

# **BROOKNOTES**

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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# Heigh Ho, Heigh Ho, It's Off to Mulch We Go



Martin Putney and Frampton Simons arrive on Thursday morning for the mulching.



Karen Wabler brings her tree to the park.

The second annual Brookwood Hills tree mulching was a huge success again this year. Arborguard tree specialist Jim Foote estimates that the crews mulched about 250 trees – double the number from last year! The dramatic increase is due in large part to the dedication of neighbors Martin Putney, Tom Solley and daughter Andrea who brought many, many trees to the park. Martin's four-year old son Luke was their chief tree spotter. Thanks to all their hard work, there is lots of mulch for the park and nature trail.

If you are interested in picking up some mulch to use in your yard, it can be found at the mouth of the nature trail. Jim Foote advises neighbors to avoid using mulch around succulent plants and recommends sprinkling a little fertilizer over the mulch to reduce the nutrient absorption from the soil. One cup of fertilizer per wheelbarrow is enough.

Thanks also go to Harvey Ross, Cookie Frank and Frampton Simons for coordinating the mulching effort. We hope to make this an on-going annual event. In appreciation for Arborguard's pro-bono mulching service, the Brookwood Hills Community Club Board plans to make a contribution to Park Pride.

125= 4+



# New Faces

By Sarah and Patti



110 Palisades. Joan and Chris Jones married in August and moved into Brookwood Hills in November. Chris and Joan are from New York. Joan grew up on Long Island while Chris spent his childhood years in Manhatten. Joan attended William and Mary while Chris graduated from Williams College. Joan is a fourth grade teacher at Trinity. Chris is an attorney with M. D. Hodges in real estate development.

**197 Brighton. Beth and Mike Jordan** recently moved to our neighborhood from Rome, Georgia. The Jordans have three children **Molly and Baker** both at Davidson College and **Will** who is a junior at Lovett. The move to Atlanta is one of many corporate relocations with First Union where Mike has spent his entire career. Beth is a homemaker and is enjoying the BWH Book Club and the neighborhood.

211 Brighton Rd. Rick and Lisa Jackson are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Sara Elizabeth. Sarah was born July 21, 1998 and weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces. Big brother Richard is excited about his new sister.

**138 Brighton. Emily and Mike McIntyre** and big sister **Ella** are delighted to welcome James Michael. Michael was born August 30, 1998.

**45 Brighton**. Wow! Brighton had a bumper crop of babies! **Mark and Jackie Swiecichowski** are please to announce the birth of their son **Seth Anthony**. Seth was born at Piedmont hospital six and a half weeks early on August 20, 1998. His early arrival was quite a shock but you would never guess he was premature – he now weighs in at over 15 pounds.

**53 Camden.** Marcie and Jay Bowen along with big sister Duval welcomed William Aiken Lowndes to the family on December 22, 1998. Duval is adjusting to her new role as older sibling. Mom says William is a really good baby.

**46 Montclair. Terri Thompson and Keith Jolly** are the proud parents of a baby girl, **Hayden McGiff Jolly**. Hayden was born on November 12, 1998.

OOPS! Brooke Gentry is the daughter of Kathy and Boyd Gentry.

# Jewish Community Center Project – Update

By Hank Harris

A committee of your Brookwood Hills Board of Directors, including Nick Sears, Alex Summers, Ann Sapp and Hank Harris, met with representatives of Selig Enterprise, Southeast Capital Partners and Turner Construction Company for an update on the construction time line for the improvements to the Jewish Community Center property. As has been reported in the past, Selig Enterprises will develop the Peachtree frontage into a retail shopping center, currently planned to include a grocery store, a book store and an upscale restaurant. Southeast Capital Partners will develop approximately 137 condominiums on the east and southern portions of the property, with proposed prices ranging from the low 200's to the low 400's. The closing of the sale of the entire parcel from the Jewish Community Center to Selig Enterprises has taken place and an immediate sale of the condominium parcel and related cross casements will be completed shortly.

Turner Construction has been retained by Southeast Capital Partners as the condominium general contractor. Construction in the

form of light demolition work should begin just after the new year, to include the demolition of fencing, the tennis courts and some light grading. Heavier demolition work will begin in late January, with the complete demolition of the Jewish Community Center building anticipated in February.

For Huntington Road residents, temporary construction fencing will be installed along the backyard property lines of Huntington Road homes in anticipation of completion of an 8-foot wooden fence as agreed by the developers within the next several months.

The construction completion date for the condominium project is May 2000. The retail construction should begin in late spring 1999, with a completion date also around May 2000.

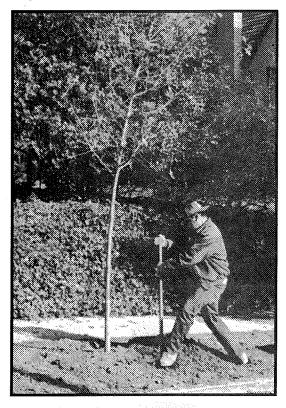
Both of the developers, Selig and Southeast Capital Partners, and Turner Construction Company have agreed to meet with a committee of the board twice a month during the construction period to discuss any neighborhood complaints, and to monitor the compliance of the project to the agreed upon site plan and negotiated neighborhood stipulations. We have agreed to try to limit our contact with the developers to

communication through this committee. Alex Summers (404-873-4807) has agreed to be the point person on the committee for registration of any complaints or any concerns about the project. Please call Alex as you have any suggestions or would like to discuss anything about the project. Alex has the contact names and good access to the on-site professionals who will be handling the construction process for the developers.

