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BWH Garden Club 2014 Spring Soirée

By Christy Payne, BWH Garden Club

The Brookwood Hills Garden club will host a 2014 Spring Soirée on April 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Brookwood Hills Park. The party will feature a live auction, catered menu, and live music. Proceeds from the party will fund neighborhood beautification projects.

See page 8 of this issue for event sponsorship opportunities and information about donating live auction items.

Thank you for supporting the BWH Garden Club.

Brookwood Hills Garden Club

Spring Soirée

Saturday, April 26, 2014

Nearby & Notable:

Fabrefaction Theatre Conservatory

By Laura Doman

Did you know that there is an exceptional small theater conservatory, specializing in children's stage and musical productions, only ten minutes from Brookwood Hills?

Fabrefaction Theatre Conservatory (www.fabrefaction.org) produces award-winning professional and student productions, with a special emphasis on developing young local talent. Fabrefaction's collaborative productions, in which students perform alongside adult professional actors, provide intensive "Triple Threat" training in acting, singing, and musical theater dance.

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Long-Term Park Planning Kicks Off with HGOR Charrette

By Betsy Armentrout, BWH Park Planning Committee

And we are off! To begin the Brookwood Hills Park five-year improvement plan, the BWH Park Planning Committee, along with HGOR (planners and landscape architects), enlisted input from community members via Pinterest in order to elicit new ideas for park improvements. Pictures posted by neighbors ranged from splash parks to rock slides to exercise equipment. We have some very engaged and creative neighbors!



BWH Park Improvement Plan

On Saturday, February 15th, in the first of three community input sessions, HGOR held a visioning session with community members in order to determine a design direction and desired 'ethos' for the park. During a group exercise, members voted on the ideas and pictures they had posted on Pinterest, prioritized needs within the park and discussed five essential questions to help guide future park improvements.

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Contribute to BrookNotes

BrookNotes welcomes articles, artwork, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of BrookNotes is **Friday, March 14th.**

Submissions may be dropped off at **22 Woodcrest Ave.** or e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com.

Mark Your Calendar!



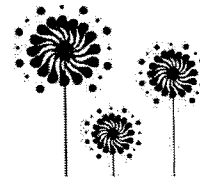
BWH Park Improvement Plan

HGOR Presentation of Conceptual Drawings & Design Options

Saturday, March 29 at 9:30 a.m.
Rich Auditorium in the 77 Building
Piedmont Hospital

HGOR Presentation of Master Plan with Design Sketches

Saturday, May 3rd at 2:00 p.m.
Rich Auditorium in the 77 Building
Piedmont Hospital



Brookwood Hills Garden Club Spring Soirée

Saturday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m.
Brookwood Hills Park

Brookwood Hills Security

Security Signs at the BWH Entrances?

A security incident has occurred in the neighborhood. Call the BWH Security Info Hotline for details.

BWH Security Information Hotline

(404) 325-5114

Neighborhood Patrol Cell Phone

(404) 242-3321

BWH Security Chair

security@brookwoodhills.com
(657) 229-4728 (text or call)

Enterprising Youths in Brookwood Hills
Theodore Davis: It's a Wonderful Knife

To debut a new regular feature in BrookNotes on enterprising and entrepreneurial youths in our neighborhood, we feature Theodore Davis and his knife sharpening business.

BN: How old are you? What is the name of your business?

TD: I'm 16 years old, and my business is called "It's a Wonderful Knife!"

BN: What services do you provide?

TD: I sharpen all knives, as long as they're not serrated.

BN: How long have you been in business?

TD: I have been transforming dull knives into sharp knives since 2011.

BN: How did you come up with the idea to start your own business? Do you have a mentor who inspired you or someone who helped you think the idea through?

TD: Knife sharpening has been a tradition among males in my family. My grandpa was a knife sharpener as a boy, and my father after him, so now I carry on the tradition.

BN: What are your goals with your business?

