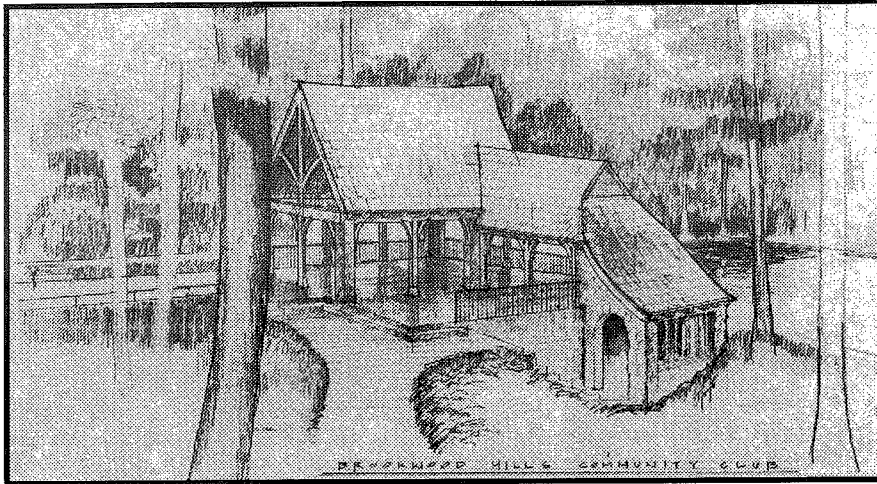


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Isn't It Gorgeous!



Here they are: architectural renderings of the planned improvements to the Brookwood Hills Community Club! After many pod, neighborhood, and board meetings, the BWH capital improvements plan is set to begin this fall – as soon as the pool closes on Labor Day.

The board intends to present the details of the capital improvements plan and its financing at the February 4 Annual Meeting. Representatives from HGOR, our urban design firm, and Norman Askins, our architects, will be on hand to answer questions. Planned improvements include renovating the existing pool buildings and entryway, resurfacing the pool deck and tennis courts, rebuilding the park storage shed with a new pool entrance, installing new fencing around the park and tennis courts, purchasing new playground equipment, repairing and beautifying the islands at Palisades and Brighton, and repairing/replanting the eroded hillsides in the park. Persons interested in reading a detailed description of the plan should contact Carolynn Cooper, 404/351-0555, cccanden@aol.com for a copy of the design guidelines.

Total costs are expected to be about \$1 million, including a 20 percent contingency fund. The board has voted to finance the project as follows: 20 percent will be paid out of existing community club assets and another 30 percent will be financed through operating revenues over the next ten years. The remaining 50 percent will be financed via a modest, one-time assessment of resident and nonresident members of \$1,000. The new membership fee will increase from \$1,000 to \$2,000 to reflect the value of the newer facilities. Everett Puri is spearheading the finance committee.

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404-325-5114

Neighborhood Notes

Georgia Power to trim trees: Georgia Power is coming in early February to trim under the power lines. Scott Souder, arborist for Georgia Power, will be onsite to answer any questions you may have about your tree and to insure that the Power Company prunes properly. Susan Connell, our neighborhood's outgoing Tree Chairperson, will also be available that week in case there are any problems, 404-351-1633.

Parking committee forming: Rick Jackson, Security Chairperson, is putting together a parking committee for BWH. He is looking for 5 or 6 homeowners who live in areas of BWH where parking is especially problematic (around the pool, Palisades, upper Brighton, etc.). The committee's purpose is to come up with ideas and solutions and then approach the City for assistance. Interested persons should call Rick at 404-350-3389.

Playground equipment committee forming: The neighborhood is forming a committee to oversee the purchase of new playground equipment. Interested persons should contact Clark Landers, Park Chairperson, at 404-355-3392.

