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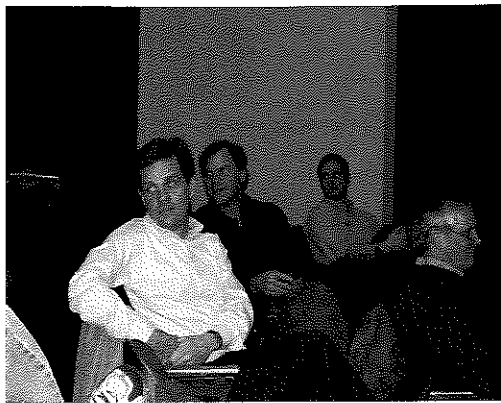
The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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Mulcahy Installed as 2009 BWHCC Board President

By Tony Wilbert, BrookNotes Co-editor

John Mulcahy took the reins as president of the Brookwood Hills Community Club at the group's Annual Meeting on Jan. 11. Mulcahy, shown in the forefront of the photo below, lives on Lower Camden with his wife and children. He replaced Joe Jackson, shown in background in photo, who served as club president in 2008.



Club members also approved the nominations of several new board members during the meeting at the Richard H. Rich Auditorium at Piedmont Hospital. Lesley Carroll was named a co-chair of the Pool Committee. Ramsay Battin is the new Treasurer and replaced David Morris. Stephanie Brown is a new Social co-chair. Amanda Baxter replaced Margaret Mertens as club Secretary. David Adams is new Membership chair. See Pages 3 for biographies and photos of the new board members

On Jan. 5, the BWHCC Board of Directors approved changes to the board that are reflected in the new slate of officers. Mitch Wickland, a former Membership co-chair, assumed the position of vice president. The Board agreed to reduce the number of Membership and Government/Community Relations chair positions to one. And, in an act to show appreciation for the hard work performed by Board presidents, the Board agreed to waive the annual membership dues for each outgoing president. As a result, Joe and Molly Jackson will not have to pay their 2009 dues. Thank you, Joe, for your service during the important year for the Brookwood Hills Community Club.

Residents Upset as Strapped City Cuts Services

By Tony Wilbert, BrookNotes Co-editor

First the city of Atlanta cut public safety by closing a fire station and furloughing police officers. Now, it's taken aim at solid waste pick-up. This month, the city instituted a new schedule for picking up recyclables and yard waste. Instead of picking both up every Monday in our neighborhood, city crews now will pick up recyclables and yard waste every other week.

The new schedule caught dozens of Brookwood Hills neighbors by surprise, and their yard bags and recyclables bins sat outside for an extra week. During the Club's Annual Meeting residents expressed concern that the cutback in service would hurt the city's effort to encourage recycling. City Councilman Howard Shook, who represents our neighborhood, said he has asked the city's Legal Department to look into whether the city acted within its rights by cutting services paid with fees instead of taxes. "It strikes me as being unfair and potentially illegal," Shook told neighbors. "How can you encourage participation if you're not picking it up?"



Shook informed residents that they can place recyclables in any container they wish and are not limited to the black bins that barely can hold a week's worth of cans, bottles, newspapers, boxes, etc. Residents who would like to purchase a blue "Herbie Curbie" for their recyclables can do so by sending a check for \$70 to City of Atlanta, Solid Waste Department, 55 Trinity Ave., Suite 4800, Atlanta, GA, 30303. Make checks payable to "City of Atlanta." Your new, larger recyclable container will be delivered to your curb in six to eight weeks. Call 404-330-6081 for more information.

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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.

Annual Meeting Highlights

The Brookwood Hills Community Club held its Annual Meeting Jan. 11, and there were several highlights during the 2.5-hour meeting. Here are a few of them.

- Outgoing Board President Joe Jackson said goodbye and thank you to the other outgoing board members: David Morris, Margaret Mertens, Hayes Wilson, Burch Hanson and Brian Stanley.
- Atlanta City Councilman Howard Shook asked how many in attendance received an incorrect water bill. Those who have should call his office at 404-330-6050, where they will get someone who does not work for the Department of Watershed Management, whose employees, Shook said, "couldn't find its rear end with a flashlight, a roadmap and a three-day start."
- Atlanta Police Sgt. Jeff Baxter thanked Club members for their contributions to the bonus pool. The bonuses were appreciated more than usual because Baxter and other Atlanta police officers have been forced to take pay cuts in the form of furloughs. "It's been a tough pill to swallow," Baxter told the Club.
- Baxter said there were fewer security incidents in Brookwood Hills in 2008 than in 2007. "Crime in Brookwood Hills is a lot lower than in the other neighborhoods," thanks to the 30 years of the security patrol, he said. "All the bad guys know after 30 years that you don't go into Brookwood Hills."

SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

The Brookwood Hills Friends group will host a cocktail party fundraiser for Children's on Saturday, March 21st, at the home of Sharon and Mark Williams at 47 Brighton Road.

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Feb. 4, 2009. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 200 Camden Road.