TD: My goal is to provide an affordable knife sharpening service that delivers a quality product.

BN: What advice do you have to other young people who are interested in taking their talents and creating a business?

TD: Make signs! Make posters! Always get back to your clients, whether you can work for them or not.



Theodore Davis at Work

BN: What is your "elevator speech"? How can neighbors get in touch if they need your help?

TD: Call 404-724-0959!

Having a "dull" time with your knives?

I'll bring your knives to my house at 122 Huntington Road where I'll sharpen them, and then I'll hurry back to return them. I use a Grizzly Wet Grinder model T10010 to put a new edge on the knives. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Membership Dues Reminder

If you have not yet paid your Brookwood Hills Community Club dues, avoid the \$100 late fee by paying dues by March 15th. You may pay your dues with a check payable to "Brookwood Hills Community Club." Send to:

BWHCC Membership
 2870 Peachtree Road #920
 Atlanta, GA 30305

We also accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

You can pay by credit card at the Brookwood Hills website (brookwoodhills.com) Credit card payments will incur a \$20 processing fee.

We encourage you to update your personal information on the website as this is the data we will use to print the directory in late spring.

Thank you for your membership in the Brookwood Hills Community Club. Your financial support is crucial to the safety, appearance, improvement and maintenance of our very special neighborhood.

BWH Park Project Kicks Off with First Charrette with HGOR

By Betsy Armentrout, BWH Park Planning Committee

Next Steps

The HGOR team will integrate the neighborhood input into conceptual drawings and design options. They will present these drawings & options to gain community feedback during the next meeting. We look forward to strong community involvement as the project progresses.

HGOR Presentation of Conceptual Drawings & Design Options

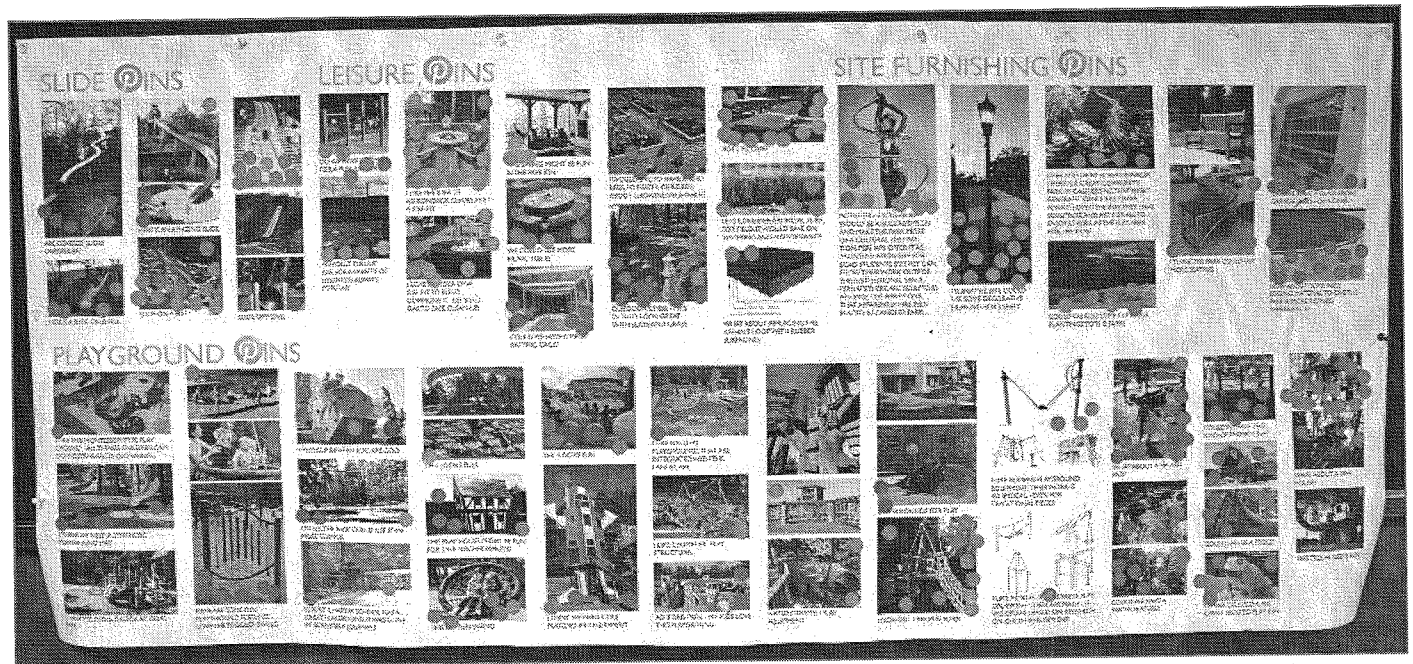
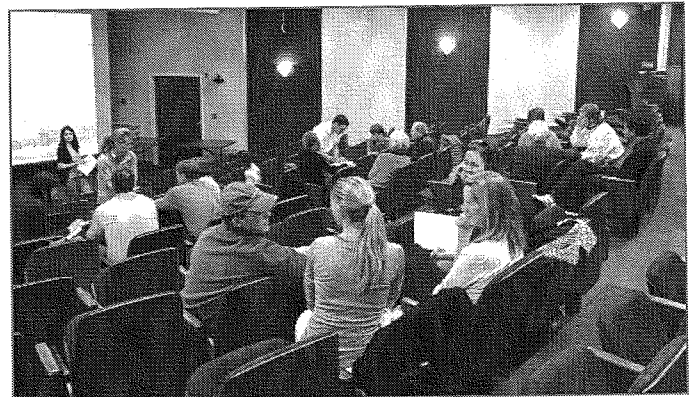
Saturday, March 29 at 9:30 a.m.

