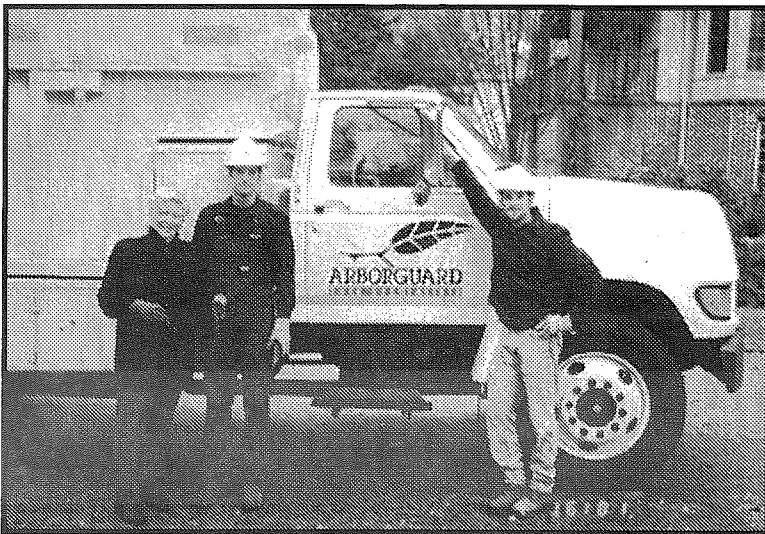


# BROOKNOTES

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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## BWH MULCHES 150 TREES



*Cookie Frank meets Arborguard at the park for the mulching.*

The first annual Brookwood Hills Christmas tree mulching on Monday January 5th was a huge success with 150 trees delivered to the park and turned into mulch by Arborguard Tree Specialists, Inc. The mulch will age for the next three months near the tennis courts before heading for its final destination in the entrance islands of Palisades and Brighton. If you drive by the tennis court side of the park on Huntington Rd., you may catch the aroma of the mulch in process.

This wonderful project was the brainchild of Cookie Frank and Carla Fackler,

but both ladies are quick to point out that it was the cooperative efforts of the whole Brookwood Hills community that really made it happen. From Karen & Kathy Bernhardt and Sam Donaldson driving through the neighborhood collecting trees in their cars to deliver to the park, to Bibbie Withers putting together a flyer to distribute to the neighbors, from Danielle Rabel's great signs, to Harvey Ross helping make calls to line up volunteers for the morning of the mulching - each neighbor Cookie and Carla called was willing to help. "That's why we live in a neighborhood like BWH. We are a community and we work together to get things done," says Cookie a 26 year resident of Camden.

It all began when Cookie noticed that neighbor's Christmas trees seemed to linger longer and longer on the curbs every year. Last year she thought of a way not only to get the trees off the streets but to put them to good use in the process. Nevermind that Christmas trees are not a part of her family's holiday observance - Cookie called her good friend Carla Fackler and said "Carla, it's time for a project." Discovering that they were too late to set up such a big undertaking last year, they set their sights on getting on Arborguard's schedule early this fall. Arborguard graciously agreed to donate the mulching service. As a way to say thank you to Arborguard, the BWH Community Club Board of Directors voted to donate \$150 to Arborguard's favor

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Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is February 20, 1998. Submissions should be in writing and should be dropped off at Deirdre Stiles' house at 23 Northwood Ave.

## Security Alert Signs

When you see the **Security Alert** signs posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the **Brookwood Hills Security Hotline 325-5411** for details concerning a recent security incident. These signs are the signal that an incident has occurred in the neighborhood and the information has been recorded on the hotline.

# Letter to the Editor

## " A Dog Lovers Plea"

Let me begin this plea with the statement that I never met a dog I did not like. However, I am deeply upset that a number of neighbors walk their dogs without a leash. The behavior of these dog owners bothers me for a number of reasons.

- 1) Not everyone loves dogs the way I do. Some people are genuinely afraid of dogs, particularly large animals on the loose.
- 2) Many of us try very hard to landscape our homes and maintain our lawns. Animals fouling our property makes this task even more difficult.
- 3) No one, no matter how confident of their dog, can control their pet when it is not on a leash. I would be devastated if I killed your dog as it ran in from of my car. Please think how your family would feel if they witnessed this.
- 4) In Fulton County, it is against the law not to have your dog on a leash or fenced in your property.

Please for the sake of your neighbors, and most of all your dog, keep them on a leash when you go out for a walk.

