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Zoning Committee Grants 30-Day Deferral for Allied Concrete Application

As many of you know, RMC Allied Readymix, Inc would like to locate a concrete batch plant at 340 Armour Drive, a site that is immediately adjacent to the BWH Community Club's Clear Creek property, near lower Camden. To do this, Allied has asked the City to rezone 340 Armour Drive from I-1 (light industrial) to I-2 (heavy industrial), and to grant Allied a special use permit to operate the plant.

The Brookwood Hills Board opposes Allied's applications. Allowing Allied to operate in Armour Industrial Park would double the current level of heavy industrial activity in that area. (One other concrete plant, now owned and operated by LaFarge, was allowed to locate in Armour Circle in 1984.) Introducing a second concrete batch plant is also likely to reverse Armour Circle's current trend toward lower impact light industrial and commercial uses. It also will cause increased noise and increased heavy truck traffic, and risks environmental problems with air quality and run-off into Clear Creek.

The Board was not given timely notice of Allied's applications. Nonetheless, with the help of Kathy Zickert (a relatively new BWH resident and professional zoning attorney), we were able to persuade our Neighborhood Planning Unit unanimously to reject Allied's applications. The City's Zoning Review Board, which serves as an advisory panel for the City Council, and the ZRB's staff nevertheless supported Allied's applications. Fortunately, on Wednesday, the City Council's Zoning Committee voted unanimously to grant BWH a 30-day deferral, so that we could better respond to Allied's applications.

Given the ZRB's vote, the Zoning Committee's deferral was by no means assured and can be considered something of a victory. The Board is indebted to our attorney, David Cooper of Kitchens, Kelly, Gaynes, as well as to several City Council representatives: Howard Shook, our district representative, Mary Norwood, representative at-large, and Ivory Lee Young, Jr., Zoning Committee Chairman. All three of these representatives have been very supportive. I would also like to thank BWH resident Dan Bromstad, who has spent many, many hours working on this issue.

At this time, the BWH Board is scheduling a series of meetings with the City's Planning Department, the City's Attorney's Office, and with City Council representatives. We have also hired a number of experts to model the effects that Allied's operations would have on our property. ArpeggioAcoustics is conducting a sound study, CTA Environmental is conducting a water study, and Arborguard is conducting a tree survey to determine how much the risk that there is to our Clear Creek trees if soil alkalinity changes. Lastly, Environmental Planning Specialists, Inc. has agreed to review Allied's site plan and air quality permits with an eye toward determining what can be done to minimize dust.

A consortium of business owners in Armour Circle, as well as the Piedmont Heights Civic Association, also oppose Allied's applications and have been working steadily toward their defeat. Armour Circle is represented by Mike Sard, and they have agreed to fund a traffic study to review the impact that Allied's truck will have on roads in that part of town. Dan Bromstad has been in charge of coordinating our efforts with theirs, and they will be taking part in our meetings with the City.

In the meantime, please continue to write, call, and e-mail the members of our City Council to express your opposition to Allied's applications, and please feel free to call me with any questions or advice you may have on this matter.

--- Nicole Cook, President

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Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is Wednesday, February 5, 2003. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@yahoo.com or dropped off at 110 Huntington Rd.

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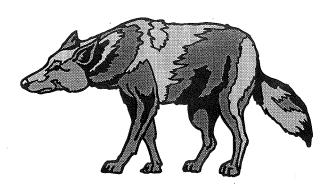
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Security Alert Signs

When you see the Security Alert signs posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the Brookwood Hills Security Information Line 404-325-5114 for details concerning a recent security incident. These signs are a signal that an incident has occurred in the neighborhood and the information has been recorded on the hotline.



Coyote Alert

A coyote has been seen in the neighborhood near the Huntington and Palisades intersection two times in the last month by a BWH resident. The first time the animal was spotted was the night of Christmas Eve after the heavy rains. So the coyote might have come up from the creek.

Fulton County Animal Control was contacted but said that the most they could do was to loan residents a trap for a \$125 deposit. The Georgia Department of Wildlife Resource said that they too can't do anything and they suggested hiring a trapper.

Coyotes are members fo the dog family. They are about the size of a medium Collie but the tail is round and bushy and is carried straight out below the level of its back.