Rich Auditorium in the 77 Building, Piedmont Hospital

Directions to Rich Auditorium:

The Rich Auditorium is located in the 77 building next to the Collier Café within the main hospital facility.

- Park in the North Parking Deck & take the elevator to the Bridge Level.
- Once inside, follow the signs to the 77 Building.
- Take elevator D to the Mezzanine Level (Floor M).
- The Rich Auditorium is around the corner.



*Ideas from Pinterest
HGOR Charrette on February 15th*

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By Betsy Armentrout, BWH Park Planning Committee

Answering Five Essential Questions

Input from Brookwood Hills Neighbors

What does success in the park look like?

- Enable constant use of the park (in all seasons and at all times of day)
- Create a beautiful space
- Maximize use and allocation of space
- Increase home values
- Enable children to use the space safely and independently
- Keep the field/open space
- Maintain naturalistic feel of space (no circus elements)
- Facilitate neighborhood gathering
- Make it inclusive – for all age ranges
- Address drainage issues are so children can play

What do you want to feel when you walk into the park?

- Like an extension of my ideal backyard
- Natural environment
- Cleaner and crisper
- Friendly and welcoming
- Safe
- Like a hidden resort or oasis within the city
- Aesthetically appealing with colorful and diverse plantings (no invasive planting)

Why do your kids want to go to the park?

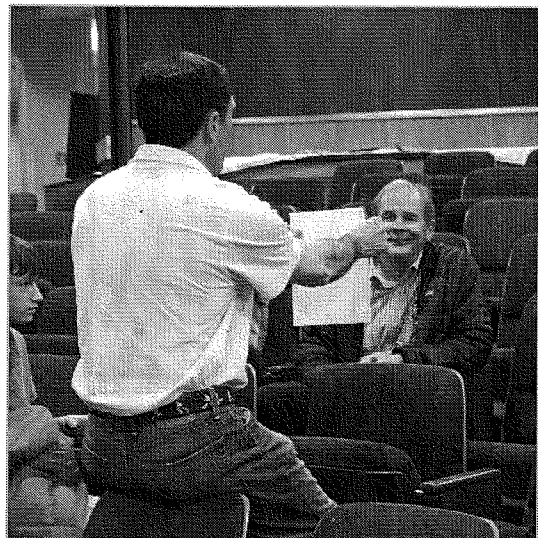
- Socialize and play with friends
- Go to the playground
- Have room to play ball
- Play with other kids
- Practice/play sports
- Use it as a community backyard

Why do you want to go to the park?

