



# BrookNotes

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## Neighborhood soon will see Benefits from Clear Creek funds

Dear Brookwood Hills Club Members,

I trust your holiday season was delightful and that you are anxiously awaiting the 2008 pool season...we hope without Port-a-Potties!

On behalf of the Brookwood Hills Community Club Board of Directors, I am very happy to provide you with an update on the projects that have been approved by the board that will utilize a portion of the Clear Creek funds that the club received by granting a conservation easement to the city of Atlanta on the land bordering our neighborhood.

Each of these has come from recommendations from the specific committee involved in researching appropriate "qualified" projects. You may recall that in order for these funds to not be taxed, they must be spent on capital projects that benefit the membership of the club. To the club members who participated in this process, thank you very much. Your hard work has resulted in a list of qualified projects that will greatly enhance our club for the benefit of its members for many years to come.

- (1) The most significant (and complicated) project involves the expansion of the pool bathrooms next to the snack bar and installation of new sewer line and sewage lift station. The existing shower and toilet facilities will be completely demolished and rebuilt to add 550 square feet. The men's and women's bathrooms will be reversed (the women's will be larger to include an area for diaper changing...sorry gentlemen). Each will have additional stalls and showers. On top of the expanded restrooms, the existing pavilion will be extended to provide a new year-round meeting room of approximately 800 square feet. As part of the expansion, the existing bluestone terrace will also be extended on top of the new enlarged restrooms.
- (2) The existing park bathrooms will also be refurbished to include floor and wall tile and improved lighting.
- (3) The tennis courts will be resurfaced.
- (4) The 50+ acre tract of Clear Creek property and the nature trail area behind the pool and park will be cleared of invasive plants that are killing hardwood trees and squeezing out native plants.

**(Please see President's Letter on Page 3.)**



## BROOKNOTES

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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.

## CALENDAR

- **Sunday, January 27, 2008 — Brookwood Hills Community Club Annual Meeting, 7:00 pm** at Piedmont Hospital's Rich Auditorium. The following slate of officers for 2008 was approved.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name(s)</u>
<u>President</u>	Joe Jackson
<u>Vice President</u>	John Mulcahy
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<u>Trees</u>	Bruce Wanamaker
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Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is Wednesday, February 6th, 2008. Submissions may be e-mailed to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com) or dropped off at 22 Northwood Avenue.

## President's Letter: An Update on Spending Clear Creek Funds

(5) The pool bottom will be resurfaced, the drainage problems corrected and the cracked pool gutters tiled. We also will be widening the bulkhead to enable the usage of swim blocks on it during swim meets. Our intention was to complete these pool projects this year; however, given the drought, our construction manager has suggested that it would be politically untenable for us to drain, and then refill, the pool. Further, if we did drain the pool, there is a risk that we could not refill it. We cannot afford to take this risk, so these pool projects will have to wait until the following season.

(6) The Community Club and the Brookwood Hills Garden Club will jointly fund a renovation of the neighborhood entrances that will include the installation of granite markers in the islands and cobblestones across the reach of Brighton, Palisades and Huntington to denote entry into the neighborhood.

Construction at the pavilion will likely be staged in two phases, in part due to the lengthiness of the permitting process and our desire to minimize the disruption during the pool season. As a result, we are moving full steam ahead with the bathroom renovation and expansion and have started the permitting process. The expansion of the clubhouse will likely have to wait until the completion of next summer's pool season.

We are excited about all of these projects and ask for your patience during construction. Our goal is to have the bathrooms open and fully functional by the time the pool opens for swim team at the end of April. Exterior renderings of both the clubhouse expansion and the entrances have been posted on the Brookwood Hills website, at [www.brookwoodhills.com](http://www.brookwoodhills.com) under New Developments.

Thanks for your support and participation. As always, please feel free to e-mail with any questions or comments.

Kathy Gentry

Immediate Past President

Brookwood Hills Community Club

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## Brookwood Hills Neighbors Play Key Role at Trinity School

By Amanda Szwast

Every year in February, Trinity School holds its largest event and fundraiser called Spotlight on Art. At last year's event, more than 350 established and emerging artists sold 7,500+ pieces of art to more than 2,000 attendees. To organize such an event is no small task. Throughout the 27-year history of the event, many Brookwood Hills residents have done that very thing!

Spotlight on Art 2008 is being chaired by Camden resident, JoEllyn Bass. JoEllyn has been involved with Spotlight on Art since her children began attending Trinity in 2002. Over the years, JoEllyn has worked on many different areas of Spotlight to prepare her for her leadership role in 2008. She is following in the footsteps of other Brookwood Hills neighbors, Jill Perkey, Libby Simons (who recently moved from the neighborhood), and Esther Stokes who have chaired the event in the past.

The Artists Market (the largest of the events that comprise Spotlight on Art) is being co-chaired this year by Woodcrest neighbor, Debby Moorman. Amanda Szwast, a new neighbor on Huntington Road, will step into Debby's shoes as Co-Chair of the 2009 Market. In the past, neighbors Binney Granade and Libby Simons have also held this position.