Meet the New BWCC Board Members



Lesley Carroll will be co-chair of the **Pool Committee**. She was a lawyer at Troutman Sanders for over 8 years and teaches at Emory Law School. Lesley and her husband, Jamie, moved to 12 Camden Road four years ago with their children: Charlie (13), Jack (11), and Libby (5). Lesley worked on getting the neighborhood street sign toppers installed and chairs the committee planning the renovation of the neighborhood entrances.



Ramsay Battin is the new **Treasurer**. He and his wife Molly have lived in Atlanta for 10 years. They moved into the neighborhood (Montclair) in early 2007 from Haynes Manor. Ramsay works for Arcapita Ventures, a venture capital firm based here in Atlanta, and serves on the boards of the Learning Makes a Difference Foundation and the Princeton Club of Georgia. The Battins have three children, Parker (6), Baker (4) and Campbell (2).



Stephanie Brown is a new **Social Co-chair** and will work alongside Wendy Granot. Stephanie lives at 265 Brighton Rd. My family includes my husband Shannon, and our two sons, Hunter (9), and Maguire (6). They have been residents of BWH for three years. Their children attend E. Rivers Elementary School, where Stephanie co-chairs the perspective parent committee with Pamela Watson. Stephanie looks forward to caring on the wonderful social traditions that she says made their move into the neighborhood so inviting.



Amanda Baxter is the Board's new **Secretary**. She lives on Lower Camden with her husband, Ian Zabor. They are ones "fly-fishing" with their French bulldog, Zoe, in the front yard. Amanda is an Administrative Law Judge with the Georgia Office of State Administrative Hearings. She is a native Atlantan and has lived in Brookwood Hills since April 2006.



David Adams is **Membership Chair** of the 2009 Brookwood Hills Board of Directors. David, his wife Mary Paige, and their daughter, Campbell (1), are three-year residents at 300 Camden Road. Both David and Mary Paige are attorneys. David specializes in banking and finance at Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, and Mary Paige concentrates her practice in hospital liability and medical malpractice defense at Green & Sapp, LLP.



Deborah Stacy Gebhardt has joined the Board as co-chair of the **Pool Committee**. She has a long history the neighborhood and the pool. Her parents moved the family onto Brighton when she was 4. She took swim lessons at BWHs and learned to play tennis. She swam on the swim team, went to birthday parties in the park where kick ball games were unstructured. As a teenager, there was the occasional late night dip only to be chased out by Officer Barry Miller. Her first job was even as a lifeguard here. Her grandparents even lived on Woodcrest. Safe to say, Deborah loves the pool and neighborhood. She currently lives on Huntington with her children, Lucy (10) and David (9). Gunnar, the Wheaten mix is generally in the front yard. Deborah works at Van Winkle & Associates and is active at All Saints Church and E. Rivers Elementary. She is excited about all of the new improvements that have been made and is looking forward to a safe, clean and fun summer! Debgeb98@gmail.com

New Board President Sees Opportunities, Challenges

By John Mulcahy

Eight years ago this May, expecting the birth of our first child, Cara and I began our search for a home where we could raise a family. A lemonade stand strategically set up across from an open house on Camden Road gave us a glimpse of the community that is Brookwood Hills and we drew up a contract that evening. J.T. joined our family four months later and his brother, Griffin, arrived three years after that. Over the past eight years, the Mulcahy family has enjoyed so much of what this neighborhood has to offer. It will truly be an honor for me to serve as President of the Brookwood Hills Community Club in 2009.

Let me start by thanking Joe Jackson and our outgoing board for their tireless work over the past year. Through our board's stewardship, the community has invested the proceeds from the sale of the Clear Creek easement in improvements that will benefit the club for years to come. These accomplishments were spelled out in last month's BrookNotes and include:

- Expansion of the clubhouse
- Improvements to the restrooms in the clubhouse and the park
- Restoration and invasive plant control in the Brookwood Hills Nature Preserve, a truly unique urban forest
- Improvements to the pool, including a new surface, an expanded bulkhead, a new gutter system, a heater and a scoreboard
- A state-of-the-art tennis surface
- Retirement of \$367,000 of debt

Brookwood Hills is one of the true gems of the city of Atlanta; a metropolitan neighborhood with wonderful recreational facilities which enhance our sense of community. That said, we continue to face both opportunities and challenges and we must be proactive in ensuring that we continue to have the best neighborhood in the ATL.

A Long Range Planning Report has recently been completed which outlines these opportunities and challenges while recommending several courses of action to address. I encourage you to read this report, which can be found on our website. A special thanks goes to Rod Cook, Jerry Luxemburger, Alex & Kay Summers and the other committee members for creating such a valuable document.

As I look toward my term as President, I see several objectives for our board:

Proactively engage organizations whose objectives may impact our community, strengthening alliances such as the Brookwood Alliance when appropriate.

- Continue to be good stewards of our community's resources, including the completion of the capital projects made possible through Clear Creek funds.
- Increase the level of interaction between the board and the neighborhood to drive information flow and decision-making.
- Create an ongoing management plan for the Brookwood Hills Nature Preserve
- Maintain and enhance the safety of our neighborhood

Establish and maintain an electronic archive of club records and neighborhood expertise.

I look forward to working with you in 2009.