- Get exercise for the kids/get out of the house
- Socialize and get to know neighbors
- Entertain the kids
- Get a break from our hectic lives
- Exercise (yoga, bootcamp, jog/walk)

What do you dislike most about the park?

- Storage and trash area location
- Park pavilion is not integrated with the rest of the space.
- The park is not the same quality as the rest of the neighborhood.
- Basketball courts are disconnected from the rest of the park
- Entering the pool from the park is narrow, smelly, and not pleasing.
- Connectivity of nature trail
- There are drainage issues; it's often a mud pit.
- Lighting
- The playground equipment is dangerous and requires adult interaction.
- Lack of lawn area efficiency



Neighborhood Input

HGOR Charrette on February 15th

Nearby & Notable:
Fabrefaction Theatre Conservatory

By Laura Doman

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The theater conducts classes and workshops on theater performance and production management, directs a vibrant Junior Company of middle and high school students, and offers talented high school and college students internships, in which they study all aspects of theater performance and stage management and serve as teaching artists for the summer camp productions.



Young Artists Series

Fabrefaction's Young Artists series has staged student performances of *Hairspray*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *The Trial of Goldilocks*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Charlotte's Web*, *Spring Awakening*, and *Little Shop of Horrors*, as well as a number of Disney Kids and Junior productions like *Cinderella* and *Sleeping Beauty*. Brookwood Hills has been consistently represented among large casts of kids drawn to Fabrefaction from all over the Atlanta area.

"It is our goal that Fabrefaction will become a place where everyone can find something that interests them and encourages them to further engage in the art form."

*Christina Hoff,
Artistic Director, Fabrefaction*

BWH neighbor Rachel Doman, a 4th grader at Trinity School, has performed in eleven plays and musicals over the past three years, with her favorite playing Cruella de Vil in *101 Dalmatians* and the Mad Hatter in *Alice in Wonderland*. Jeb Carter, an 8th grader at Pace Academy, is a BWH community club member who has been on stage with Fabrefaction in both educational and collaborative productions, notably playing key roles in *The Music Man*, *Titanic: The Musical*, and *Seussical the Musical*.

While Fabrefaction's primary mission is to train young actors, the theater has received acclaim and awards for its professional shows, particularly *Sweeney Todd*, Stephen Sondheim's *Assassins*, *Urinetown*, and *The Odd Couple*, which have played on both its main stage and black box theaters. Many of Atlanta's young, up-and-coming directors, actors, and designers have discovered Fabrefaction and are increasingly active in its professional shows. They also lend their creative and mentoring talents to the kids in the student productions – which, of course, the kids love!

A Musical Willy Wonka

This spring, actors in grades 1-12 will take to the stage alongside professional adult actors in the "scrumdilyumptious" new musical adaptation of Ronald Dahl's *Willy Wonka*. More than a dozen pros will bring Willy Wonka and the other adult roles to life, but it's the kids who will steal the spotlight in the roles of the children with the elusive Golden Tickets, chefs, animals, and – of course – the ever popular Oompas. ***Willy Wonka* will be performed Thursday, April 24 – Sunday, May 11 on Fabrefaction's main stage.** Twenty-nine students are in the production: 9 elementary, 21 middle school, and 9 high school.

All of the student roles are double-cast to accommodate schedule conflicts (many play sports) and to balance the demands of school, family, and theater performances; most students are scheduled for no more than 8 out of 16 total performances. Jeb will be playing the TV-addicted boy Mike Teavee, while Rachel will be playing multiple minor roles as a member of the ensemble.

