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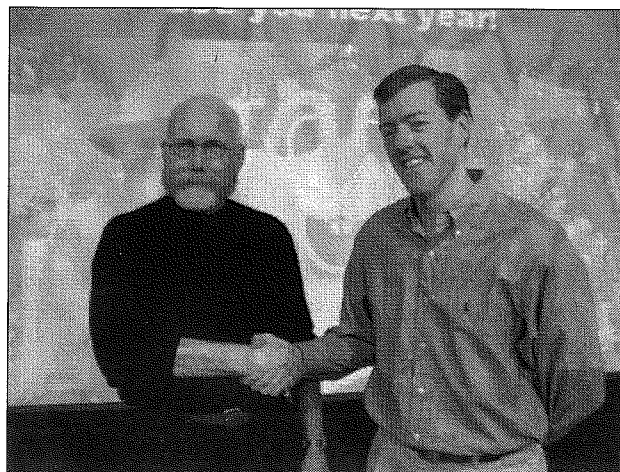
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## BWH Annual Meeting and Elections

The BWH Community Club held its annual meeting on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> in Rich Auditorium. Outgoing President Roy Trimble provided an overview of the year's events and accomplishments. These included many neighborhood improvements such as resumption of the tree planting program, extensive water drainage management measures in the pool and park areas, and painting of white lines at all street intersections to improve traffic safety.

Roy thanked the outgoing board members for their service to the neighborhood: Dan Bromstad, Wendy Silliman, Amy Mattingly, Maureen Zent, Mark Potts, Katie Simon and Bill Kantola. Barry Miller was also thanked for 25 years of service to our neighborhood. A motion was made to accept the new board of directors and was unanimously endorsed.

Howard Shook, our city council representative, also attended the meeting and spoke on several issues concerning the neighborhood including street repaving, water and sewer issues and crime statistics. Mr. Shook can be contacted with your concerns at [Hshook@atlga.gov](mailto:Hshook@atlga.gov).



New Community Club President Scott Bass (right) and outgoing President Roy Trimble

Nicole Cook presented information concerning the Clear Creek easement negotiations with the city. The BWH committee is in ongoing negotiations concerning the possible purchase, by the city, of a conservation easement on the property. There was much discussion concerning how this will affect the neighborhood, the possible purchase price and what would be done with that money if the purchase occurs. Street meetings are planned for the near future to discuss these issues in order for the board to get an idea of the neighborhood views.

After welcoming new Community Club President Scott Bass the meeting was adjourned.



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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.

## CALENDAR

**Monday, March 14th — BWHCC Board**

**Meeting, 7:30 PM**, at the home of Art Waldrop, 128 Huntington Road. Neighborhood residents are welcome.

**Tuesday, March 15th—BWH Friends Monthly**

**Meeting, 7:00 PM** at the home of Amy Mattingly, 197 Brighton Road.

**Sunday, March 20th—BWH Spring Fling,**

BWHCC Park, 4:00 pm-5:30 pm

### BWH Club Renewal is Due!

February 21st is the deadline for club dues. You should have received your renewal packet in the mail, so please take the time to complete and return it as soon as possible.

**A** membership dues (pool, park, tennis, security, support for zoning, traffic efforts, and beautification) are \$600.

**S** membership dues (senior/grandparent—pool, park, security, support for Club efforts) are \$400.

**B** membership dues (security, park maintenance, Club efforts) are \$225.

If you have any questions, please contact either Sheridan Watson or Allyson Greene, Membership Chairmen, at: [Membership@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:Membership@brookwoodhills.com).

The Membership Committee is considering the possibility of moving to an e-bill system for future Membership renewals. Please include your email address on your renewal form if you would be interested in receiving your renewal bill in this way. Thanks!

Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is Wednesday, March 16, 2005. Submissions may be e-mailed to [brooknotes@yahoo.com](mailto:brooknotes@yahoo.com) or dropped off at 110 Huntington Rd.

# Letter from the President

*By Scott Bass*

In one short month, I have gained a completely new appreciation and respect for my fellow board members in Brookwood Hills. This group of hard-working, intelligent and committed volunteers devotes a great deal of time and energy to the neighborhood. One of the key words in that last sentence is "volunteer" – every member manages to fit their board responsibilities into very busy lives that include families, careers, and multiple personal and professional commitments.

