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The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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A Letter from the President

The map on page three of this edition of Brooknotes is not a quiz on the makeup of the former Republic of Yugoslavia! But how many of you looking at it recognize the shaded area of the buffer property, owned by the neighborhood Association, that protects us from development on our southern and eastern borders? In addition to the park area, the neighborhood owns six parcels of taxable property (roughly 25 acres) that contribute to the forest-like atmosphere of the neighborhood. This buffer is one of the many things that make Brookwood Hills a unique place to live, yet we tend to take it for granted. Can you imagine the neighborhood without it? **In 1994 the neighborhood Association must budget over forty thousand dollars simply for the maintenance of this property.** These funds, which come from your dues to the Association, will underwrite the anticipated cost of 1994 property taxes, tree removal, and capital costs directly associated with this property. While we hope that our appeals to lower the greatly increased property assessments will be successful and that no trees will fall on fences this year, our budget must reflect the facts as we know them today. Clearly, we need every resident's participation as a member of the Association to meet this financial challenge.

Unfortunately, this is by no means the only financial issue our neighborhood faces in 1994. Security, zoning, parking, and general maintenance issues loom large, and will require significant human and financial resources. All this will directly impact Association dues, and may ultimately require a cut-back in the number of services the Association can provide to the neighborhood. If you are a new neighbor who would like to know more about the activities of the neighborhood Association, or an "old" neighbor who would like to get caught up on the issues we face, I invite you to attend the Association's Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 6th, in the Rich Auditorium at Piedmont Hospital. We plan to review the Association's major programs, our 1994 budget, and other significant issues for our neighborhood. We will also elect a new slate of officers for 1994 and seven new Board members. I hope you will come away with an understanding of how important it is for every property owner in Brookwood Hills to support the Association through membership (as an A member if at all possible), and the effort it will take to keep this the special place we all love. I hope to see you there. We need your interest and input!

Lee Robinson

1994 Officer and Board Nominations

The following slate of officer and board nominations will be offered for your consideration at the 1994 Annual Meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club, to be held February 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rich Auditorium of Piedmont Hospital. President - David Forquer; Vice President - Alison Caughman; Treasurer - Pelham Wilder; Secretary - Kathy Bernhardt. Board Nominations, Class of 1997: Nancy Bramlett, Mary Lynn Eckl, Hank Harris, Judy Horton, Elaine Moynihan, Mike Nadal, and Jim Porter. If elected, these new Board members and officers will serve in 1994 with current members Sara Jean Burke, Mike Egan, Jo Ann Hagaman, Frank Inman, Mac Irvin, Sarah Ellen Love, Elizabeth St. John, and Bibbie Withers.

Annual TWIGS Party Set

The annual neighborhood TWIGS party, to benefit the Henrietta Egleston Hospital for Children, will be held this year on Friday, February 4th, at 7:30 p.m. Mary Ann and Knox Massey have graciously offered their beautiful home at 67 Brighton Road for this year's event. The Massey's elegant and unique home was featured prominently in the May-June 1993 issue of Southern Accents magazine. This popular event promises lots of good company, great food and drink in a wonderful setting, as well as a chance to support Egleston Hospital. All of the proceeds from the party will be donated through TWIGS to the hospital.

Invitations have already been delivered to each home in the neighborhood. If for any reason you did not receive yours, please call Sarah Ellen Love (874-4036) or Diane Kellum (876-8976), and we will get one to you.

Our extremely generous sponsors this year include Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes, Inc., Andrea Helfrich of Jenny Pruitt & Associates, Marge Henson of Northside Realty, Patti Junger of Buckhead Brokers Realtors, Loranne Oser of Dorsey-Alston Realtors, and Kathi Pierce-Rhodes of Harry Norman Realtors, Inc. In addition to the offerings of the TWIGS members, donations of food have been made by Jane Long of the Easy Way Out, Jane Northway of Special Delivery Artful Foods, and Harry's Farmers Market. Priscilla Hopkins has offered her exceptional talents for floral arrangement. The invitations were donated by Bank South.

Please plan to support this fun and worthwhile event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mark Your Calendar

The Brookwood Hills Garden Club is holding a live and silent auction to benefit the neighborhood on Friday, April 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. Katie Bollman at 84 Wakefield will be hostess for this fun event. Brookwood's own Mal Phillips has agreed to be the auctioneer. Invitations and information will be forthcoming. Donations from the neighborhood are welcomed and greatly appreciated. Perhaps some of those "unusual" Christmas gifts that can't find a place in your home would be lovely in your neighbor's!

For information on items, contact Sandra Player, 90 Wakefield, at 352-9253.

Welcome New Neighbors

Mark and Patty Griffith have moved into 33 Camden from Plantation, Florida. Their two children, Gregory (age 7) and Christie (age 6), are attending Christ the King School. They are sharing their new home with Chelsea, the cat.