More than Training for the Stage

As part of their Fabrefaction experience, in addition to professional training, the student actors receive production photos, group shots, portraits in costume, and professional headshots. The show's directors assign individual mentorships, too, so that each student has an older or more experienced student or professional actor to offer support and guidance throughout the twelve weeks of classes, rehearsals, and performances. Middle and high school students also have the opportunity for hands-on experience in design/tech, direction, and stage management. Interested parents are included, as well, with the option of attending three seminars scheduled during the rehearsals to learn about acting resumes, audition prep, equity vs. non-equity roles, and much more. Finally, eve-

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Fabrefaction Theatre Conservatory

By *Laura Doman*

ry actor receives two complimentary tickets with their tuition and more are available to family members who volunteer their time during the build process or as ushers/concession assistants for the performances.

2014 Summer Season

If your child's inner thespian is calling, Fabrefaction's 2014 Summer Season offers three intensive acting camps, each culminating in a full-scale production complete with costumes, lights, sets, and sound designed by Atlanta's top theater artists:

- *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, for rising 1st through 8th graders, will be held Monday-Friday, June 9-20, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., with performances the weekend of June 20-22.
- *Legally Blonde, the Musical*, for rising 6th graders through May 2014 graduated high school seniors, will be held Monday-Friday, July 7-18, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., with performances the weekend of July 18-20.
- *Les Miserables*, for rising 9th graders through May 2014 graduated college undergraduates, will be held Monday-Friday, July 21 – August 1, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., with performances the weekend of August 1-3.

Theatre Location and Contact Information

Fabrefaction is located in West Midtown, next door to Miller Union restaurant, at 999 Brady Avenue, one block



*BWH Resident Rachel Doman as
the Mad Hatter in Alice in Wonderland*

west of Howell Mill Rd. at the intersection of 10th St. and Brady Ave.

For more about Fabrefaction, please visit www.fabrefaction.org or call 404-876-9468. You can also call Laura Doman at 404-786-3782 for an enthusiastic parent's perspective!

Nearby & Notable:

Keep Atlanta Beautiful: Community Recycle Centers

BUCKHEAD

1st Saturday each month
 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Off Bolling Road near

Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church
 2715 Peachtree Road, NE*
 Atlanta, GA 30305
 (Corner of East Wesley and Bolling Roads)

OLD FOURTH WARD

2nd Saturday each month
 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Walden School
 320 Irwin Street NE*
 Atlanta, GA 30312
 (Intersection of John Wesley Dobbs and
 Hilliard Streets.)

Partial list of items accepted: (Fees apply to some.)
 Electronics,—including televisions, computers, cell-phones —Styrofoam (no foam peanuts), latex paint, cardboard, junk mail, plastics, metals, batteries, and more.

For more information about fees and accepted items, please check out:

<http://www.keepatlantabeautiful.org/community-recycling-centers/>

2014 BWH Garden Club Spring Soirée to Fund Neighborhood Beautification

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The Brookwood Hills Garden Club is dedicated to the education of our members, preservation of our history, and the beautification of our neighborhood. The Garden Club cannot achieve this alone. It is through the generosity of our neighboring businesses and the participation and support of our members that we are able to maintain the beauty of Brookwood Hills.

The 2012 Brookwood Hills Garden Club Spring Party was a great success. Through the generosity of businesses, sponsors, and neighbors, we were able to raise almost \$50,000 for the beautification of our neighborhood.

Watch your mailbox for an invitation to the 2014 Spring Soirée in the coming weeks. We hope to see you there!

Support for the Garden Club

We very much appreciate your consideration of supporting this year's efforts through sponsorship or by donating a Live Auction item to the event.

Live Auction Donations

Please consider donating an item to this year's live auction. Exciting auction items in previous years have included wonderful vacation homes, unique dining experiences, tickets to special events, artwork and more!