Other neighbors (past and present) who have chaired or are currently chairing Spotlight areas/committees are: Molly Battin, Kelly Bernot, Shannon Dixon, Laura Doman, Agnes Law, Mary Long, Kim McCollam, Nathalie Fuson, Caroline Normark, and Terri Thompson.

For many years, Dana White of Woodcrest worked on staff at Trinity School as the Spotlight on Art Liaison. As you can imagine, with so many volunteers holding new positions every year, Dana was the glue that kept it all together. As Dana has moved on to other opportunities, Taylor Schwiéger (a Brookwood Hills Community Member) has taken on the task. We also have two Trinity School staff/faculty members and neighbors, Cissie White and Sally Wilgus, who add their own contributions to Spotlight on Art each year. Former Brookwood neighbor, Dawne Raulet, is also one of the featured artists

In addition to all the volunteer work hours that take place within our streets, Spotlight on Art 2008 has a very unique connection to our neighborhood. This year's charity is The Joseph Sams School of Fayetteville, Georgia. The school is a private, non-profit school serving children ages two to 18 who have mild to severe intellectual and/or physical disabilities or diagnosed developmental disabilities. Northwood Neighbor, Dave Sapp sits on the Board of Joseph Sams. Kim and Allen Tuthill of Huntington Road send their daughter Elizabeth to the school. Elizabeth recently succeeded from the Autism program to the high school program at Joseph Sams. The Tuthills are thrilled with the difference the school has made in their lives!

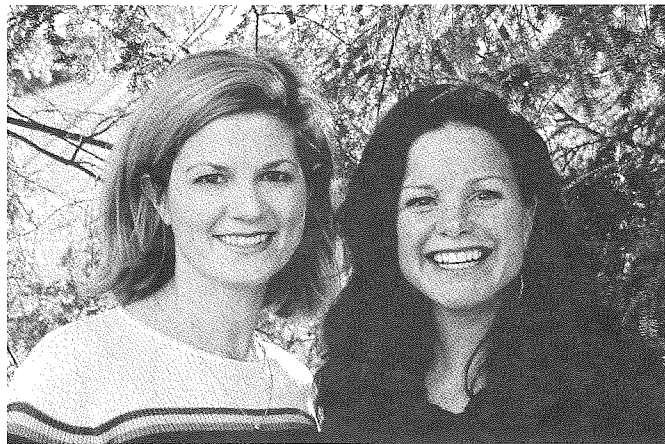
Trinity's partnership with Joseph Sams goes beyond the financial contribution from Spotlight on Art. The Trinity School Parents Association's focus for the year is Disability Awareness. Elizabeth Tuthill's brother, Parker, will be one of many working with Trinity

6<sup>th</sup> graders to help educate and prepare them to work with disabled children when they visit the Joseph Sams School in January.

Spotlight on Art 2008 is made up of a series of events: The Artists Market on the Trinity School campus on Northside Drive is February 19-23, 2008. The Market features the paintings, sculpture and jewelry of more than 350 artists including: Steve Penley, Ian Nicholas, Nancy Franke, Mary Ann Caswell, Peter Block, Dawne Raulet and more. The Market including the Opening Night event is open to the public with free admission. **The Opening Night event is Tuesday, February 19 from**



L to R, Allen, Parker, Elizabeth, and Kim Tuthill with Elizabeth's guide dog, Lilly



Debby Moorman, left, Artist Market Co-Chair; and JoEllyn Bass, Spotlight on Art Chair

The preview mini-market at Saks Fifth Avenue is open now through February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Kids' Day at the school is February 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and will be led by students and professors of the Savannah College of Art Design.

The Spotlight on Art Gala will be held at Mason Murer Fine Art on February 23 at 6:30 p.m. The Gala includes a Live Auction, Silent Auction, Children's Art Projects, open bar, live jazz, and sit-down dinner. Tickets are \$150 per person. For more information go to [www.spotlightonart.com](http://www.spotlightonart.com)

6 – 9 p.m. featuring cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live music and an unparalleled collection of art for shopping. This not to be missed event is a great destination for your book club, bunko group, or date night. The general Market is open Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



L to R, Amanda Szwast, Nathalie Fuson, Laura Doman, Caroline Normark, Jill Perkey, Dana White, JoEllyn Bass, Agnes Law

Come shopping at the wonderful Spotlight on Art Artists Market 2008. You will be supporting your Brookwood Hills neighbors as well as an important charity.

