Shirley at 404-355-8802.



Anne Donaldson, Margaret Shirley, Barry Miller, Nancy Kennedy, and Joy Turnage.



Anne Hale, Brown Dennis, Katy Ottley and Bradley Hale

## **Make Your Reservations Now!**

As spring and summer draw near, plan now to reserve the BWHCC pavilions for your upcoming parties and get-togethers. We accept reservations for both the pool pavilion and the park pavilion. The reservation fee is \$35 for groups of 35 and under and \$100 for groups over 35. Please refer to the community club rules and regulations for all of the pertinent information. Call Amy Mattingly to reserve today, (404) 352-3571.

Also, please remember that to guarantee the space for your casual get-togethers, a reservation must be made. Reservations are not posted at the pavilions.

# CALENDAR

**Monday, March 10th** —The **BWHCC Board** will be meeting at the home of Amy Mattingly, 197 Brighton. The meeting starts at 7:15 PM, all members are welcome.

**Sunday, April 3rd**—**BWH Spring Carnival**, 4:00—5:30 in the BWH Park.

**Tuesday, March 11th** —**BWH Friends Meeting**, 7:00 PM at the home of Sheree Boyd, 81 Wakefield.

**Saturday, May 10th**—**BWH New Neighbor Party**, 6:00—8:00, stay tuned for further details.

## Brookwood Hills Friends Raises Money for CHOA with Pike's Gift Certificate Sale

Brookwood Hills Friends is in full bloom with our seasonal effort to help raise money for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. This spring, BWH Friends is again selling Pike gift certificates that can be used SAME-AS-CASH at any retail Pike nursery location. Pike will donate 30% of the sale of these certificates directly to CHOA. Last year, our neighborhood alone sold over \$11,000 worth of gift certificates!! The more we sell, the more they donate!

Friends members have already been canvassing the neighborhood with order forms. Simply complete the form, indicating the number of certificates desired ( \$25 each ) and return them to Amy Mattingly at 197 Brighton Road no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. Friends will distribute your certificates right to your home. The certificates are valid for a full year and we gladly accept cash, checks (made payable to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta), Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express.

So now is the time for all of those landscaping projects that you have been putting off. Now is the time to buy those end-of-the-year teacher gifts and Mother's Day presents. Make our neighborhood more beautiful than ever while helping CHOA. Through the dedication of our members and the generous support of neighbors like you, BWH Friends is helping to make a difference in the lives of children and their families.

If you have any questions or would like more order forms, please contact Amy Mattingly (404) 352-3571.

# C L A S S I F I E D S

- Housecleaning. Available - Tues, Wed., Thurs. I clean and baby-sit for several families in the neighborhood and can provide references. Please call Adriana Pastor, 404-502-7291.
- Wonderful neighborhood nanny available one day a week. If interested, please call Dawne Raullet at (404) 355-1039.
- Need extended stay/overnight babysitting, contact Amy Levesque 404-240-9466.
- UGA sophomore available this summer to nanny. Experienced with good references. Would prefer to live with a family and has own car. Please contact Millie Reed (she is my niece) if interested or if you have any questions (404) 355-0211.



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