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A Message From the President—The Challenges Ahead, Communication and Thanks

Never step away from your favorite pool deck table ... even to buy pizza for your daughter. In the summer of 2002, in a twinkling of an eye, my wife Karen signed me up as Pool Chair. She protests this, but I'm sticking to my story. From that day until the fall of 2005, the primary challenges faced by the neighborhood have been the proposed construction of the Allied Concrete plant on Armour Drive, drainage issues affecting the flooding of the park and pool, fallen trees and their replacement, kudzu eradication, the Clear Creek conservation easement and security.

With the exception of the concrete plant fight, the challenges dealt with over the last several years have been internal. To protect what we hold dear in Buckhead's only completely enclaved neighborhood, our primary focus must now shift from the insular to our immediate surroundings. Our challenges will now include the commercial and residential developments along Peachtree from Huntington to Brighton, Piedmont Hospital's expansion on Collier and Peachtree, Ready-Mix USA's proposed concrete plant on Armour Drive and the Beltline just beyond Clear Creek. As of this writing, members of the Board are immersed in negotiations or dialogues with the developers of three proposed Peachtree projects, and we have retained an attorney to represent us in our opposition of the concrete plant.

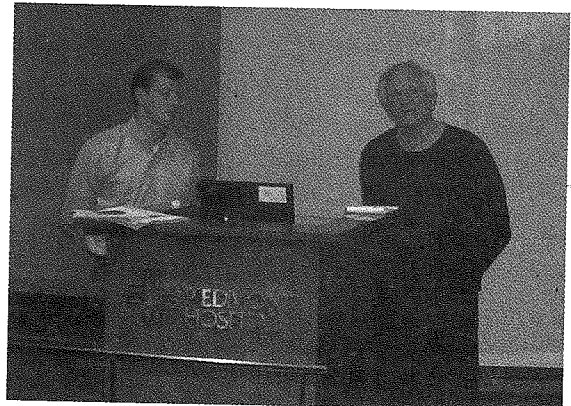
The Board is very excited about our revamped website: www.brookwoodhills.com. We will now be able to communicate with the membership more effectively concerning everything from the status of the developments on Peachtree to the latest security alert. Communication is the proverbial two way street. Let us know your concerns, likes and dislikes. You may contact me at president@brookwoodhills.com or at 404-888-3787 (office) and 404-872-8193 (home).

I want to commend Scott Bass for his three years on the

Board, as Park Chair, Vice President and President. His legacy will be the drainage improvements he spearheaded in the park and the granting of the Clear Creek conservation easement by BWHCC to the city for a considerable sum. Scott would want me to point out that the latter could not have been accomplished without the leadership and work of Nicole Cook, Dan Bromstad and the entire Clear Creek committee. Also, my appreciation extends to the other members of the 2005 Board, whose terms have ended: John Richardson, Terri Thompson, Laurie Hood, Art Waldrop, Lisa Barnhart, Sharon Williams, Shannon Dixon, Andres Weaver and Bill Porter. When you next see these neighbors of ours, shake their hands and thank them for the hundreds of hours they have spent in service to Brookwood Hills.

Scott and 2004 president Roy Trimble both have said to me that being president of BWHCC is the easiest job on the Board. (Yes, Kathy, I told you the same thing.) Well, although I have held this position only about two weeks, I beg to differ. My presidency will be *easier* because of the assistance of the very bright and dedicated 2006 Board members and of the past presidents and Board members who have been there.

On behalf of the current Board, thank you for entrusting to us the stewardship of our unique and wonderful neighborhood. It's a responsibility we don't take lightly. We shall do our best.





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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.

The New Website is Live!

As most of you know, there has been a recent effort to update the Brookwood Hills Website. This work is now complete and the new Website at www.brookwoodhills.com is up and running. The Website is going to become a major communication tool for the neighborhood so please take the time to register yourself. This will ensure that you are kept current on all neighborhood activities, community issues and security alerts. There are a few things that you should be doing now in regards to the site:

1. Go online and register yourself, you will see instructions on the left side of the screen. It is easy to do and will take a minute.
2. Use the site to renew your membership and **pay your club dues (the deadline is March 4th)**, this is the preferred method for club members to renew and pay. The 2006 dues are as follows: "A" members \$650, "B" members \$250, "C" members \$700 and "S" members \$430.
3. If you have any content for BrookNotes (articles, advertisements, Neighbor News) please use our new mailing address—brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com. You can access the address from the site. We are also in the process of getting back issues of BrookNotes posted on the site.