Carolyn Cooper

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ite charity, Park Pride Atlanta, Inc. It was Park Pride that helped with the New Camden park that was the subject of a recent Brooknotes article (see November "New Camden's New Park"). As a lover of Atlanta's trees, Arboguard is appealing to Brookwood Hills residents to join Park Pride. Park Pride is a non profit group dedicated to the care and preservations of Atlanta's city parks and their trees. Tax deductible memberships categories are as follows:

Individuals:

Member	\$30
Family	\$45
Partner	\$150
Sponsoring Partner	\$250

Corporate/Group

Non-profit	\$50
Corporate	\$500
Silver Sponsor	\$1,000'
Gold Sponsor	\$5,000

Please mail your tax-deductible contribution to Park Pride Atlanta, Inc. 675 Ponce de Leon Avenue, 8th Floor, Atlanta, GA 3030 For more information call 404-817-6760.

## BWH Board Adopts New Park Guidelines

In response to the requests of BWH Community Club members, the Board spent several months reviewing current park guidelines specifically with respect to parties/special events and sport team practices. Included in the new guidelines is a park closing time of 10 p.m., detailed procedures for scheduling parties/ special events, and new times for sports team practices. The revised guidelines are designed to encourage the use of the park by all Community Club members, recognize the rights of those neighbors bordering the park and to provide for the continued care and maintenance of the park property.

Please note the following important changes to the guidelines for parties and special events. For parties or special events with over 35 attendees, a use fee will be assessed based on the number of guests, with a minimum of fee \$100. Parties of fewer than 35 guests will not be assessed a use fee. The Board does have the right to waive the fee for parties or special events that benefit the neighborhood or for charitable organizations. There is to be no live or amplified music without prior approval of the Board and all events must end by 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise approved by the Board. In the event that trash is not removed by the reserving member, there will be a \$50 penalty assessed to cover trash removal.

The park will be available for a total of 8 team practices, Monday - Thursday, and Saturday morning with Saturday afternoons, Fridays and Sundays are reserved for free play.

### Security Bonus Contributors Doubles

**168 residents contributed this year to the annual Christmas bonus pool for the officers that patrol our neighborhood, a number double that of last year. The total collected was \$2,900. Thank you to everyone who helped show our appreciation to Barry Miller and his team.**



### February 1st Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club will be held on Sunday, February 1st at 7 pm in the Rich Auditorium of Piedmont Hospital. All Community Club members are encouraged to attend. New Officers and Board members will be elected.

# PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL

My 9-year-old godson Charlie was ruminating in the bathtub recently. Calling through the open door to his mother he said, "Do you know who my heroes are? Michael Jordan, Kareem Abdul Jabar, and you and Dad."

His mother was understandably pleased to be included in such august company. "But why are we your heroes?" she asked. "Because," answered Charlie with due consideration, "You're better than average parents."

After a year of serving as President of the Brookwood Hills Community Club, I have some heroes, too. Just as we all know how much effort it takes to be a "better than average" parent, I have a new appreciation for the effort it takes to be a "better than average" neighbor. And some really great ones have been serving on your neighborhood board.

They include **Nick Sears**, our president-elect, who devoted more than eighty hours of his legal practice to negotiating with prospective purchasers of the Jewish Community Center. Those of you who are attorneys can appreciate the dollar value of his volunteer services to our community. The same holds true for **Ann Sapp**, our "secret weapon," who with her soft voice and common-sense legal arguments completely disarmed the Zoning Review Board last fall. Equally quiet but effective was **Harry Gilham**, whose great good manners and diplomacy made him a valuable addition to NPU-E, our neighborhood planning unit.

Another hero is our Treasurer, **Brad Mullinax**, who has spent untold hours evaluating our insurance coverage and renegotiating our long-term debt while maintaining his prestigious position as CFO for Fuqua Industries. Our Secretary, **Margy Pastor**, relatively new to our neighborhood, has jumped enthusiastically into the fray, volunteering to undertake any job cast her way and volunteering her husband, Bob, whenever she can.

Our *Brooknotes* editor, **Deirdre Stiles** has proved herself a hero every month over the last year, even with a feverish two-year-old sitting on her lap. Neither sick children, hospitalized caregiver, demanding volunteer commitments, nor choir rehearsals could keep her from her appointed mission. **Larrane Oser** oversaw the circulation of *Brooknotes*, cheerfully ensuring that her small army of distributors (or rather her army of small distributors) actually carried the newsletter past the front steps and into the mail slots.

**Kathy McCune** deserves a high place on my list of heroes, devoting her spring to meeting with contractors to renovate our pool house, then checking in almost every day this summer to ensure the pool's efficient functioning. By many accounts, the pool never looked better nor ran as smoothly as it did this past year. **Bill Long** brought his good humor and easy smile to the excellent pool operation, despite a few sleepless nights thanks to a new baby in the house.

Park Co-Chairmen **Harvey Ross** and **Frampton Simons** have taken a proprietary interest in the safety and appearance of the park, approaching their responsibilities with remarkable skill and efficiency. They have been ably assisted by members of their committee, most notably Sam and Ben Ross (ages 4 and 5) and Frampton and Henry Simons (ages 3 and 1). They've even corralled spouses Mickey Ross and Libby Simons into giving a hand with a rake or two.