So how does one come to be a board member? In my case it was random and really by accident. I kind of backed into the job if you will. I originally joined in 2003 after my predecessor as Park representative, Clark Landers, moved to Nebraska. I worked with Clark on a few jobs in the park and when he asked me to take over as his replacement I thought "how much work can this be – the park just went through a major renovation, so it should pretty much be on autopilot." Boy was I wrong! After three floods (two from hurricanes), two burst water lines, downed trees and a drainage improvement project, I realized that there are always issues that need attention to in the park.

What I did not appreciate at the time was that every board position required a similar level of commitment. As park representative, I pretty much focused on the park and the pool (since they are so intertwined). I knew that the other board members worked hard, but I didn't really understand the depth of their responsibilities. Over the past month as President, I have gained a much deeper understanding of the responsibilities of each member. Each individual takes their role very seriously, and no one is resting on their laurels – everyone is constantly striving to improve the neighborhood. I also had the unique opportunity to get to know past board members and presidents and have been impressed as so many of them have offered themselves as resources. The dedication of these men and women is one of the things that make Brookwood Hills such a unique and wonderful neighborhood. To each and every board member, past and present, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your hard work and commitment to Brookwood Hills!

Several neighbors have recently told me that they are interested in becoming involved with the board. Great! Don't worry, I'll follow-up with you. I'd also like to encourage anyone else that has not served on the board to give it some thought. It does require an energy and time commitment, but it is well worth it. You have the opportunity to work with a diverse group of energetic and dynamic neighbors and you will get to know them extremely well. You'll also have a positive impact on this wonderful neighborhood as you make decisions and take on projects that will benefit and impact future neighbors and generations. Give me a call or send me an e-mail if you'd like to know more about how you can serve.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this article, I have a new appreciation for my fellow board members. In the past month I have a much better understanding of the jobs they all do. I am honored to work with this group and we as neighbors should be honored that they serve on our behalf. Look at the list of folks on page two of this newsletter. The next time you see or speak with them (even if you are calling with a concern or complaint) please remember to say THANKS! They do a wonderful job for the neighborhood and remember that they are volunteers.

## Meet the President— Scott Bass

Scott grew up in Charlotte, NC and moved to Atlanta in 1997. He has been married to his wife, JoEllyn, for 11 years and they have 2 children—5 year old son Tyler and 3 year old daughter Anna. Scott is a Private Wealth Advisor with the *Private Banking & Investment Group* at Merrill Lynch. He has been in the investment management business for 14 years as both a bond trader and as a family wealth manager.

Scott enjoys running, adventure races and skiing. He is a competitive cyclist and has raced bicycles for 18 years. He raced in Europe as a semi-professional after college and currently races for the Buckhead Velo Club/Taco Mac team. He also loves to do anything outdoors with his family—camping, hiking, riding bikes, etc.

Scott and JoEllyn originally lived in the Lake Claire neighborhood of Atlanta but had heard about the BWH neighborhood from resident Bill Porter. They drove over to see for themselves and fell in love with the houses and tree-lined streets. The best thing that day, however, was seeing all the children and families outside playing in their front yards and being warmly greeted by some of their future neighbors. They decided to make BWH their home and are really glad they did!

## Clear Creek Update

The Clear Creek subcommittee continues to make progress with the property the community association owns along Clear Creek. As most everyone knows from the Annual Meeting and recent articles in Brooknotes, the board is considering placing this property into a conservation easement. This process will protect the property from future development and also compensate the community association for the donation.

Last week, several members of the subcommittee met with individuals from the city and the Trust for Public Land to clarify several issues regarding the donation of the land. The entire subcommittee will meet the week of the February 14 to continue the process and determine next steps.

Our current goal is to hold a neighborhood meeting in March or April to address the concerns and questions of everyone in the neighborhood. The board will then vote on the issue later in the spring. We will notify the neighborhood as soon as a date has been determined for this meeting.

## Summer 2005 Tennis Clinics

Ms. Lee King will once again be conducting Junior Tennis Clinics.