Sponsorship

Sponsoring the Spring Soiree at one of three levels helps to contribute to the BWH Garden Club's mission.

Sponsorship Levels

<i>Benefactor</i>	<i>Partner</i>	<i>Patron</i>
\$1,000 +	\$500	\$250

Sponsorship Benefits

- Recognition in Brooknotes and the event program
- Name on signage at the event
- Two tickets to the Patron Party from 6-7 pm on the party evening
- Two tickets to the main event

At the Patron Party, we will award a door prize for a get-away weekend at a fabulous Watercolor beach house.

Our Generous Sponsors

We will continue to gratefully accept sponsorships until April 15th.

Benefactor

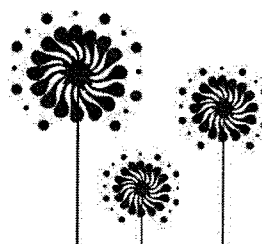
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- Cary & Herron Weems
- Hensley's Landscape Service



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Yes! I will sponsor the event.

Sponsor Name: _____
(as it should be listed in program)

Sponsorship Level: *Benefactor* *Partner* *Patron*
(circle one) \$1,000 + \$500 \$250

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Yes! I will donate a Live Auction item.

Donor Name: _____
(as it should be listed in program)

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Item Description: Please include features, restrictions, blackout dates and expiration dates.

Please return your Sponsorship and/or Live Auction form to Christy Payne at 210 Brighton Road. Checks should be made payable to BWH Garden Club. If you have questions, please contact:

Christy Payne (404) 580-5873 cahpayne@gmail.com or

Amy Mattingly (404) 993-1680 asmmail@mac.com

Please return all forms by April 15th for inclusion in print materials. Thank you for your support!

Seeking Short-Term Rental House, Apartment or Carriage House

Dear BWH Neighbors,

We are looking for a short-term rental house, apartment or carriage house in the neighborhood. My husband is on an assignment abroad, and our house in the neighborhood is rented.

We plan to return to Brookwood Hills for summer (around May 20th - July 20th) as we are having our second baby boy in June! Of course, our home neighborhood is where we prefer to be, especially for our 6-year-old son to be close to friends.

Please let us know if you have a place you want to rent, preferably furnished. This is not a must, but it would make life easier! We'd like at least 2 bedrooms.

So, if you know someone who has a rental in or near Brookwood Hills, please ask them to email me. All help and support is highly appreciated.

All the best to you,
Tanja Blume-Jantos
bluja@ymail.com

Rental House Available

250 Brighton Road is available March 1 for rent for \$3500 a month. The house has about 2100 square feet, three bedrooms, two baths, den, small office, working fireplace, hardwood floors, granite tops in kitchen, large back deck, full basement with one car garage, chairlift from garage to first floor, large backyard. Rent includes lawn maintenance by Rick Veach. **Please call Ross Henderson at 770-633-0196.**

Nearby & Notable: Upcoming Events at Watershed

Contributed by Merrell Thompson



WATERSHED

ON PEACHTREE

"After Party" with DJ Yvonne Monet

Saturday, March 8th, 10:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Award-winning DJ Yvonne Monet is bringing the beats back to Watershed for "After Party." Mix and mingle at this exclusive event while enjoying signature cocktails. RSVP to rsvp@lizlapiduspr.com.

March Wine Tasting Event

Tuesday, March 11th, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy samples from twenty of the best available wines from around the world. For only \$20 per person (plus tax and gratuity), you'll sip wine and enjoy passed bites from Chef Joe Truex. RSVP to rsvp@lizlapiduspr.com.

Want to add a bottle to your wine collection? The featured wines will be available to order from our retail partner, Tower Beer, Wine and Spirits.

Creole Jazz Brunch

Every Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Featuring Creole-inspired dishes and live music from Ruby Red's Band. For reservations, call 404-809-3561.

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