



# BROOKNOTES

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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## Neighbors Gather at Annual Meeting

The Brookwood Hills Community Club Annual Meeting was held in the Rich Auditorium of Piedmont Hospital on the evening of Sunday, January 15th. While the stated purpose of the meeting is to elect the new Board Members and Officers for the coming year, it is also a time for neighbors to hear about the "state of the neighborhood" and to socialize with one another. This year's meeting opened with the introduction of Lee Morris, the City Council Member who represents our area of the City. He gave a brief description of the workings of the city government and answered many questions from the audience. Lee is going to be serving this year on several Council Committees, including the Transportation Committee. A number of residents expressed concerns about the plans (or lack thereof) by the City to deal with Olympics traffic. Lee explained that about one year ago ACOG laid out a preliminary traffic plan, but has not yet come to the Council with the "real" proposal. A revised plan is supposedly in the works to be presented to the Transportation Committee when it is ready. Councilman Morris is well aware of the fact that our neighborhood runs the risk of being held hostage to Olympic traffic for several weeks, and he stated that he shares our concern. Stay tuned for more on this issue as more becomes known about ACOG's intentions in this regard. In the meantime, if you ever have a need to contact Councilman Morris, he can be reached at 330-6050 (office) or 231-4065 (home).

Officer Miller reviewed the crime statistics for the past year in the neighborhood. Basically it was a very quiet year, with a handful of burglaries being the most serious incidents. In response to a question about speeding on neighborhood streets, he reported that the City police do stop speeders, particularly on Brighton and Huntington, but noted that because it is such a short street, it is difficult to measure the speed of cars flying down the other trouble spot -- Montclair Road. According to Officer Miller, the worst speeding incidents tend to be perpetrated by residents, particularly carpooling parents who are running late!

Outgoing President Dave Forquer then reported on the past year of Community Club activities. He stated that for once zoning issues appear to have died down, with the neighborhood prevailing on all the issues surrounding the numerous attempts to operate a late night club (Metropolis) at 1923 Peachtree. He thanked Nancy Swann for her leadership in the successful effort to have the neighborhood designated as a Conservation District, and gave special credit to Mac Irvin and Nolan and Pat Leake for their work on the Metropolis operation. The Community Club also paid for a "Small Area Study" to be undertaken on the commercial strip of Peachtree which backs up to Northwood and Montclair between Brighton and Huntington. The study, which is now nearly complete, documents all the zoning requirements for the property, particularly with regard to parking, and points out existing violations. This document will be an invaluable resource for us to use with the City in any future zoning issues on this section of Peachtree. Dave also announced that, for the first time in a number of years, there will be no increase in dues for Community Club membership, and that the Board has authorized the payment of \$50,000 to buy down the bank loan which was used to underwrite the major pool renovation of 1989/90. He renewed the call for all residents of the neighborhood to join the Community Club, noting that there are now more C and D (non-resident) members than there are A (resident) members of the pool. The new Board and Officers were then elected (see names elsewhere in this issue), and he turned the meeting over to incoming President Alison Caughman. Alison presented Dave with a gift of appreciation from the Club, and the meeting was adjourned.

## **Annual TWIGS Party Set**

by Mary Marsteller

The annual neighborhood TWIGS party, to benefit the Henrietta Egleston Hospital for Children, will be held this year on Friday, February 10th, at 7:30 p.m. Jim and Pat Ingvoldstad have graciously offered their home at 38 Palisades Road for this year's event. You won't want to miss this beautifully decorated and interesting home. Come and enjoy good company, great food and drink, and a chance to support Egleston Hospital. All of the proceeds from the party will be donated through TWIGS to the hospital.

A special thanks to Katrina Newton for our invitation cover, an etching of the Ingvoldstad's home. Invitations have already been delivered to each home in the neighborhood. If you any reason you did not receive yours, please call Janet Frederick (897-1440) to make your reservations.

Sponsors this year so far include: Bank South, Sara Hagood/Specialty Homes, Inc., Andrea Helfrich/Jenny Pruitt & Associates, Marge Henson/Northside Realtors, Laranne Oser & Check Wood/Dorsey-Alston Realtors, Patti Junger/Buckhead Brokers Realtors, Kathi Pierce Rhodes & Carol Young/Buckhead Office of Harry Norman Realtors, Habersham Winery, Sandra McGibbon Interior Design, Hospitality House, Carole Parks Catering Associates, Inc., Janie Long/Easy Way Out, The Bread Market, and Harry's in a Hurry.