Richard Cohan and his wife Larkin Preston, along with their eight month old son Rafe, have moved to 27 Wakefield.

Doctors Christopher and Angela Bakke are the new owners of 24 Camden.

Welcome to all these new neighbors! And if you're new to the neighborhood and have never been officially recognized in Brooknotes, don't be shy. Call Loranne Oser at 351-4825 to let her know you're here, and she'll be sure to see that you are mentioned in next month's newsletter.

Garden Club Tips

January is the month to plan a wonderful garden. Curl up in front of a nice fire with all your seed catalogues. Order at least one outrageous perennial, vine or border plant. Have fun with your garden planning. Gardens should be enjoyable to you as well as your neighbors.

All shrubs may be moved or newly planted during the dormant period. Prune deciduous trees. Plant something for the birds so that they will be there to eat your bugs next summer.

Winter tip: If it snows, you can shake or brush heavy snow off branches before it freezes. Never remove ice from the branches because it will damage the tree or shrub.

Give your house plants some attention. One recommendation is to feed them regularly on a twelve month basis. For flowering plants, a 5-10-10 formula is good. For foliage plants 12-6-6 can be used. Lowering night time temperature by ten degrees helps house plants retain more moisture because less evaporates. This retained moisture is used in the plant's building blocks, creating larger leaves. Plants that are cool do not grow as fast, so they have stronger stems. In general they are stockier, fatter, and fuller. African violets are one of the exceptions, as they want to be toasty all the time.

REMEMBER TO PUT OUT SEED AND SUET FOR THE BIRDS!

1994 Swim Team Dates

Do you have your summer calendar yet? For those who like to plan ahead, the Swim Team has announced that this year's swim meets will take place every Thursday between June 9th and July 21st, plus on July 18th and 23rd.

Parents are asked to plan their vacation and summer camp plans around this schedule. The most important meet dates will be June 23rd (against St. Ives), July 14th (against Horseshoe Bend), and July 21st and 23rd (Fulton County Championships). Call Charlene Kenworthy at 872-7885 for more information.

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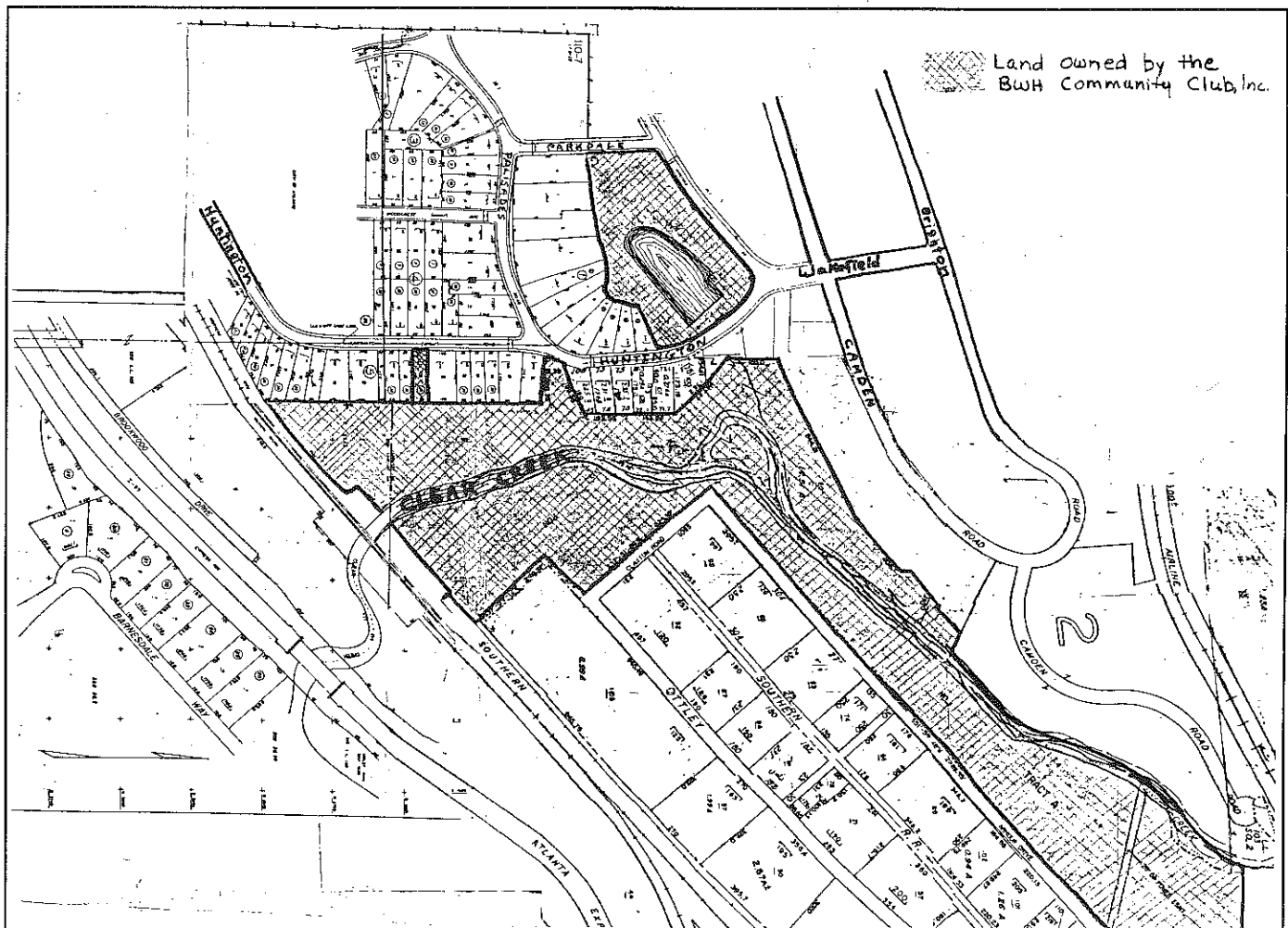
The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes will be Friday, February 10th. Brooknotes submissions must be in writing and should be dropped off at Alison Caughman's house, 200 Camden Road.