This is an exciting change for the neighborhood so please take advantage of it!

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of BrookNotes is Wednesday, March 14th, 2006. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 49 Huntington Rd.

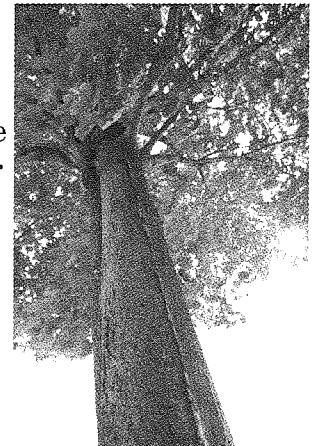
N e i g h b o r N e w s

- Please welcome Webb and Betsy Armentrout and their son Owen to 46 Camden Road.
- “*Curves*” is moving its Buckhead location to Brookwood Square in late March or early April this year. “*Curves*” is a women’s only 30-minute fitness center that combines strength-training and a cardiovascular workout into one routine. “*Curves*”, the world’s fastest growing fitness franchise with over 9,000 locations worldwide, opened its doors in Buckhead September 2002 at the Peach Shopping Center. The new Brookwood Square location will provide a much needed larger space and will attract new members located closer to the midtown area. “*Curves*” will offer a “Grand Re-Opening” special where the first 100 new members to join will save \$100 off the service fee. Brookwood Hills neighbor Marcia Abernethy (404-355-3321) works at “*Curves*” part-time.

Award Winning Tree Lives in Brookwood Hills

Since Arbor Day falls on February 17, we thought it might be time to let the neighborhood know that the largest American Elm in the state is in Brookwood Hills. "Elmer" received this recognition in November 2002. He shares the honor with an elm on the old Norcross town square.

Elmer resides at 80 Palisades in the yard of Carla and Carl Fackler. Since three other large trees on their hill have been hit by lightning over the past 10 years, Elmer now has copper lightning rods. Elmer was mentioned in a Brooknotes article a few years ago as the biggest American Elm within I-285.



Pike's Gift Cards Benefiting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Once again, Brookwood Hills Friends are offering \$25 and \$50 Pike Family Nurseries Gift Certificates as a fundraiser for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. You can use these as gifts or for your own purchases year-round. You can use them for any Pike's merchandise—think beyond spring planting to fall planting and even Christmas trees and wreaths.

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When you buy one of these gift certificates a percentage of each purchase is donated to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Stay tuned for more information and expect to see the gift card flyers in your mailbox and subsequent issues of BrookNotes. If you have any questions or would like to buy cards immediately contact Kelley Berman at 404-351-2224.

A New Neighborhood Garden on Huntington Road

The Brookwood Hills Garden Club recently installed a beautiful garden on the vacant Huntington Road lot owned by the Brookwood Hills Community Club. The improvements include: 2 teak benches, teak swing, crab orchard stepping stones, Japanese maples, camellia sasanqua, otto luyken, hydrangeas, gardenias, ferns, dwarf mondo, lirioppe and 2 annual beds and an irrigation system. The lot which sat idle and overgrown for years has now been transformed into a lovely respite for all to enjoy. Stop by on your walks around the neighborhood or on your way up Huntington to enjoy shopping or dinner at our area merchants.



Regan Watson, Hadyn Jolly and Morgan Watson

Brookwood Boys and Girls—Upcoming Activities

Trip Leader	Date	Activity	Time
Guy Palmer	Sunday, March 19th	Georgia Aquarium	1:00 PM
Jim King	Sunday, April 23rd	Chestatee River	12:30 PM
Frank Bellavia	Sunday, May 14th	Braves Game	TBD
Larry Pless and Miles Cook	Saturday and Sunday, June 10th & 11th	Lake Rabun Overnight	Saturday 1:00 PM—Sunday morning

All departures are from the Parkdale entrance to the park.