This year we are pleased to offer a cappuccino/expresso/coffee bar for your enjoyment, compliments of Kathi Pierce Rhodes and Carol Young. We hope you'll support this fun and worthwhile event.

## **Street Trees Need Attention**

JoAnn Hagaman, Chair of the Trees Committee of the Community Club, is still compiling a list of curbside trees which may be in danger of dropping limbs or of falling. If you have any questions about the health of any specific street trees (which are owned by the City), please call JoAnn at 876-2606. She is arranging for the City Arborist to examine any street trees which may need attention. Trouble signs include large dead limbs, a trunk which leans excessively, rotting roots, and large amounts of fungus-type growth.

## **Welcome New Neighbors**

Emily Sadler, an interior designer, and Mike McIntyre, a developer with Cheswill Properties, are the new owners of 138 Brighton Road. Engaged to be married, they will apply their talents to the house between now and the wedding.

Larre and Doug Holladay have become permanent Brookwood Hills neighbors. They had been renting on Camden Road and now live at 41 Palisades Road with their two sons: Whitt, an Eighth Grader at Westminster, and Cole, a Third Grader at Morris Brandon.

Jan Wingfield has just moved into 37 Camden Road. Her 17 year old son, Anderson, attends Atlanta Country Day and daughter, Catherine, is at Auburn University. The Wingfields have a yellow lab, Lectron. Jan works at the Atlanta Speech School.

Millie and Jim Reed, who live at 109 Huntington Road, welcomed the arrival December 9th of their first child, James Harris Reed.

## **Olympic Rental Update**

by Mary Lynn Eckl

The word is out. Interest is building. A fifth broker has contacted me about Brookwood Hills families interested in renting their houses or bedrooms for the Olympics. Another broker called for "permission" to show a representative of a "European royal family" through the neighborhood. The family wants 250 rooms in one building! I don't think any Brookwood Hills home qualifies, but I graciously said "Sure, come look!" Contact me if you're interested, at 351-9876.

## **Summer Teen Programs**

by Esther Stokes

Are you interested in identifying some unusual summer opportunities for your junior or senior high school student? Come to Summer Expo February 1, from noon till 6:30 p.m. at The Westminster Schools. Over eighty-five exhibitors will be available to discuss their programs which include travel, academics, the arts, wilderness training, volunteer work in Atlanta, sports, and college search opportunities. Summer Expo is free and open to the public.

## Spring in February

by Caroline Gilham

Put a smile on your face and a bounce in your step -- it's only a few weeks away from that delightful prelude to Spring, the Southeastern Flower Show! This year the Show has moved across Ponce de Leon to larger quarters in the old Sears Building (now called City Hall East, at North Avenue and Glen Iris Drive), where it will be the inaugural event for the new Town Hall Exhibition Center. The entrance is on North Avenue, with plenty of free parking across the street.

The 1995 Southeastern Flower Show features spectacular gardens designed by the region's leading landscape companies. The gardens are abundant with beautiful flowers, shrubs, and trees forced into early bloom for the Show. Visitors will enjoy more than three acres of garden fantasy portraying the 1995 Show theme, "Celebrations!" The Show offers hundreds of things for the whole family to enjoy. There will be more than 40 landscape, education and environmental gardens and displays, plus more than 1,000 botanical exhibits and artistic floral designs. During the 5-day event, there will be 35 free seminars, as well as on-going "how-to" demonstrations throughout each day. There will be a Children's Activity Center, a Food Court offering a wide variety of culinary treats, and a Marketplace providing outstanding one-stop shopping in time for planting. More than 100 booths and boutiques showcase unique garden items and ideas.

The Southeastern flower Show benefits the Atlanta Botanical Garden and is produced and staffed by volunteers. There is a core committee of more than 200 who work throughout the year, but the ranks swell to over 1200 at Showtime. A good group of your Brookwood Hills neighbors serve on the SFS Committee: Sara Jean Burke, Linda Copeland, Cathy Fisher, JoAnn Hagaman, Priscilla Hopkins, Kay Ottley, Esther Stokes and Nancy Swann.

It's exciting and fun to enter an exhibit in the Show, in either the Horticulture or Artistic Division, as well as to become one of the volunteers. Contact Caroline Gilham, 355-0245, or the SFS Show Office, 888-5638, for details. The Show hours are: Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 22-23, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24-25, 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 26, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The general admission ticket price is \$10. Advance tickets are \$9 and advance group tickets (10 or more) are \$8. Youth tickets (age 4 - 16) are \$5.

