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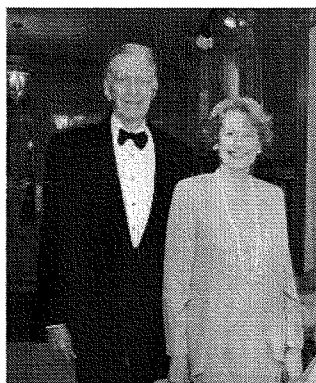
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A Brookwood Hills Love Story

By Libby Barge, BrookNotes Co-editor

For the February issue and with Valentine's Day on our minds, we set out to find the perfect couple to feature in BrookNotes. With the 75th anniversary party last fall and Barry Miller's recent retirement, we recognize the rich history our neighborhood has. What better way to honor our neighborhood than by featuring one of the longest-married couples in Brookwood Hills? Our research brought us to 78 Wakefield Drive, the home of Margaret and Edward (Ted) Shirley.

I had the pleasure of meeting the Shirleys earlier this month to hear their story. I knew they have lived for many years, but I didn't realize that Margaret grew up in the neighborhood. Her parents lived on Brighton Road



Ted & Margaret Shirley of Wakefield Drive

Married in 1957

Moved to Brookwood Hills in 1974

early in their marriage, and they relocated to Boston for a short period during which Margaret was born. The family moved back to 11 Camden Road where she grew up. Margaret remembers playing in every yard in the neighborhood. Back then, "There were few fences, so we just ran from house to house and backyard to backyard."

Ted was born in Seattle, but he grew up all over the United States and abroad since his father was career Navy. With her birthplace in Boston and his in Seattle, they both acknowledge that this year's Super Bowl had a lot on the line! Margaret's team prevailed, and according to Ted, she won't let him forget it!

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Barry Miller Heads to the Hills

(Reprinted) By Bill Torpy, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

A drive through north Atlanta with retired police Sgt. Barry Miller becomes a litany of headlong chases with dodgy and often dangerous characters.



Retired Atlanta police Sgt. Barry Miller started working a second job patrolling a neighborhood in 1979. From there, he built something of a security empire. *Bill Torpy/btorpy@ajc.com*

"I ran one through the yard there, a young guy," he says, pointing to a great big house on Peachtree Battle Avenue. "It was like a mule chasing a race horse." Unfortunately for the race horse, the mule had a radio and the suspect got lassoed by one of Miller's partners.

Driving by Bobby Jones Golf Course, Miller pauses, "I went across that bridge in my car chasing a burglar once."

He helped catch the infamous Buckhead Rapist. He's been stabbed, run over, even shot.

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BrookNotes welcomes articles, artwork, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of BrookNotes is **Friday, March 13th**.

Submissions may be dropped off at **18 Palisades Rd.** or e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com.

Mark Your Calendar!

Barry Miller's Retirement Party

Sunday, March 1st 4:00pm - 6:00pm

E. Rivers Elementary, 8 Peachtree Battle Avenue

Hosted by 16 neighborhoods,
including Brookwood Hills

RSVP to Barbara Kennedy: bar2010@aol.com

Spring Fling!

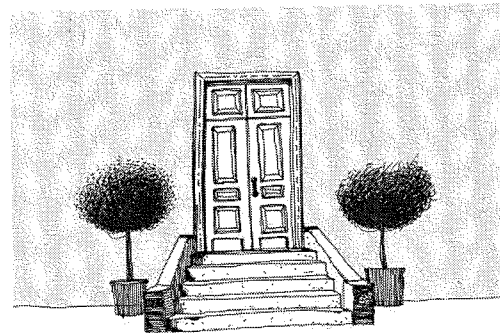


Sunday, March 29th

Brookwood Hills Park

Time: *To Be Announced*

Brookwood Hills Tour of Homes



Home Tour Saturday, April 18th

Patron Party Thursday, April 16th

Brookwood Hills Security

Security Signs at the BWH Entrances?

A security incident has occurred in the neighborhood. Call the BWH Security Info Hotline for details.