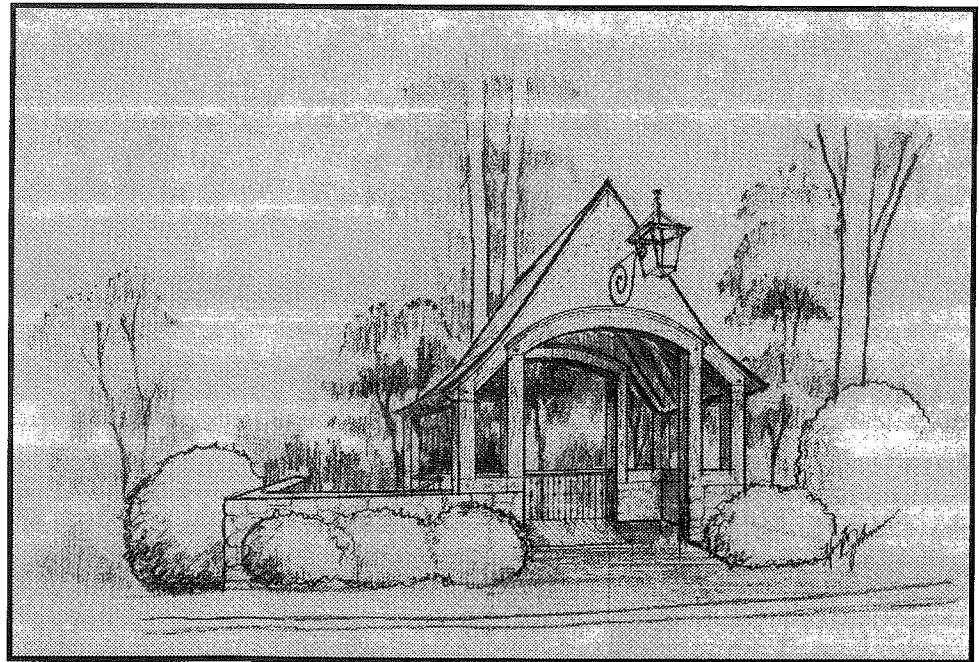
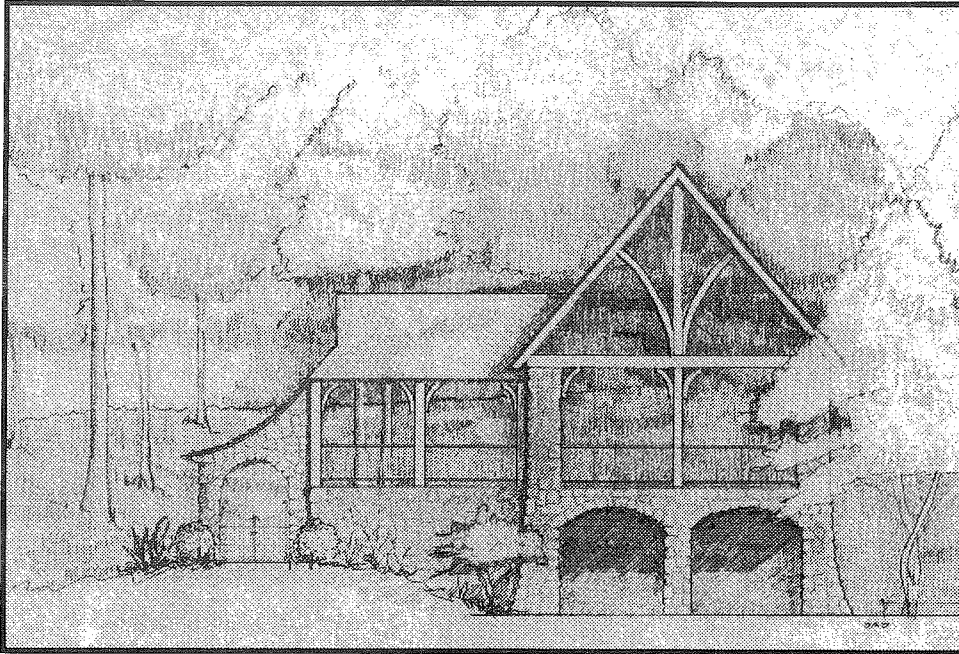
Security Bonus Pool: It's not too late to contribute to the Christmas 2000 security bonus pool! Rick Jackson, 211 Brighton Rd., will be accepting contributions for one more week.

Permits required: The City is now aggressively ticketing any person who removes a tree without first obtaining a permit. This includes trees in your backyard and dead trees! The permits are free, and most reputable tree removal services will obtain one for you.