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**Celeste Porter**, our Tree Chairman, undertook a particularly heroic effort, finding homes for 48 new trees and overseeing the landscape suppliers and contractors in the course of planting them. Her courteous but emphatic voice gained her great respect with the public utility companies who occasionally threatened the safety of our mature trees. As the Tennis Lady, **Katie Bollman** did a superb job overseeing the tennis courts. Whenever a problem existed, Katie resolved it quickly and capably, often generously providing her own contractors or yardmen free of charge to the neighborhood.

**Walter Bland's** careful analysis of the Security position led him to propose our new telephone Security Alert system, enabling our security patrol to check daily for messages from the community and enabling our neighbors to learn quickly of security issues. Walter takes the extra effort to lunch occasionally with Barry Miller, the chief of our security patrol, to let Barry know of our concerns and our appreciation of his efforts.

Government Relations Chairman **Rob Donovan** found time to plod through both our border property and the red tape of city government in an effort to negotiate a sewer easement and the clean-up of Clear Creek. With his wife Belinda in bed for several months during her pregnancy, Rob had his hands full taking care of these issues, as well as Belinda and daughter Callan.

Among the biggest heroes of the day are **Diane Kellum** and **Janet Frederick**. With their superb organization skills they managed the task of billing and collecting annual dues and compiling the Neighborhood Directory. Without these ladies, there wouldn't be any funds to run the Community Club.

Remarkably, I have discovered that heroes like these can be found all over our neighborhood. People like **Gene Novy** and **Alex and Kay Summers**, who devoted hours to negotiations with Trammell Crow and Post Properties. People like **Cookie Frank** and **Carla Fackler**, who initiated the Christmas tree recycling efforts, and **Kathy Bernhardt** and **Sam Donaldson** who drove around the neighborhood collecting trees from those too lazy to carry them to the park. People like **Susan Connell** who spearheaded the renovation of the

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## Book Lovers Needed

Do you think reading a good book is one of life's great pleasures? If so, consider joining with two neighbors to form a Brookwood Hills Book Club. Meeting schedule and books will be chosen by the group once it is formed. If you are interested, please call Carolyn 404-351-0555 or Sallie 404-870-0397.

## Brookwood Boys Set to Go

*The January meeting of the Brookwood Boys Club will be ice skating at the Parkaire Arena on Lower Roswell Road (next to Sparkles) on January 25th, 1998. We want to arrive by 1:30 so please meet us in the park by 12:45. If you have any questions, please contact Everett or Mike Nadal at 404-874-9534.*

*In February, the Boys and their dads plan to head to The World of Coke on the 22nd. Please call Xavier Duralde at 404-874-7863 for more details.*

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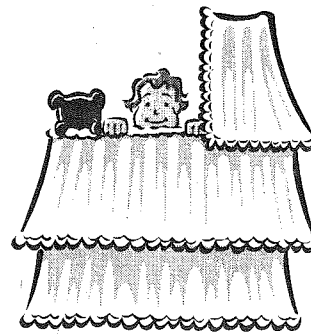
Camden Road park. People like **Francis Ann Ferguson**, who organized thirty years' worth of neighborhood files and collected Huntington Road signatures for speed humps, and **Sheldon Jeter**, who has made it his personal mission to keep the water fountain in the park functioning.

There are scores of other terrific neighbors like these who take a proprietary interest in Brookwood Hills. I wish I had room to mention them all in this article. What makes them heroic is that they never use the excuse that "My job is too time-consuming" or "I have too many commitments already" or "My children are too little" or "I'm just not the volunteer type."

Perhaps one of your New Year's Resolutions for 1998 is to become a "better than average" neighbor. Or better yet, become a great neighbor like one of my heroes mentioned above.

## BROOKWOOD BUZZ

**Lynne, Mike** and big sister **Isabelle McAlevy** really started the year off right welcoming a baby brother **James Easton Taylor** on January 2nd at Piedmont Hospital. A healthy 9 pounds and 5 ounces, James looks just like Isabelle and has a good appetite according to his mother. We look forward to seeing them out and about soon.



## CLASSIFIEDS

**Highlands Cottage for Rent.** Three bedroom two bath cottage with additional bedroom and bath in guest quarters available for rent June through September. A four minute walk to town. Call Laney Capron at 404-355-7229.

**For Sale.** Bunkbeds and desk/chair suitable for young children. \$150. Call Alison Caughman at 404-355-7662.

**For Sale.** 1994 Isuzu Rodeo S Series. Green. 61,000 miles. 5 speed manual, AC, power locks, cruise control, am/fm with cassette, well maintained. Owned and driven by school teacher. \$13,400. Call Sandra Player 404-352-9253.



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