BWH Security Information Hotline

(404) 325-5114

Neighborhood Patrol Cell Phone

(404) 242-3321

BWH Security Chair

security@brookwoodhills.com
(657) 229-4728 (text or call)

Lee King's 2015 Summer Tennis Clinics

Ms. Lee King will once again be conducting tennis clinics this summer. The clinics will run Monday through Friday for one hour each. The price per person is \$100 per week.

Please call or e-mail Lee directly to sign up or if you have any questions: (404) 261-8643; leekingtenpro@aol.com.

Private Lessons

June 8 to June 12 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Junior Clinics

For 3- and 4-year-olds

June 15 to June 19	9:45 am - 10:45 am
	10:45 am - 11:45 am
Aug 11 to Aug 15	9:30 am - 10:30 am
	10:30 am - 11:30 am

For 5- and 6-year-olds

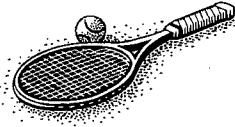
June 22 to June 26	9:45 am - 10:45 am
Aug 3 to Aug 7	9:30 am - 10:30 am

Women's Clinics

July 13 to July 17

Beginner 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Intermediate 10:00 am - 11:00 am



For 7- and 8-year-olds

June 29 to July 3	9:30 am - 10:30 am
July 27 to July 31	9:30 am - 10:30 am

For 9- and 10-year-olds

July 6 to July 10	9:30 am - 10:30 am
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For 11- and 12-year-olds

July 20 to July 24	9:30 am - 10:30 am
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What drew them together was their passion for traveling. Margaret first experienced her love of France when she traveled with her mother for the year after high school. Ted traveled to France as well after winning the Paris Prize in Architecture for travel and study abroad. Upon returning, he relocated to Atlanta for work.

A mutual friend set them up on a date in 1954, and Ted said that after he saw Margaret, he knew he needed to pull out all the stops. So, they dined at Hart's restaurant—one of the most elegant in the 1950's with candlelight, white tablecloths, and servers in white dinner coats. Then, Ted took Margaret to one of the popular nightclubs at the time, Sans Souci, where Dick Van Dyke and Phil Erickson performed. This was actually in the Darlington Apartment building located just down the road from Brookwood Hills. Ted smiled when remembering the date, and acknowledged, "Well, I guess it worked. Margaret decided

she liked this sort of thing, and that was that." The couple married in 1957 at First Presbyterian Church with the reception in her childhood home on Camden.

The Shirleys lived in Collier Hills until 1974 when they bought their Wakefield Drive home from esteemed Atlanta Symphony Orchestra conductor Robert Shaw. They raised their two sons, Mark and Grant, while starting their own successful businesses. Margaret used her love of travel to build a travel agency, and Ted entered into an architectural partnership.

Throughout their time here, Margaret and Ted have enjoyed close friendships with many neighbors—both new neighbors and those who have lived here as long as they have. Their favorite thing about Brookwood Hills is hearing the kids play all summer long across the street in the pool and the park. They are always a little sad when fall arrives, because they miss the squeals and splashes of the children at the pool every afternoon.

The Lions Return Home

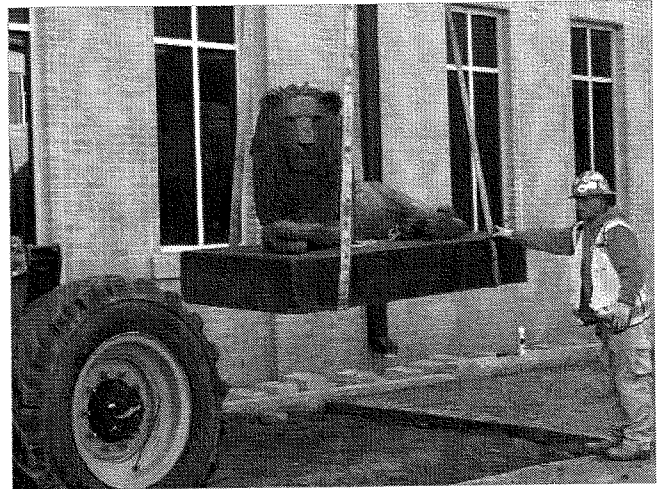
BWH Roars with Enthusiasm for the new E. Rivers Elementary facility

