

# BrookNotes

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## Brookwood Hills Steps Up In Haiti

*By Alison Caughman*

All over the world there has been an outpouring of care and concern for the people of Haiti since the disastrous earthquake that struck the country on January 12th. This issue of *BrookNotes* contains three separate articles about the actions of current and former Brookwood Hills residents who couldn't allow themselves to remain bystanders. I feel sure there are other neighbors who could add their own inspiring stories to these three.

Huntington Road resident David Lee started his own business, Trinity Aviation Group, about ten years ago. His company is a little bit like a real estate firm, only for airplanes. If I wanted to buy a small aircraft for myself, David could help me figure out what kind of plane would fit my needs and where I could buy it for the best price. He could then arrange for an inspection of the plane to ensure its safety, and negotiate the sale. Over the years David has built up quite a list of airplane owners, which



*Some of the relief supplies purchased with funds raised by Wendy & Todd Silliman, on their way to Leogane.*



*Graham Huff (left) flies with David Lee to Leogane, Haiti.*

proved invaluable when eleven Atlanta residents found themselves stranded on the Haitian island of La Gonave, where they were staying at the time of the quake. David put the word out and within four days two volunteer pilots landed a small plane on La Gonave's beach to bring ten of the eleven home. (The eleventh person was former Palisades Road resident and physician Jim Ingvoldstad, who spent another week on the mainland to provide care for those injured.)

David soon connected with one of those evacuated, former Brookwood Hills swim team star Graham Huff, to begin ferrying supplies to Haiti. Graham had developed the expertise to install water purification systems in remote areas of the country. Now anyplace with significant damage had a need for access to clean water. David and Graham flew some 50,000 pounds of supplies to Leogane, a suburb of Port au Prince virtually atop the epicenter of the quake. They first flew to the Dominican Republic. From there they headed to Leogane, landing on a two lane road that had been cleared for them by United Nations soldiers from Sri Lanka. Trucks met the plane and carried the supplies on to a nursing school, one of the few buildings still standing there. Thanks to their efforts, Leogane now has a water purification system that can sustain 6,000 people for a year. (Cont'd. page 4)



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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 cell phone number for the neighborhood security patrol is **404-242-3321**.

## Dog Waste Is Gross!

*Editor's Note: The following was received from a neighbor who wishes to remain anonymous.*

Is there any way to nicely put a note in *BrookNotes* regarding the ghastly habit of neighbors leaving monstrous *piles* of dog waste behind? It's in people's front yards, in the liriopie beds along the streets, and even -- the worst! -- on the sidewalks. If you are an evening walker you know what I mean; you can't see these gross things until it is too late.

We have not had this problem in the past, but this year has been an epidemic of foul surprises that I am cleaning up all the time. I had to get a shovel to keep in the front of the house in order to keep up with it.

Landscape crews blow it everywhere. This is a health problem for anyone, especially those with children. Additionally, people who do pick up after their pets often drop the bags into other people's yard trimmings. The yard pickup fellows take out the plastic bags and throw them in the street where they remain until someone, (ugh!) picks them up.

I bring this up today because I was walking this morning and stopped to chat with a lovely neighbor who proceeded to allow her big dog to squat in a neighbor's lovely front flower border, then walked away leaving behind a steaming pile and me with an astounded expression of disbelief. Sad to say, I was too much of a weakling to say anything.

It can't just be Brighton Road that has this problem. Some sort of word regarding it in the next *BrookNotes*, or even every issue, would be such a help.

*BrookNotes* welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is March 3rd, 2010. Submissions may be e-mailed to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com) or dropped off at 200 Camden Road.