Classifieds

For Lease: Two fabulous one bedroom apartments located off Peachtree Road in Brookwood Hills. These charming one bedrooms were converted from a circa 1910 coach house and have recently been updated to include central heat and air, security system, French doors opening to stone terraces with garden fountain and deck with gas grill. Grounds are professionally landscaped and maintained and include an electric gate with wireless remote control. These apartments will be available beginning February 1, and are priced at \$750 and \$850 per month. Contact Beth Bean during office hours at 332-6498 for more information on this unique property.

A favorite restaurant of ours in the neighborhood, Luna Si!, is offering an unbelievable special from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday through Sunday. Paul Luna, the excellent chef, prepares daily a three course meal for only \$9.93. We highly recommend it. They also accept reservations which is a real plus. You can call 355-5993 for more information. Beverly and David Stacy.

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Snark Sightings and Snippets

By Lane Gormley

This column about pets, which will appear in Brooknotes on a more or less regular basis, is named for the remote and elusive mystery animal portrayed in Lewis Carroll's mock-epic poem "The Hunting of the Snark." The week before Thanksgiving, a beautiful dark-gray striped tiger cat with a white face and front disappeared from 40 Northwood; since Mick was a wild (or feral) cat and rarely seen by anyone but us, our hunt for him has been thus far as unfruitful as the pursuit of the original snark. Mick does, in fact, have four of the five recognizable marks of a genuine snark: he gets up late and frequently breakfasts at five o'clock tea; he does not understand jokes, especially puns; he loves bathing-machines (bathtubs and showers); and he is very ambitious. If you see a cat of that description, please call Lane Gormley at 872-7741.

If you should lose a pet, write to us at: Snark Sightings, 40 Northwood Avenue and we'll ask our readers to look for it. Just tell us your name and telephone number, what your pet looks like, and where the animal was last seen.

The following contribution, from John Weitnauer, is a missing pet story with a happy ending.

The Sewer Kitty that Weighed Ten Pounds!

In early December, our cat Jet escaped from our house. We were really worried about him since he had been de-clawed. We didn't see him for almost three weeks until one Sunday evening Carson and Anna were walking our dog Badger to the park while John was at soccer practice. While walking Badger, they heard a "meow, meow, meow" at the intersection of Wakefield and Camden. Anna looked down in the grate and saw a fat little cat sitting there! So they took Badger back home and told Dad where Jet was. Then our dad called the City Sewer Department and the man who answered said they would be there in an hour. (And do remember this was a Sunday evening!)

We put some food down through the grate and even arranged to give Jet some water. Carson had called Mom on the car phone and she and John arrived from soccer practice to see what could be done to help Jet get out of the sewer. While we waited, lots of neighbors came by and asked what was going on. The city never arrived, but luckily, as it was growing dark, our neighbor Mr. David Martin came out and asked if he could help and said, "We can get that grate up." With a crow bar and a pick ax Mr. Martin and a few other men progressed slowly but surely.

As they lifted the heavy grate, the noise of it falling to the side scared Jet and he ran back down the sewer pipe. John got down in the sewer and called to him, but he disappeared under the street. Everyone scurried to look out for him at each of the nearby manholes, but he was too scared to come out. After awhile, Mom noticed him quietly escaping from another spot up the street and he nearly got away. But John crept up on him and nabbed him. Holding him tightly, he and Anna carried him back home and locked him up inside Anna's room. Carson and Mr. Martin somehow managed to get the sewer grate back in place.

Many thanks to all of our wonderful Brookwood Hills neighbors who helped, and especially Mr. Martin who saved the day! It was a much merrier Christmas at the Weitnauer home with Jet safely back at home.

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