Don't Miss the Southeastern Flower Show

The Georgia PTA partners with the Southeastern Flower Show presented by the Southeastern Horticultural Society. The 22nd Annual Southeastern Flower Show: *Passion*

Youth Division: "Environmental Passion...Can You Dig It?" Conservation and environmental stewardship exhibits and activities demonstrate: "Environmental Passion"

- **Featuring Imaginators from Imagine It! performing "Georgia Grown:"** the mini-musical takes students on an imaginary journey; they discover that plants and trees not only provide us with healthy food to eat, but also fresh clean air to breathe and even the most common household products we use every day.
- **Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper demonstrating "Enviroscape":** a hands-on children's activity that shows where our water comes from, how it gets to our house, where it goes after it leaves our house and the importance of water as a natural resource.
- **Home Depot Youth Workshops:** a woodworking craft & potting demo.
- **Junior Master Gardener Workshop:** leaf rubbings
- **Kennesaw State Profs: Creative Writing Project on Plants**
- **Plus flower arranging, storytelling, crafts, and a worm talk!**

Enter the Youth Division and get a free voucher to the Show! See Competitions- Youth Division at www.flowershow.org open to preschoolers- twelfth grade

The Southeastern Flower Show opens Wednesday, January 28, 2009 and runs through

Sunday, February 1, 2009 at the Cobb Galleria Centre located at Two Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA.

Show hours are 10 AM to 8 PM Wednesday through Saturday, and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday.

Advance tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$16.00 for adults at the door, \$12.00 for seniors (65+) any time,

\$10.00 for "Twilight Tickets" (After 4 PM Wednesday through Friday), \$8.00 for students 9th grade and above, \$6.00 for 1st-8th grade students.

Tickets may be purchased at www.flowershow.org, at the Show office, or at the door during the show, or see the website for local ticket outlets.

Sunday, February 1 is PTA Day with parents \$14 each at the door, children 8th grade and under are free with parent's PTA membership card.

Imagine It! Children's Museum of Atlanta members will receive the same benefits on Sunday with Imagine It! membership card.

The Show offers something for everyone, visit our website for all the details!

www.flowershow.org

C L A S S I F I E D S

GUEST HOUSE FOR RENT: We have a really great looking 1 BR/1BA guest house in the woods behind our house at 50 Palisades. It is for rent for \$1200.00 per month, with water and heat included. It has its own private drive and entrance and parking for two cars. You feel like you are in the country one block from Peachtree on Palisades Road. The house is furnished and has a new washer/dryer and all new appliances. It has a living room, eat-in kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, den with a sofa bed and a large deck that opens into the woods. There are sliding glass doors from the kitchen and the den that open to the deck. Furnished with pretty antique furniture. Will be available at the end of this month. Call William or Ginna Pope 404-872-2940.

CAT & DOG CARE: Esther Stokes recommends Cutler Woodfin, who is expanding her pet walking and sitting business. She will pet sit in your home while you are out of town, or dog walk for you if your busy schedule leaves you needing that help. Cutler is a great animal-lover, and experienced care-giver, and we think you will be pleased. Contact Cutler at 404-797-2225 or ecwoodfin@aol.com.

ATTENTION BIBLIOPHILES: The BWH Book Club will meet on at 7:30 p.m. Monday Jan. 26th (venue TBD) to discuss our annual classic selection House of Mirth by Edith Wharton. Then, on Monday March 16th our book is Loving Frank by Nancy Horan. This is a fictionalized account of the love affair between architect Frank Lloyd Wright and intellectual Mamah Borthwick Cheney. The BWH Book Club is always open to new members. For more information please contact Maureen Zent 404-724-0959 or mzent1@bellsouth.net.

GET A JUMP ON FY2009: Cannon Sayers of 27 Wakefield and BB Wolf Inc. offer neighborhood assistance for your bookkeeping or home finance, personal assistance and organizational needs. They also are available for basic computer training. References from Brookwood Hills neighbors provided upon request. BBWolf Inc., 2870 Peachtree Rd. #921, Atlanta, Ga. 30305. Phone: 404-808-1134. Fax: 866-631-9124.

BEAUTIFUL OPERA ANYONE? What would it be like if the opera world were to team up with a church world to tell a beautiful story? Come to First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta to find out. On Jan. 30 and 31, at 8pm, the church's Fine Arts Committee will present the Atlanta premiere of Stephen Paulus' THE THREE HERMITS in their sanctuary. The one-act opera is based on Leo Tolstoy's redeeming story about a bishop, stuck and lost in his ways, who is taught a spiritual lesson by three saintly and childlike hermits. This fully staged production is a collaboration between many of the region's leading opera singers, theater professionals, instrumentalists, and the choirs of First Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for students. To buy tickets, call Kate Breytspraak at 404-228-7762, or email kbreytspraak@firstpresatl.org.

DRUMS FOR SALE: My family has a drum set is for sale. The set comprises five drums with two 13" cymbals of hi-hat top by Zildjian; two extra cymbals size of 16"(crash) and 18"(crash ride); a cow bell, stick holder and several sets of sticks. The cost is \$250.00. Please call Myong Johnston at 404-352-6908.



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