## Mayor Reed Addresses Annual Meeting

On Sunday, January 24th, a surprisingly large turnout of neighbors braved the miserably rainy weather to attend the Community Club's Annual Meeting at the Rich Auditorium of Piedmont Hospital. For the first time in many years (maybe ever?) our city's mayor took the time to speak to us at this event. Kasim Reed held the floor for about forty-five minutes, with a short talk followed by a Q&A session. He spoke about his determination to bring in federal dollars for city projects such as the Peachtree streetcar and his determination not to raise property taxes during his first term. The biggest challenge facing the city this year, he said, is to deal with the pension crisis, where more was promised to employees than can feasibly be delivered. He is conducting national searches for the next Chiefs of Police & Fire, CFO, City Attorney, and Public Works Chief. He gave a vote of confidence to Rob Hunter, the current chief of Watershed Management. He pledged to vigorously oppose the creation of a Milton County, which he said would be disastrous for the City, for Grady and for MARTA.

After reports from Community Club President John Mulcahy, Ramsay Battin (Treasurer), Joe Gardner (NPU & Zoning) and Lesley Carroll (Pool), Lisa Barnhart presented Barry Miller with an expression of gratitude for his 30 years of service patrolling Brookwood Hills.

## Time to Register for the 2010 Swim and Dive Teams

*By Kerri Clark*

It's time to sign up for this year's Swim and Dive Teams! The Swim Team is open to children ages 4 to 18, and the Dive Team is open to kids ages 5 to 18. Our Brookwood Hills teams provide lots of fun, exercise, camaraderie and skill-building in a safe, supportive setting. No experience required.

**SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION:** Swim Team registration is now available online.

**STEP 1:** Enter your swimmer's information at <http://bwh.Swim-Team.us> by April 20<sup>th</sup> to avoid late fees. Please make sure you enter each swimmer. The website will figure your fees; then you will make a check out to BWHCC and mail your payment to Kerri Clark, 2119 Howell Mill Road; Atlanta, GA 30318. If you have trouble with this site, please make sure you turn off your popup blockers. **DO NOT USE THE PAYPAL PAYMENT FUNCTION. WE ARE ONLY ACCEPTING CHECKS!!**

**STEP 2:** Swimmers must also register and pay nominal dues at the Atlanta Swimming Website at [www.atlantaswimming.com](http://www.atlantaswimming.com). There is a very important waiver that each swimmer needs to agree to. **If you do not perform this function at Atlanta Swimming your child will not be able to swim in any Swim Meet.** Please complete this process by April 1st to avoid incurring late fees from Atlanta Swimming.

**DIVE TEAM REGISTRATION:** Register in person on April 18 or register by mail. The registration form will be available at [www.brookwoodhills.com](http://www.brookwoodhills.com) or by request at [bwhdive@bellsouth.net](mailto:bwhdive@bellsouth.net).

Questions? Contact Sheridan Watson (404-874-5666) or Mary Long (404-352-3464) if you have diving questions. For swimming questions contact Kerri Clark at [kerri.clark@turner.com](mailto:kerri.clark@turner.com) or Shelley Sawyer at [cssawyer@mindspring.com](mailto:cssawyer@mindspring.com).

## Haitian Earthquake Relief (Cont'd from page 1)

Thanks too, to Huntington Road residents Wendy and Todd Silliman, who raised funds to help underwrite the cost of the flight. David has flown three missions so far, with a fourth planned soon. He points out that, while big cargo planes can bring in vastly more equipment and supplies, there is a big bottleneck in getting things out from the Port au Prince airport. Light planes can get to places others can't, and David is working now with the Episcopalian church of Haiti (which has the largest Episcopalian Diocese in the world) to air drop supplies into extremely remote areas still cut off from help.



*Children from Leogane, brushing their teeth and smiling for the camera in their tent city.*

There's much more to this story which you can read about by visiting Graham's blog at [leagueofhope.blogspot.com/](http://leagueofhope.blogspot.com/). It is filled with pictures from the Leogane trip, and there is a link to a video showing David landing his plane on the road/runway. Graham is in the process of setting up his organization League of Hope as a 501C-3 which will ultimately be able to receive tax-deductible contributions. In the meantime, First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta is accepting funds to underwrite League of Hope flights. David's fourth trip will happen once a final \$6,000 is raised to pay for the

necessary fuel. If you are interested in contributing to this effort with a tax deductible donation, you can send a check to First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, Haiti Account #865305, 1328 Peachtree Street, Atlanta 30309. Photos were taken by Graham Huff.