**The Beginning Women's Clinic was so popular that I am offering it again!**

The schedule is as follows:

3 and 4 yr old	June 6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 am-10:45 am
5 and 6 yr old	June 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	9:45am-10:45am
		10:45 am-11:45 am
Beginning Women	June 20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am-10:00am
7 and 8 yr old	June 20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am-11:00am
		11:00am-noon
9 and 10 yr old	June 27 <sup>th</sup> -July 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am-10:00am
Beginning Women	June 27 <sup>th</sup> -July 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am-11:00am
3 and 4 yr old	July 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	10-30 am-11:30 am
5and 6 yr old	July 18 <sup>th</sup> -July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 am-10:30 am
7 and 8 yr old	July 25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am-10:30 am
9 and 10 yr old	Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am-10:30 am
5 and 6 yr old	Aug 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am-10:30 am

We are trying to coordinate the tennis clinic times with those of swim team practices\*. The clinics will run Monday through Friday for one hour. The price per child or adult is \$70 per week. Please call Lee directly to sign up or if you have any questions at 404-261-8643.

\* Please note: The swim team practice schedule is not yet confirmed. Please check April's edition of Brooknotes for any changes in starting times for clinics.

### Brookwood Hills Friends Update

- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 15th, 7:00 pm, 197 Brighton Road. ALL neighbors are welcome!!
- **Save the Date:** BWH Spring Cocktail Party to benefit Children's Healthcare of Atlanta: Saturday, May 7th, 45 Brighton Road (home of Christina and Andrew Whitney).
- **Holiday Shopping Update:** BWH "Friends" was able to raise approximately \$1,100 for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta in October 2004 with their "Holiday Shopping Night", plus donate an additional \$160 worth of Discovery Toys to the hospital. Thank you to all neighbors that supported this wonderful effort!!!

### Mark your calendar for the BWH Annual Spring Fling!

Sunday, March 20th, 4:00 -5:30 pm at the BWH park.

There will be Easter Egg and Scavenger Hunts and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

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Can you help with set-up, clean-up or assist at the event? Email Sharon at: [williams.47@comcast.net](mailto:williams.47@comcast.net).

# N e i g h b o r N e w s

- Congratulations to Cara and John Mulcahy of 303 Camden Road who have a new baby boy at home! Griffin Evans Mulcahy was born Friday Jan 14th and weighed in at 9 lbs 13 oz. Mom and baby are doing well.
- Welcome to new neighbors Lesley and Jamie Carroll who are moving to 12 Camden Road. Jamie is a partner at King & Spalding and Lesley teaches at Emory Law School. They have three children: Charlie (9), Jack (7), and Libby (16 months).

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

**Escape to Maine!** Attractive and comfortable 3 bedroom (sleeps 5-6) waterfront cottage overlooking a spruce-clad island, resident bald eagles and seals. Kayak and swim from the dock, enjoy "lobstahs" and "steamahs" on the deck, and build a fire on chilly evenings. Some 2005 weeks still available in June, September, and October and discounted at \$1100/week for BWH residents. Direct flight to Portland and 60 mile drive to paradise! For photographs and additional information, call Ann Dibble 404 724-0393.

**Housekeeper Recommendation** – Cecilia Figueroa has worked for me for three years, and she's fantastic! She and her daughter, Barbara, are a team, who will come into your home and clean non-stop. I cannot recommend them more highly --- not only do they do a terrific job, they are delightful to be around. They have several BWH clients who will also sing their praises. You can call Cecilia Figueroa 404 636-6632 or for more information Ann Dibble 404 724-0393.

**Fabulous Vail Condo**– 2 story, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, in a building with large indoor pool and outdoor hot tubs is available for rental from March 14th through the end of the ski season for one week blocks for \$400 per night. Please call Lillian at 404-351-9850.

**Seaside Cottage for Rent:** Charming cottage "Villa Whimsey" on Tupelo St. in Seaside, Florida. Rent from owners at below market rates. Sleeps 6, has 3 bedrooms. Call Kathy Bernhardt (404-874-5067) or Esther Stokes (404-876-1809) for availability and reservations.

**Baby Nurse** available for 24 hour coverage, up to four weeks. Evonne Bundy is experienced, trustworthy, wonderful with babies, and a delight to have in your home. Please contact Nancy Field for more information at 404-352-0877 or call "Von" directly at 251-533-8381.

**Need a Painter?** We would love to recommend to our neighbors an excellent painter. Archie Deese of The Paint Doctor recently painted the exterior of our home at 35 Wakefield Drive. Archie is the consummate professional who delivers on his every promise to make you a satisfied customer! His crew was courteous, knowledgeable, dependable, and responsible. Contact Archie at: work 404-524-8283, cell 678-362-1832.



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