## New Editor Named

by Alison Caughman

This marks my twenty-fourth and last issue as editor of Brooknotes. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to serve as the editor, but am delighted to announce that your new editor will be Betsy Crosby. Betsy is a gifted writer and has lots of ideas for ways to ensure that our neighborhood newsletter is a timely and informative publication. The deadline for the next issue will be Friday, February 10th. Drop off any submissions at Betsy's house, at 34 Brighton Road. In another "changing of the guard," Judy Horton is taking over the distribution of Brooknotes. Many thanks to Laura Inman, who for two years has been responsible for overseeing the neighborhood children who deliver each edition to your homes. Thanks too to Lane Gormley, who wrote several pet columns, Daphne Coley for the Garden Club's columns, Carla Fackler for two historical pieces, Laranne Oser for collecting the new neighbors information, and to my husband Wright for figuring out the technical complexities of producing Brooknotes on our Macintosh. Of course the biggest thank you of all goes to Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes Inc. and Patti Junger of Buckhead Brokers Realtors who have underwritten the publication of Brooknotes since 1993 and who have graciously offered to continue this service for the upcoming year.

### A Testimonial

Dear Brooknotes,

Our youngest daughter has joined the ranks of many of us who suffer from allergies. On a recent visit to her allergist, it was suggested that because dust and other allergens accumulate over the years, we should have the air ducts in our house cleaned. Last weekend, a duct cleaning crew came and did their magic. What we saw them remove from our ducts was unbelievable -- mounds of dust and other unwanted debris that had been in our air system for years. When the job was done, our whole system ran smoother and no doubt more efficiently. Most importantly, the air we now breathe is a lot *cleaner*. We are writing this letter because most of the homes in Brookwood Hills are over 40 or 50 years old and have never had their air ducts cleaned. Frankly, we never gave it a thought, but after seeing what accumulates over time, we highly recommend this service.

Laurie and Sims Bray  
31 Wakefield Drive

# New Faces on the Board

In the box below are listed the members of the 1995 Board of Directors for the Brookwood Hills Community Club. Newly elected to the Board are Laranne Oser, who will be helping Sarah Ellen Love with the park, Tom Lancaster, who will be working with Jim Porter on the pool, Betsy Crosby, who will assume the editorship of Brooknotes, and Nancy Kennedy, who will be taking over the security post from Sara Jean Burke. Retiring from the Board are Dave Forquer, Kathy Bernhardt, Frank Inman, Elizabeth St. John, and Sara Jean Burke. When you see these neighbors, be sure to thank them for all the volunteer time and effort that they have contributed on our behalf.

<b>1995 BWH Community Club Board</b>				
President	Alison Caughman	200 Camden Road	355-7662	
Vice-President	Hank Harris	81 Huntington Road	872-0119	
Secretary, Garden Club	Mary Lynn Eckl	348 Camden Road	351-9876	
Treasurer	Pelham Wilder	7 Montclair Road	876-0716	
<u>Brooknotes</u>	Betsy Crosby	34 Brighton Road	351-8821	
Government Relations	Mike Egan	97 Brighton Road	351-6567	
Membership	Nancy Bramlett	18 Camden Road	351-3609	
	Elaine Moynihan	30 Camden Road	351-5479	
Parks	Sarah Ellen Love	23 Woodcrest Avenue	874-4036	
	Laranne Oser	204 Camden Road	351-4825	
Pool	Jim Porter	142 Brighton Road	355-8876	
	Tom Lancaster	339 Camden Road	609-9499	
Tennis	Bibbie Withers	369 Camden Road	351-7881	
Trees	JoAnn Hagaman	115 Palisades Road	876-2606	
Security	Nancy Kennedy	35 Northwood Avenue	874-0746	
Communications	Judy Horton	14 Montclair Road	351-6257	
Zoning	Chair, External	Mac Irvin	40 Brighton Road	351-2136
		Hank Harris	81 Huntington Road	872-0119
		Mike Nadal	90 Huntington Road	874-9534

## In Memorium

Brooknotes is sad to report that one of the three Boy Scouts killed in a drowning accident in North Carolina over the King holiday weekend was Community Club member Jacob Wine, son of Lindy and Paul Wine and brother of Jeremy Wine. Jacob was a diver on the Brookwood Hills team and an Eighth Grader at Sutton Middle School.

## You're Welcome to Come

The next meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, February 6th, at 7:15 p.m., at the home of Betsy and Bob Crosby, 34 Brighton Road. In order for them to have an idea of how many people to expect, if you would like to attend, please call Betsy or Bob at 351-8821. All members of the Community Club are welcome.

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