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The Brookwood Hills board is very excited about this project and happy to be getting things underway. The board would like to thank all of the residents and volunteers who worked so hard on the planning stage of this wonderful and much need project. The renovations to our beloved park and pool are so needed and the board feels very fortunate to have had such expert design and neighborhood input.

See you at the Annual Meeting on February 4!



Protect the Trees of Brookwood Hills

By Nancy Field and Susan Connell

Street trees are owned by no one, but enjoyed by all. City budgets do not allow for the proper care of these vital trees, so they are often left defenseless against the assaults of urban life.

In recognition of the huge contribution the trees make by way of their shade, beauty, and character, the Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc. has joined with Arboguard Tree Specialists to provide a program to help the trees that so define our neighborhood.

Arboguard has created a special mixture of fertilizer, Polynure, and beneficial soil fungi that promotes tree health, fosters new root growth, and increases the effectiveness of fine feeder roots. One treatment will be injected into the soil over the critical root zone of the tree. The program is available for street trees (within 9 feet of the street) and trees that are planted by the neighborhood in our on-going replanting program. (Trees just planted in 2001 do not need treatment until next year.)

This is the third year that we are offering this program. Last year we enrolled 294 trees and are hoping to do even better this year. Because of the large number of trees treated, Arboguard has given us the discounted rate of \$20 per tree under 10" dbh and \$40 per tree over 10" dbh. To calculate dbh (diameter at breast height), measure the tree at about 4.5 feet above the ground.

To protect your trees, please sign up below.

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Yes! Protect Our Trees

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (H) _____ (O) _____
e-mail: _____

Please treat these trees:

_____ small street/front yard trees (10" dbh or less) for \$20 each

_____ large street/front yard trees (10" dbh or more) for \$40 each

Due to the special price being offered by Arboguard, all requests for service must be paid in advance. Please make your check payable to Arboguard Tree Specialists and return it with this form to:

Arboguard
P. O. Box 477
Avondale Estates, Georgia 30002

All forms must be post-marked by February 21, 2001. Treatment will take place during the first two weeks in March.

Editors' Note: Last year, thanks to Diane John (BWH Social Chair) and many volunteers, Brookwood Hills developed a welcome package for new residents. The package is chock full of useful information on subjects such as care and maintenance of neighborhood trees, services provided by our security patrol, and procedures for obtaining a construction variance. Because so much of the information in the package would be useful for current BWH residents, we plan to reprint portions of the package over the coming year. Here is the first in the series:

Brookwood Hills Trees

A unique feature of this neighborhood is the incredible trees that line our streets. The developers first envisioned this canopy of trees back in the 1920's. The beautiful asset of our trees sets Brookwood Hills apart from other in-town neighborhoods. Unfortunately many of the trees have been lost due to improper care or weather. There is a team of people in Brookwood Hills who are our tree experts and assists in making sure that our trees are well cared for and replaced if needed. The Tree Chairperson, Nancy Field, 404-352-0877, leads this team.

What is the average value of our trees?

The tree canopy adds enormous value to our homes. The average value for our large trees is \$30,000 per tree.

What are the guidelines for tree removal?

Street trees, those between the sidewalk and the street, are owned by the city of Atlanta and it authorizes removal in cooperation with recommendations of BWH Tree Committee. Other trees require a permit to remove, that any reputable tree service can obtain for homeowners. Tree removal must be justified.

Will putting a sign up on a tree hurt the tree?

Homeowners should NEVER put signs on trees, it will kill the tree. Please use telephone poles instead.

What should you do to protect a tree during renovation or construction?

Put a fence around the drip line of the tree. Do not allow anyone to cross roots with heavy equipment or stack stone, etc. on roots. Do not sever tree roots for a new curb or driveway or for any other reason! If twenty percent of tree roots are severed, the tree will decline and die within one growing season. Trees will die within weeks if they experience changes in the pH of the soil. This has happened in the neighborhood during the installation of sidewalks – the trees have absorbed the liquid from the wet concrete. You can prevent this by covering the ground with plastic before pouring concrete. When in doubt about how to protect your trees, consult with an arborist.

What should homeowners tell utility companies that want to come and trim back trees?

Do not permit cutting unless an arborist is onsite. Utility work is coordinated through the BWH Tree Committee; a notice is placed in Brooknotes when they are expected. The City of Atlanta works on trees at the request of the homeowner or BWH Tree Committee, never on an ad hoc basis.