Brookwood Hills Garden Club

Acorn Auction 2006

Saturday, April 22

Mark your calendars now for this much anticipated Bi-annual neighborhood event. For those of you new to the neighborhood, the Brookwood Hills Garden Club holds the Acorn Auction to raise funds for neighborhood beautification. This year's auction and committee chairs are already hard at work planning. It is a lovely evening to visit with neighbors while enjoying a delicious dinner, bid on Silent Auction items, and compete at the Live Auction. Past auctions have offered original works of art, vacation getaways, restaurant certificates, home and garden items, jewelry, spa and beauty gifts, children's toys, tickets to theater events, sporting event tickets and collectibles, photography sittings, design services, and much more.

The Garden Club has made approximately \$30,000 in beautification expenditures since the 2004 auction. These improvements include the following: tree plantings, teak console table at the park pavilion, extensive evergreen plantings around the park and pool areas, plantings and fencing at the top of Palisades and Huntington, installation of irrigation systems at Brighton, Pool Pavilion and Huntington, as well as, landscaping and furniture installation on Huntington lot. Within the next couple weeks 9 new pieces of teak furniture will be arriving for the pool pavilion area overlooking the tennis courts as well as the installation of new plantings in the area around the children's statues where an irrigation system was recently installed.

If you are interested in making an auction donation, contact one of the Acorn Auction co-chairs: Carolynn Cooper 404-351-0555 or Sheridan Watson 404-874-5666. If you have any questions or suggestions for neighborhood beautification, feel free to contact Garden Club President: Pamela Watson at 404-876-6918. We look forward to seeing you at Acorn Auction 2006.

Land Use/Zoning—Frequently Asked Questions

Following are a few more FAQs as part of a regular series in the continuing effort to educate Brookwood Hills neighbors regarding land use and zoning issues. All FAQs appearing in Brooknotes will be posted in the new and improved Brookwood Hills website launching later this month.

From what point are setback lines measured?

Set back lines (front, back, and side) are measured from the property line boundaries (not from the curb or from the back of the sidewalk).

What is the maximum height for a primary structure located in a residential neighborhood zoned R-4?

The maximum height for a primary structure is 35'.

What is the maximum height for an accessory structure located in a residential neighborhood zoned R-4?

The maximum height for an accessory structure (e.g. a garage) is 20'.

CALENDAR

Saturday, March 4th — Deadline for BWHCC Annual Dues, you can register and pay dues on the new Website at www.brookwoodhills.com

Monday, March 13th — BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, at the home of Andrew Whitney, 129 Brighton

Sunday, March 19th—Brookwood Boys and Girls, Georgia Aquarium, 1:00 PM

Saturday, April 22nd—BWH Garden Club Acorn Auction

Social Committee Being Formed

The BWHCC sponsors many great social events for adults and children during the year—this is a big part of what makes Brookwood Hills so special! It takes a lot of neighborhood support to make these events a success. Social chairs Burch Hanson (404-352-1172) and Sarah Howe (404-352-2208) will be forming a committee to help with events, if you are interested in working with them please give them a call.

C L A S S I F I E D S

- **Housekeeper available for 1-2 days per week.** Our housekeeper, Mary Mercer, who has worked for us for 9 years has 1 – 2 days available. I highly recommend Mary; she is very reliable, pleasant and does a great job of cleaning. I am just cutting back on the days I need help with my children getting older! Mary also works for Peggy Gunning and John Hines 2-3 days each week. Please call Katrina Newton at 404-355-6574 or Peggy Gunning Hines at 404-367-0807 for references.
- **Our nanny is also a terrific household organizer.** If you want to start 2006 clutter free, just give her a call. Her name is Angie Evans and you can reach her 404-873-6677. She has weekend and evening time to get you straight! Please call Lee Loughran at 404-355-0767 if you need a reference.
- **Need a Housekeeper?** Our housekeeper is returning from maternity leave and her substitute is looking for work in the neighborhood. Susanna is reliable, very pleasant, and does a great job! Contact Susanna Cervantes 770-901-9304. Call Eleanor Rhangos for a reference 404-352-9535.
- **Nanny Available Mornings:** Experienced nanny looking for morning hours. Available from 8:00am -1:00pm Monday-Friday. Wonderful with children! Contact Betsy Grady (404) 861-5116 or betsy_grady@yahoo.com. Call Eleanor Rhangos for a reference 404-352-9535.
- **1BR, 1BA garage apt available 3/1.** \$650/mo includes water & gas. Call Kimberley Wilson @ (404) 876-4618.

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