## Atlanta Arts and Entertainment News

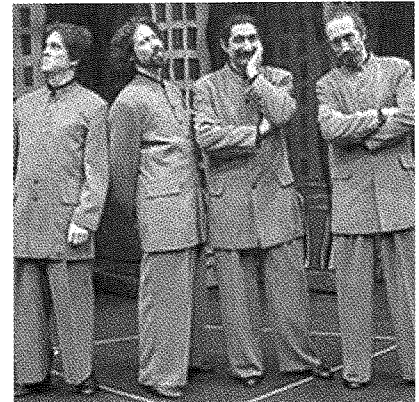
By Susan Booth, Artistic Director, Alliance Theatre

**There's nothing quite as trying as the month of January, I find – so here are few suggestions to get you not only out of the house, but maybe even out of familiar territory....**

### **The Atlanta Jewish Film Festival**

The Atlanta Jewish Film Festival (AJFF) is presented by the Atlanta Chapter of the American Jewish Committee, the country's oldest human relations organization, to support its mission of "building bridges of understanding" across community lines. Since its founding in 2000, the AJFF has enjoyed robust growth across all fronts, including attendance, audience diversity, community visibility, depth and quality of programming, and sponsor participation. The Atlanta Jewish Film Festival is a non-profit event, and made possible with the generous support of corporate, foundation, government and individual sponsors. The Eighth Annual Atlanta Jewish Film Festival will be held January 16-27, 2008. The Festival has dozens of films in venues all over town – including just down the street at Atlantic Station.

For more information, go to [www.ajff.org](http://www.ajff.org) or call 404-806-9913.



### **The Flying Karamazov Brothers**

**Ferst Center for the Arts**

1/19/2008

8 p.m.

Humor, wit, and impeccable timing are the hallmarks of The Flying Karamazovs, making them a Ferst favorite for years. The Brothers return with a fun new show, "Fourplay," filled with good juggling, bad jokes, music, and a touch of philosophy. Great for all ages!

### **Venue Information**

Ferst Center for the Arts

349 Ferst Drive NW

Atlanta, GA 30332-0468

404-894-9600

Handicapped Accessible: Yes

MARTA Accessible: No

**And a pair of recommendations – one of the all time jazz masters is being represented handsomely in town in January:**

**Duke Ellington for the kids:**

**Duke Ellington's Cat**

**By Jon Ludwig**

*Center for Puppetry Arts - 2007-08 Family Series*

Jan 10-Mar 16, 2008

This lyrical look at the life and times of one of America's jazz icons is set right in the middle of a career that spanned from the Roaring Twenties through the Civil Rights Movement. Going on the road with the great Duke Ellington is one cool cat. From the early days in the days in the pool halls to the concert halls performing before crowned heads, this feisty feline has been there at Duke's side, sometimes even sitting in with the band. But, not everything is in rhythm on the day that Duke is to play a suite in honor of the Queen of England and score has been stolen! Will his cat find the music and get it to the Duke in time? This is a great introduction to jazz and American History for all ages.

[www.puppet.org](http://www.puppet.org)

**Duke Ellington for adults:**

**Duke Ellington's Sophisticated Ladies**

Directed by Kent Gash

Alliance Theatre

**01/09/2008 - 02/10/2008**

The same team that brought you the award-winning *Jelly's Last Jam* transforms the Alliance Stage into Harlem's hottest nightspot, the Cotton Club, in this rip-roaring Jazz Age spectacular. You will be transported to a world of beauty and syncopated sophistication by the indelible music of Duke Ellington. This revue is full of gorgeous ladies in glamorous gowns, romantic men in resplendent tuxedos and some of the hottest dancing ever seen on the Alliance Stage. This is the kind of musical extravaganza you've come to expect from the Alliance!

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- HOUSEKEEPER/CHILD CARE:** Tina Rouse has worked full-time for us for 22 years. She is loyal, honest and extremely responsible. She loves children and pets, and they love her back. She is industrious and resourceful. She irons and runs errands. A lovely person with an upbeat personality to boot, she is a real gem. Tina helped raise our children. Now that they are grown and we don't need full-time help, she has two or maybe three days free to help another family. You can call her on my home phone (404-874-6507) during the day or on her cell phone (678-558-5682). Please feel free to call me (Cathy Fox) as well (404-441-6507).
- PLACE FOR PILATES:** Brookwood Hills resident Cara Weaver would like to start a pilates-stability ball workout class at her house at 48 Northwood Ave. Cara teaches classes at a Brookhaven studio and would like to do the same in the neighborhood. She would like to hear from neighbors about their interest in a pilates-stability class and the preferred times and days of those interested. Cara envisions holding class two or three times a week at a cost of \$10-\$15/class. If you're interested in attending a trial/kick-off class, please e-mail
- Cara at [cfweaver@gmail.com](mailto:cfweaver@gmail.com), or call her at 404-210-1958.
- BABY-SITTER:** Terri and Jeff Moore just moved to 111 Huntington Road from Suwanee, and they want to let Brookwood Hills residents know that their 15-year-old daughter Morgan is available to babysit. Morgan, who attends Providence Christian Academy, is very responsible, loves children and has had CPR training. She can be reached at 404-941-7314 and will provide references upon request.
- FOR SALE:** White metal twin bunk beds with ladder and trundle. Will change from over under to L-configuration. Three shelves on one end. Canvas organizer and three mattresses included. \$150. Call Kathy Bernhardt, 404-874-5067.
- FOR SALE:** Brass head and foot board. Twin size, Cannonball style. Used but in great condition. Rails included. \$175. Call Kathy Bernhardt, 404-874-5067.
- RENTAL:** Guest house behind our house at 50 Palisades Rd. Very private. Furnished, \$1200 per month, heat and water included. Call Ginna Pope, 404-872-2940.



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