What is the tree-planting program?

The tree-planting program has as its goal the restoration of the street tree canopy. To this end they will plant trees at no cost to the homeowner. This means that the trees must provide shade for the street. They can be in your yard or the "tree lawn," if they meet the above criteria. There is a booklet of trees for the homeowner to select from.

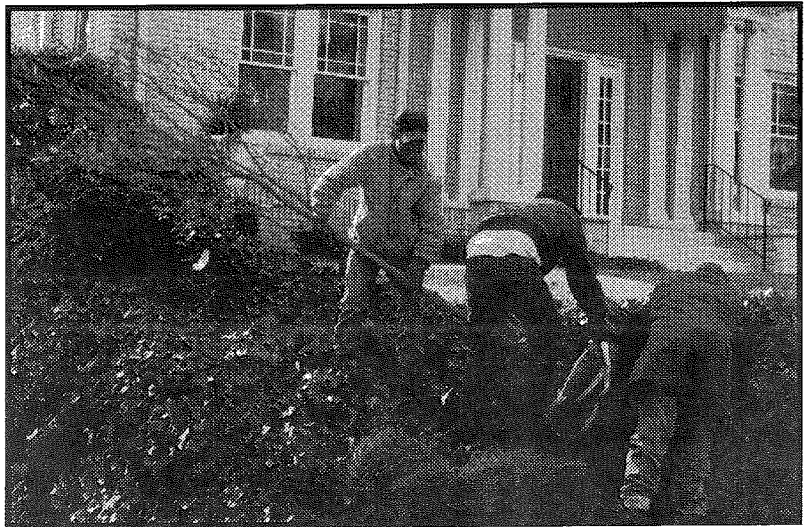
What is the Arboguard fertilization program and how does it work?

In recognition of the huge contribution the trees make by way of shade, beauty and character, the Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc. has joined with Arboguard Tree Specialist to honor the trees that help to define

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our neighborhood. Arboguard has created a special mixture of fertilizer, Polynure and beneficial soil fungi that promotes tree health, fosters new root growth, and increases the effectiveness of fine feeder roots. Arboguard gives BWH a special price. Included in this packet is the information sheet for the 1999 program as well as tree pruning information. For further questions, contact Nancy Fields at 404-352-0877 or Susan Connell at 404-351-1633.



Marcia Bansley Addresses BWH Garden Club

The Brookwood Hills Garden Club had the opportunity to hear a presentation by Marcia Bansley, Director of Trees Atlanta at their January meeting. She pointed out that Atlanta is no longer considered the 'city of trees' that it once was, and that the loss of trees over the last two decades has contributed to poor air quality, higher temperatures, water pollution and an increase in eye and nose irritants in the air. She praised our tree planting and fertilization programs and reminded us that each large tree has the same effect in cooling our homes as five heavy duty air conditioners. **Her advice was that we continue to water all of our trees, new and old, every 7-10 days when we do not get any rain, including the wintertime.** Lastly, we can all assist the efforts of Trees Atlanta by joining the organization, and by supporting their lobbying efforts at budget hearings to increase the number of city arborists to better evaluate the city's tree requirements.

Forty-four new trees were planted January 10-11 as a result of the 2000 Tree Planting Campaign. Thanks to all participants!

News from E. Rivers Elementary

By Liz Jacobs

Happy New Year from E. Rivers, your neighborhood school!

We were pleased to welcome an artist-in-residence, Karin Mervis, to our school the week of January 8th. The PTA and principal, Penny Dollar, have been looking for a way to represent visually our uniqueness and diversity as "Buckhead's Neighborhood School," and we believe we found a perfect way: the week of January 8th, we welcomed an artist-in-residence, Karin Mervis. Karin is a painter and former art director, and a native of South Africa. She works through the Georgia Council for the Arts/ Young Audiences, Artists-in Education Residency program. During the week, E. Rivers classes were each able to add their special touch to a 4' by 5' canvas painting of our school and environment. The work area was at the front of the school, so that the community could share in this exciting project. Please stop by to view this special work of art.

We have been pleased with the outpouring of support from our friends, families, and community for our Field of Dreams field renovation project. Many of you have donated generously, but we still have a ways to go. Additional donations are still welcome and will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Louise Geddes at 404-351-2436 for more information.