By Elizabeth Wickland

The students of E. Rivers Elementary have returned home to their new **\$23 million, LEED Silver certified facility** built with your SPLOST tax dollars at 8 Peachtree Battle Avenue. The new school can accommodate 800 children at peak capacity (for comparison Morris Brandon currently has 1200 students, Jackson 950, Sarah Smith 1100) while this year's enrollment is 650 students. Twenty-eight BWH children (including 5 kindergarteners) are proud to be E. Rivers Elementary lions for the 2014-2015 school year; over 10 kindergartener from BWH are anticipated next year.

The community is thrilled to have a building that reflects on the outside the deep commitment to learning held by all students and teachers on the inside since the school's founding in 1917.

Beautiful views of Peachtree road from the floor to ceiling windows in the new media center and computer lab help students feel connected to the urban landscape surrounding them while the large gym with performance stage has two story glass windows overlooking the large lower field and greenspace while boasting a view of the downtown skyline. The science lab and art studios both have attached outdoor classroom space, great for messy science experiments and creative art projects. Organic gardens for each grade will start to spout this spring. All classrooms contain computers for student use and interactive Promethean boards for instruction. **Call the school at (404) 802-7065 to schedule a tour.**



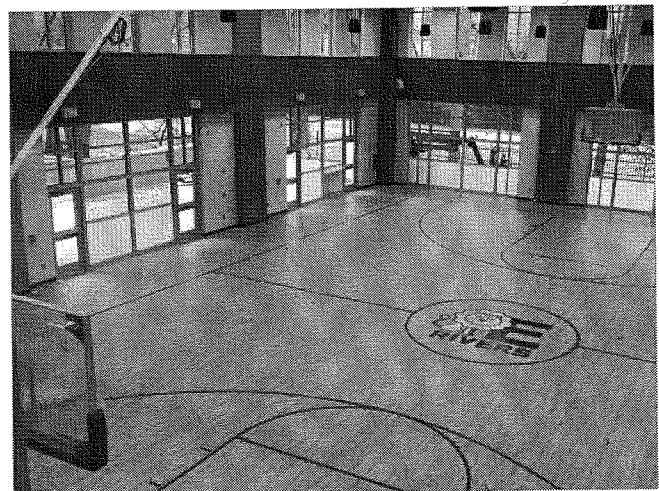
"Petie" comes home to the new E. Rivers facility
Phone from the E. Rivers Facebook Page

Parental involvement

Research clearly shows the success of a student is highly correlated to the involvement of their parents in the life of the child's school. E. Rivers is proud of its hundreds of dedicated parents who donate thousands of hours of volunteer time each year along with raise over \$120,000 annually to enhance classroom learning. Parent donations contribute to the following: field trips, extra teacher training, phonics curriculum for K-2, hands-on science and technology learning labs, math curriculum, homework organizers for each student, on-line resources for stu-



Moving in to the new 112,000 square-foot facility
from eriverselementary.com



E. Rivers Gym
Photo courtesy of Rachele McGinty-Mock



Above E. Rivers Elementary
Photo from Collins Cooper Carusi Architects

dents, 6 iPad carts each with 24 iPads and 1 teacher Mac Book Air for classroom projects and much more.

School curriculum and culture

Principal Matt Rogers places great importance on the relationship that is built between student and teacher and between the school and the home. The school's staff stresses that strong relationships are founded on trust and are strengthened by consistent support, encouragement and open communication. E. Rivers continues to be an International Baccalaureate (IB) certified school with 1st through 5th graders enjoying immersion French classes multiple times a week. Sutton Middle and North Atlanta High School offer the next steps in the highly acclaimed IB Diploma Program. In the 2014 graduating class, 95% of North Atlanta's seniors in the IB Diploma Program were granted acceptance to University of Georgia- an impressive number compared to area public or private schools.