## Report From Haiti

*By Carla Fackler*

As news of Haiti's recent quake reached Atlanta, former Brookwood Hills resident Steve McCollam, who is in charge of Peachtree Orthopaedic Clinic's 53 year old volunteer program at the Hospital Albert Schweitzer (HAS) in Haiti, received an e-mail from the hospital director reporting they were becoming rapidly overwhelmed and were very low on supplies. HAS, which is located fifty miles north of Port au Prince, was one of the few hospitals in Haiti left standing. An ABC News report indicated there were 500 patients for this 80-bed facility.

Steve e-mailed Peachtree Orthopaedic Clinic (POC) physicians (active and retired) as well as physicians and surgical staff at Piedmont Hospital and the Georgia Orthopaedic Society, asking for volunteers and medical supplies. The response was immediate and generous. With doctors, nurses and supplies in place, the question was how to get there with the Port au Prince airport closed to commercial flights.

The solution came when Piedmont Hospital arranged for its plane to carry a medical team of six—three orthopaedic surgeons, an anesthesiologist and two OR nurses—and medical supplies. On January 20th the small plane landed at Cap Hatien's airport on Haiti's northern coast, where HAS vehicles met them for the five-hour ride on winding mountain roads to the hospital. As soon as they arrived, team members went to work, busy until ten or later each evening caring for fifteen or more femur and other bone fractures (Cont'd next page)

## Haiti Report (Cont'd from prior page)

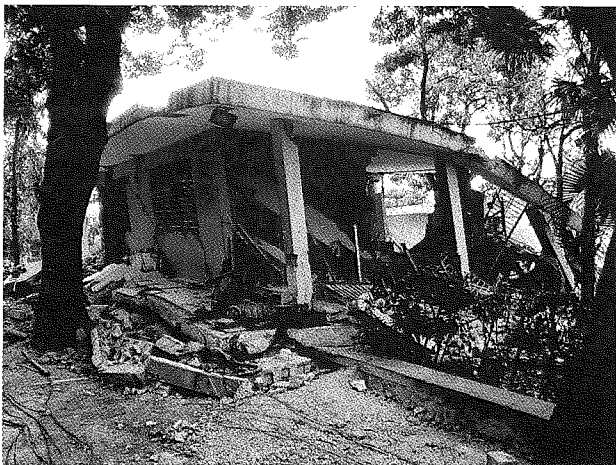
daily in the OR. (HAS general surgeons performed most of the amputations. When the medical team returned to Atlanta four days later, the backlog of orthopaedic patients was under control, a Canadian medical team had arrived and the influx of patients from Port au Prince slowed as the price of diesel fuel rose four-fold.

Other teams from POC and Piedmont Hospital will travel to Haiti over the next several months. The Georgia Orthopaedic Society is working with hospitals throughout the state for donations of pain medicines and antibiotics. Steve points out that there's "more work to be done as thousands will need revision surgery and many yet will unfortunately die of sepsis [infection]. It will truly be a lost generation that will impact Haiti for decades to come."

In addition to Steve, Brookwood Hills' Haiti connection has included physicians Skoot Dimon, Xavier Duralde and Carl Fackler, as over the years POC has sent small teams to HAS every four months. For more information on the hospital, see [www.hashaiti.org](http://www.hashaiti.org).

## It Takes A Village Like Brookwood Hills

*By Margaret Silliman*



We all know that the Haitian Earthquake was devastating. It destroyed parts of Haiti, and many people were killed or severely injured. My friends and I talked a lot about this, and we decided to do something to help. We organized a Toys and Books sale at my house January 23rd to raise money for the Albert Schweitzer hospital in Haiti. By the end of the sale, our grand total was \$1,070. We were so excited that people were so generous!