As construction moves along and as the retail project takes shape, we'll continue to keep you up-todate through the Brooknotes. Once again, your board would like to thank all those who worked hard to achieve the best use of the Jewish Community Center property, in light of Brookwood Hill's neighborhood concerns. We hope that the developers will be true to their promises that both the condominium project and the retail center will be very high quality developments, consistent with the Brookwood Hills community and the surrounding neighborhood of NPU. (Both of the principals of Southeast Capital Partners, the condominium developer, are members of the Brookwood Hills pool, giving them yet another reason to do a splendid job.)

# WATER THE NEW TREES

By Katrina Newton



An outstanding total of 75 new trees were planted in December as part of the 1998 Reforestation Program in Brookwood Hills (several were added at the last minute!) Thank you to all the homeowners and neighbors who participated in this program. Thank you also to Gunn Landscaping Company's committed workers who were busily planting in some pretty wet and cold weather the week after Christmas!

Now it is the homeowners' turn to take care of these trees. For the first year in particular, we must water these trees to ensure their viability! Throughout the winter and spring, and especially in the dry summer and fall months, the trees must be watered regularly. Gunn Landscaping recommends that you purchase a moisture meter to check the soil periodically. The meter should read in the "moist" range, not too dry and not too wet. They recommend watering with a drip hose for about 20 minutes. Check the soil once per week in the winter and 2 to 3 times in the drier, hot months. I will have a few of these moisture meters available for purchase for \$4 at the neighborhood

Annual Meeting on January 24.

Lastly, it is not too early to think about the 1999 Fall Planting Program. If you have a good spot for a neighborhood tree, or know of someone else who does, please give me a call at 404/355-6574.

#### **SECURITY BONUS REMINDER**

Please send your contribution to the Security Patrol Bonus Pool as soon as possible. We need all residents of Brookwood Hills to contribute in order to show our commitment to Barry and his men. If you have not already done so, send \$15-20 (or whatever amount you can or want to contribute) as your share of the pool.

So far only 70 residents have responded. With approximately 350 homes in the neighborhood benefiting from the coverage we have a long way to go!

Please make your check payable to Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc. and send it to:
Security Chairman
57 Northwood Ave. NE
Atlanta, GA 30309

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Brookwood neighbors,

Thanks to City Councilman Lee Morris, an old substandard corrugated storm sewer has been replaced by a huge concrete pipe to carry street water from Wakefield Drive to Clear Creek. Two concrete trucks full of concrete ("the whole nine yards," times two) have been pumped into the earth south of our house at 95 Wakefield to stabilize the ground which was eroded by years of runoff. That's the good news.

The bad news is that one-half acre of ivy and two of the largest oaks in the neighborhood were replaced by mud. Also, our badmiton court and front yard have been a big messy construction site for almost two years.

It's been unpleasant from the inside and ugly from the outside, but finally the end is in sight. We have a better court and side yard already with a new wall and lower driveway behind our house, and in 1999 we'll have plantings to beautify the lot and new walkways to the front door. We hope it all will last through the next millennium.

The meetings at City Hall and the delays for weather and city contracts have been tedious, but it's almost over. We appreciate your patience.

Vote for Lee Morris whenever you get the chance. He and his entire staff, especially Carol Cumbie, have been a real help.

Priscilla and Linton Hopkins 95 Wakefield Drive

#### ANNUAL BWH BOARD MEETING

The annual meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc. will be held on **Sunday**, **January 24**, **1999 at 7:00 PM the Rich Auditorium in Piedmont Hospital**. We encourage all members of the Community Club to attend and participate in this election of the new board members. If you are unable to attend, you may send in the proxy included in this issue of *Brooknotes*.

## Brookwood Boys at The Cooler



The Brookwood Boys kicked off the new year with a trip to The Cooler ice skating rink in Alpharetta. Over twenty boys and their dads hit the ice - some harder than others. In attendance were: Mike & Everett Nadal; Xavier, Carols & Evan Duralde; Scott & Jake McCune; Tom & Tom Clark; Steve & Will Redd; Larry & David Pless; Sheffield & Tom Hale; Mark & Addison Lange; Mickey & Ben Ross; Henry & Tom Kellum; and Mack & Mack Leath. A battery failure meant that this great time was not captured on film.

The next outing of the Brookwood Boys will be to the Fernbank IMAX on February 14th. For more information please contact Steve Redd at 404-262-9107. The March 21st destination is American Adventures with Henry Kellum at the helm – 404-876-8976.

# **Security Alert Signs**

When you see the Security Alert signs posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the Brookwood Hills Security Hotline 325-5114 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.

# CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale. Two mirrored walnut armoires from Scotland, turn of the century. One with shell motif, another with bow motif. \$1,400 and \$1,600 respectively. Contact Flo Dawson 404-876-8779.

**Wanted**. Single professional seeking to rent a one bedroom apartment or carriage house in Brookwood Hills. She is neat and quiet. Interested in March move-in. Contact Beth at 404-843-8468. Neighbor reference Catharine Kelly 404-352-8343.

Wanted. Full-time nanny 40-50 hours a week to care for a wonderful almost 3 year old little girl. Must be able to drive. Car provided. Live-in or live out. Call Kathy Gentry at 404-881-2882.

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