Learn more about your neighborhood school

Continuing a longstanding neighborhood tradition, in January current BWH/ E. Rivers parents hosted BWH parents of pre-K and 3-year-old children to an informational cocktail party. This was an opportunity to learn more about E. Rivers through the eyes of current and alumni BWH families. Over 50 prospective parents and 40 current E. Rivers parents attended and shared their experi-

ences. We also have plans for playground play dates for rising kindergarten students, and the school is happy to make sure BWH kindergarteners have a BWH buddy in their classroom. Contact Elizabeth Wickland for more information or if you'd like to be included in future events lizzy.wickland@gmail.com.

The E. Rivers student body is a great reflection not only of the diverse community within and adjacent to our much loved neighborhood but also of the world beyond. Learning in a multi-cultural environment truly strengthens today's children who will become leaders of the world tomorrow. Principal Rogers and the teachers work together to achieve the school's goals of inspiring kids to love learning and motivating them on the path to become life-long learners.



Photo from eriverselementary.com

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That was the time a guy leaned out of a getaway vehicle and sprayed Miller with shotgun pellets as he closed in on his motorcycle.

Miller, like most veteran street cops, has a million stories, but perhaps his most striking tale is how he created a cottage industry that has allowed countless cops to send their kids to orthodontists and colleges while also providing security for residents. He is credited with creating the first security patrol in metro Atlanta that used off-duty cops, a business model now replicated in scores of neighborhoods across the region.

He retired from APD at 49. He will retire again later this month from his second career at 66, a street cop who became a savvy businessman. His outfit deploys 60 off-duty officers who guard 21 neighborhoods.

“Northwest Atlanta is mostly mine,” he said with a glint of pride. (Incidentally, retired Atlanta officers can keep their badges, uniforms and arrest powers if they become volunteer officers, giving the city 120 hours of free service a year, which allows them to make a good living as rent-a-cops.)

Miller drove me around Wednesday in his white Ford Explorer, which has magnetic door signs signifying that he’s a real police officer. He said he’ll miss the gig that has him often working 18-hour days, as he did on this day. He spends those hours patrolling slowly through well-heeled neighborhoods, jiggling door knobs, shining lights in bushes and carrying in the mail of residents who are out of town.

But he wants to live a little bit. “This is a young man’s job. I’ve worked most Thanksgivings and Christmases,” he said. There’s this consideration, too: “I don’t want to die with my uniform on.”

Miller’s good fortune started in 1979 with a random event, a traffic roadblock. Emory neurologist Dr. Linton Hopkins (father of the big-shot chef of the same name) was late for work and not in the mood for the delay when the motorcycle cop strode to his car window.

As it turned out, the doctor’s driver’s license was out of date, as was his insurance. Miller wrote him a ticket, but Hopkins was struck by the officer’s polite, professional presence and quiet confidence.

The doctor and his wife had recently been awakened by an intruder rifling through a dresser in their bedroom. He asked whether Miller could moonlight for a couple

months in his neighborhood, Brookwood Hills, which had been victimized by numerous other break-ins.

Miller had never heard of a cop working off-duty to patrol a neighborhood. But he had a wife, four kids and a ton of bills, so he got inventive and lined up a two-month deal to keep an eye on Hopkins and his neighbors. One night in the course of those months he pulled over a shady looking guy driving a beater. The man had a long arrest record with numerous burglaries. He turned out to be Brookwoods’ busy burglar.

And, as Miller puts it, “that two months turned into 35 years.”

Miller’s easy-going manner and prodigious work ethic won over residents. He’d take neighborhood kids for rides on his motorcycle (clearly a time before liability lawyers put their claws into life) and he small-talked neighborhood ladies. He called people back and gave them answers.

Miller enjoyed the give-and-take with people. Normally, police see people during trying times — after crimes or during arguments. “Before that, I never met a citizen unless it was a call to their house or writing them a ticket,” he said. “You felt no one liked you. Then I saw people don’t hate us.”