A lot of people in the neighborhood helped to make this possible, like Khaki Loughran, the Waldrop Family, Virginia Davis, and many other people. We really appreciate all the help put into the sale, and if you came and shopped, thank you so much! We couldn't have helped the hospital without you!

*Editor's Note: Margaret is ten years old and a Fifth Grader at Westminster.*

## Looking for the BEST Summer Job in the World?

Sweetwater Pools is currently accepting applications for positions at the pool for lifeguards and concession stand workers for **BWHCC members only** until March 15th. After that, non-members are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be at least 14 years of age and schedules are flexible, though a full summer commitment is preferred. Please consider working at your neighborhood pool and encourage your friends to join! As a lifeguard alum, I can't tell you how invaluable an experience I had AND how much fun! Contact Christy Wahl at (770) 939-5757 or send email to [christywahl@sweetwaterpools.net](mailto:christywahl@sweetwaterpools.net) For other questions, you are welcome to contact me, Deborah Gebhardt at [debgeb98@gmail.com](mailto:debgeb98@gmail.com).

## BWH Volunteers Stage Annual Artists Market

*By Laura Doman*

Mid-February and this long, wet, cold winter goes on and on. It seems like spring will never get here, no matter what groundhog General Lee predicts. Remember all those beautiful warm days strolling around the city's art festivals? They're still months away, but you can brighten your week now with a visit to a vibrant, indoors Artists Market!

Trinity School is delighted to present its 29<sup>th</sup> annual Spotlight on Art, featuring an extensive Artists Market February 15-20 on the school campus. With thousands of pieces of art and hundreds of artists represented, Spotlight on Art is considered one of the largest art exhibitions and art markets in the Southeast. The six-day event is a magnet for art aficionados and casual collectors alike because of the wide selection of art for sale and the many different price points.

The fine and decorative arts include paintings and mixed media, sculpture, jewelry, and garden art by both established and emerging artists, including well-known Southern artists such as Tracey Lane, Steve Penley, and Ian Nicholas. The Artists Market is organized by artistic expression, with different sections devoted to Contemporary Art, Impressionism & Realism, Folk Art, Whimsical Art, Children's Art, Jewelry, Sculpture & Pottery, and Home & Garden Art.

As in previous years, Brookwood Hills residents are very involved with the planning and operational management of the Artists Market, the largest of the events that comprise Spotlight on Art, as well as the Gala evening that follows the Market's conclusion. This year's resident chairs include JoEllyn Bass, Laura Doman, Nathalie Fuson, Debby Moorman, Caroline Normark, Jill Perkey, and Amanda Szwest (who will be chairing Spotlight on Art 2011). Let them know if you'd like help finding just the right piece for your home – they may be able to even introduce you to the artist!

A portion of the proceeds from Spotlight on Art, Trinity School's largest fundraiser, will go to Families First, the leading non-profit family service agency in Georgia. Families First was selected by Trinity School's sixth grade leadership class as part of their Values curriculum on hands-on philanthropy. Neighborhood kids Emma Dixon and Josh Doman worked with their classmates to research local charities, interview the organizations' representatives, and vote for the charity where they believed they could make the biggest personal impact. In addition to a monetary contribution to Families first, Emma and Josh have also been meeting with the charity's resident families, collecting baby supplies, and improving the grounds of their transitional housing complex.

The Artists Market is open to the public with free admission and easy, on-site parking. Located on the Trinity School campus at 4301 Northside Parkway, the Artists Market's Opening Night event is Monday, February 15 from 6-9 pm, featuring cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and an unparalleled collection of art for shopping. The general Market is open Tuesday, February 16 through Friday, February 19 from 8 am to 4 pm, with extended hours Friday evening until 8 pm, and Saturday, February 20 from 10 am to 4 pm. For more information on both the Artists Market and an associated Gala at the Georgia Aquarium, please visit [www.spotlightonart.com](http://www.spotlightonart.com).