Tours of the school are given the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am. Please contact Liz Jacobs at 404-350-9000 or at Lizzy@bignet.net for more information about E. Rivers or to be included on a tour. We welcome all visitors!

Recommendations for Contractors (and subs)

A number of people responded to last month's request for contractor recommendations, and the resulting list is printed below.

Painters (interior and exterior)

Hector Villalobos 770-948-6040

Appliance Repair

Banks Appliance and Refrigerator Service
770-760-2567 (Mr. Banks works on all washers,
dryers, refrigerators, and dishwashers)

Plumber

Vaughn Plumbing 404-688-1526
Plumb Works 404-524-1825

Gutters

Dwight Alligood,
Alligood Gutter Cleaning Service 770-830 0048

Cleaning Service

Ebenezer Cleaning Service, Inc.,
Aparecido Araujo, owner 678-584-9973

Handymen and Personal Aids

Liz Primm recommends John Cox (404-225-6166) for carpentry, repairs, and a little bit of everything, such as yard work and gutter cleaning.

Flo Dawson recommends Sharon Welsh (404 351-8578). Sharon has a business whereby she sells her time and can do anything you don't want to or don't have time to do. \$20 per hour.

Storm Windows and Screens

Parker & Sons Screen and Glass 770-981-6365

Electrician

Eidson Bros. Electric 404-233-0482

Local Movers

Truck 'n I, Inc. 404-633-9888
Mark The Mover 404-351-0018

Yard Work & Landscaping

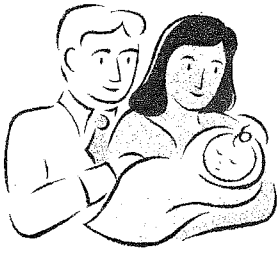
The Landscape Company
Michael Jackson, owner 770-263-0797
Gunn Landscape, Roby Gunn, owner 770-384-0098
White Oak Landscaping, Doug Davis, owner
770-427-0524

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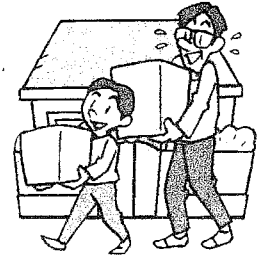
The annual meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc. will be held **Sunday, February 4, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rich Auditorium in Piedmont Hospital.** All members of the Community Club are encouraged to attend.

The next meeting of the BWH board will be **Monday, February 5, 2001, 7:15 p.m.,** at the home of Diane and Roland John, 23 Northwood. All members are welcome. Please call the Johns at 404-870-0484 if you plan to attend.

The next BWH Friends meeting will be held **Tuesday, February 20, 2001, 6:30 p.m.,** at the home of **Kelley Berman, 36 Wakefield Drive.** Karen Riddell, vice president of advocacy at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, will be our guest speaker. All interested are welcome.



New Faces By Sarah and Patti



Stephen Fleming has purchased Diane Durgin's former residence at 100 Palisades Road, and will be moving in slowly over the next several weeks. Stephen is a lifelong Atlanta resident: Born at Crawford Long Hospital, graduated from Woodward Academy and Georgia Tech. He's "escaping the Alpharetta suburbs for the trees of the city and looking forward to becoming part of the community!" Stephen is a general partner with Alliance Technology Ventures.

CLASSIFIEDS

Young BWH resident and computer specialist can help with anything computer related. Software and hardware installation, tutoring, networking, Windows optimization and especially any computer trouble. 20\$ per hour for most services. Call 404-355-1470 and ask for Andrew.

Wanted: The December 2000 issue of Better Homes and Gardens--even just to borrow. Please call Kathy Bernhardt 404-874-5067.

Babysitter/Nanny Available: Vicki Jones (404-876-3607). Very loving woman available days and evenings. Great with small children. Lives close by on 26th Street. Neighbor reference: Diane John 404-870-0484.

Babysitter /Nanny Available: Young woman with nanny experience is going back to graduate school and looking for 28-30 hours per week as a babysitter. She would be happy to share hours between two families. Families must be flexible with her school schedule which changes each semester. Call Belinda Donovan at 404-817-7551 for reference.

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