Please be aware that coyotes are opportunistic predators. They use a variety of hunting techniques to catch small mammals and may stalk its prey for 20-30 minutes before pouncing.

SO WATCH YOUR PETS!

PROXY

Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc.

January 31, 2003.

BROOKWOOD HILLS COMMUNITY CLUB, INC. 2003 BOARD OF DIRECTORS (PROPOSED)

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^{*} In conformance with the Brookwood Hills Community Club By-Laws, the terms for Nicole Cook and Roy Trimble have each been extended by one year to serve as president.

CLASSIFIEDS

MAINE WATERFRONT COTTAGE- Beat Atlanta's heat in a cozy & charming 3BR/2 ba cottage on a tidal river with breathtaking views of islands and bald eagles. Sun on the two decks, swim in warm cove or kayak from dock. Fireplace for chilly nights. Private location yet within one mile of delightful town of Damariscotta (interesting boutiques, good restaurants, etc.). Whales, puffins, and Monhegan Island all nearby! Direct flights and only 60 miles from Portland airport. \$1,175 per week July/August; \$900/week June and after Labor Day. Pictures available. Contact Ann Dibble 404 724-0393.

Recently redone 1 BR apartment for rent; separate entrance, walkway lit; large living room; cable; built-in desk/dresser; walk-in closet; full bath/shower (not plastic) shared washer/dryer; utilities included. Curtains furnished. Designed for family member. Call Margaret Murphy at 351-3938.

For sale: 2000 Mercedes E320 Wagon,Black/Java(beige)interior,16,965 miles,garage-kept and in exceptional condition inside and out. \$39,500. Call the McIntyre's @404-352-9582 or 404-386-4154

FOR RENT - Spacious Collier Hills Duplex. 2 BR/1BA as well as 3BR/2BA, garage. For info contact Heisels at 404-872-6145.

Neighbor Bobby Webb's company Buckhead Catering offers a variety of services including personal chef service that can be done in the clients home or off site and delivered to the household. He'll shop, cook, and clean. He can customize menus for diets, low cholesterol, weight loss etc. This service is especially favorable to new Mothers who just don't have the time to deal with it. Catering is also available for dinner parties and small event parties of up to 100 people for an inexpensive price. He can be reached at 404-367-1012 (office) or 678-886-9592 (cell).

NEIGHBOR NEWS

Robert Wellington Kamerschen, Jr., "Wells", was born December 3 to parents Robbie and Alice of 53 Huntington Road. "Wells" was delivered by Brookwood Hills neighbor Dr. Lillian Schapiro.

BWH POINSETTIA SALE A HUGE SUCCESS

BWH Friends thanks everyone that purchased poinsettias this Holiday Season. The neighborhood supported the effort, and \$7,216 was collected to help benefit Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. This was our largest year yet!

Thanks for all your generosity. We hope you enjoyed the poinsettias over the Holidays.

A special thank you to Diane John for generously offering her house as the pick-up location for all the neighborhood poinsettias. A total of 485 plants were delivered to her home. Also, thanks goes to the following Friends street captains for their help with this fundraiser: JoEllyn Bass, Wendy Granot, Christy Payne, Wendy Silliman, Catherine Simons, Terri Thompson, Kim Tuthill, Denise Wilbert and Sharon Williams.

DO YOU HAVE A NEW NEIGHBOR?

Please let us know! Call Diane John (404-870-0484) or Pamela Watson (404-876-6918) with your neighbor's name and address and we will provide them with a Newcomer's Packet.

Piedmont Hospital Adds Smoking Huts

The BWH Community Club received a letter recently from the CEO of Piedmont Hospital. This was in response to a meeting Roy Trimble and Everett Puri had with them last February about hospital employees, patients and visitors taking their cigarette breaks on Brookwood Hills property - primarily the Brighton Road island. The hospital has apparently added what they are calling "smoking huts" on their campus to provide an area for smokers and to keep them off of our property and the perimeter of their property such as the Peachtree and Collier Road frontage. This should help reduce what many felt was an unsightly problem that set a bad example and generated a lot of trash.

The community appreciates the hospital working with us to solve this problem.

ANNUAL BWH COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

The annual meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc. will be held on Sunday, February 2, 2003 at 7:00 PM in 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.

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