## New Faces



Congratulations to Kelly and Simms Jenkins, 331 Camden Road, on the birth of their first daughter, Sloane Elizabeth Jenkins.. Sloane was born on January 11th, weighing in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measuring 19 inches long. Big brothers Sam and Cal are very proud and excited to have a sister.

Jonathan and Kimberly Lindman are new residents at 7 Montclair Drive. They grew up in Atlanta, but have lived most recently in Dothan, Alabama. Jonathan is a physician with Piedmont Ear, Nose, Throat and Related Allergy. Kimberly is a stay-at-home mom with sons Caleb (8) and Seth (5). Caleb is in the second grade and attends Heritage Preparatory Academy.

## BrookNotes Computer Needed

As more and more people migrate from PC's to Macs, *BrookNotes* is having trouble finding editors who aren't living in the Mac world. (*BrookNotes* software will only run on a PC.) If you have a no-longer-used PC less than two years old that is gathering dust somewhere in your house, please consider donating it to the Community Club for *BrookNotes* production. Call Alison Caughman at 404/355-7662.

## Save the Date #1

The Annual Brookwood Hills Spring Fling will take place Sunday, March 28th, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the park. Join us for a huge egg hunt, fun, and games. The Easter Bunny will be there too! And don't forget to BYOB&C. (Bring your own basket and camera!) Thank you to our generous sponsor, Patti Junger of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

The other Brookwood Hills Community Club parties in 2010 will be the New Neighbor Party (May 8th), the July Fourth Festivities, the Ice Cream Social and Dog Swim (September 12th), and Halloween.

## Save the Date #2

The Brookwood Hills Garden Club, in concert with the Legacy Ladies, will be hosting a free garden tour called the "Hidden Gardens of Brookwood Hills." It will take place on Sunday, May 2nd from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and will feature nine hidden gardens in our neighborhood.

## CALENDAR

- **Monday, March 1st, BWHCC Board Meeting**, 7:15 p.m., at the home of Matt & Caroline Tolleson, 241 Camden Road
- **Sunday, March 28th — Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt**, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., at the park

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

**Gutter Installation.** Terry Buyers of Buyers Gutter Company offers excellent services for copper gutter installation. Terry normally deals in high end custom homes and renovations. Due to the slower economy, Terry now provides gutter cleaning as well. His cell number is 678/575-2348. Recommendation by Sarah Hagood.

**Plumber.** For plumbing needs, many of us worked with Ray Jones, who passed away last year after the Buckhead tree accident. It's difficult to replace Ray, but Jeff Peak is attempting to provide the same level of service to Ray's clients. (He has the list of Ray Jones' previous clients.) I've had the occasion to use Jeff's services on several occasions and his work has always been timely, courteous and effective. Jeff Peak's cell phone number is 678/772-4035. Recommendation by Sarah Hagood.

**Babysitting Available.** Brooke Gentry, fourteen year old daughter of Kathy & Boyd Gentry of 84 Palisades is available to babysit or pet sit in the neighborhood. She has CPR training and a little sister of her own, along with lots of pets. It is best to reach her via email at 1bgentry4@gmail.com. You could also telephone her at 404/423-1512 or 404/876-4480.

**Car for Sale.** 2007 Toyota Camry LE, 12,850 miles. My dad is 79 and has given up driving! Leather interior, super clean, smoke-free. One owner, no passengers ever in back seat and rarely in front passenger seat. Garaged since new. Dent on right rear, small ding on front left bumper. 2 brand new Bridgestone front tires, Bridgestone back tires in great shape. No sunroof, single cd player. Great Car, Like new, runs perfectly. \$15,250 firm. Deborah Wagoner, 404/351-4417 (h), 404/310-3538 (c), Deborah@dcw-photo.com.

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