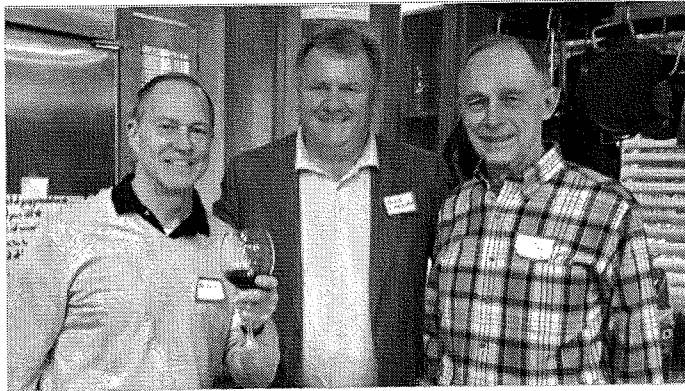
“He’s become a de-facto member of the family,” said Reagan Floyd, a resident of the Adams Crossing neighborhood up the road from Georgia Tech, an area that saw a pronounced drop in crime after bringing Miller and his troops to their community.

Word about Brookwood’s sentinel spread to one neighborhood after another. To keep up with demand, Miller had to share his good fortune with others on the force. Cops are always searching for second (or third) jobs. “They’ll never have anything if they just live on city pay,” he said. “They’ll scrounge all their lives.”

Miller avoided getting promoted because a higher rank would pull him off his motorcycle and make it tough to have the time to work his growing side gig. As the business expanded, he got a piece of the action from the work of his growing army by doing the administrative deeds as he continued to patrol.

“Oh, it’s become a big business, a big business and a good living,” Miller said. “I make a really good living for a policeman. I own three houses in Rabun County. We drive nice cars. We take nice vacations. This has changed my

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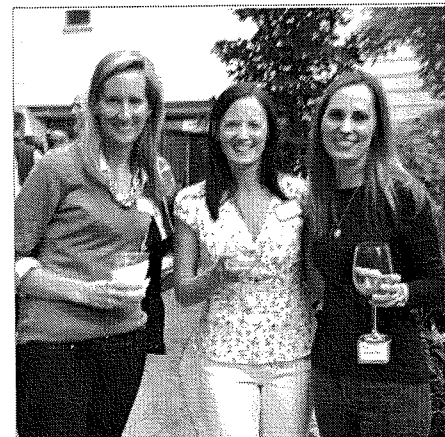
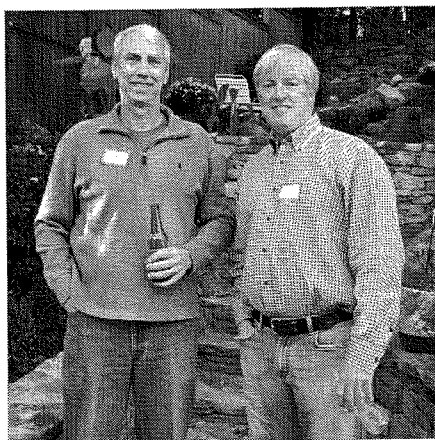
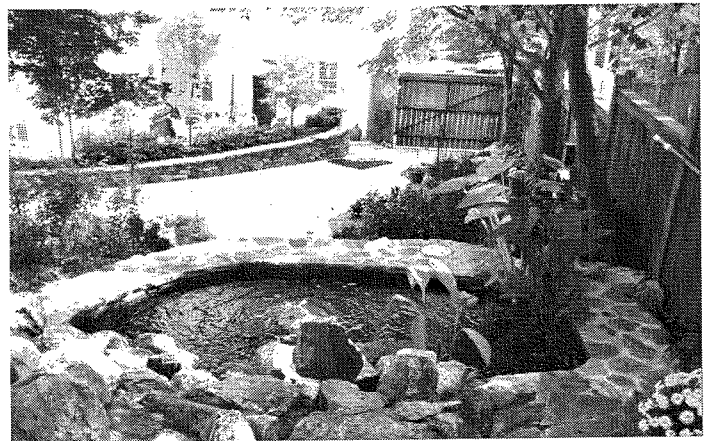


Cocktails on Upper Camden

Photos by Elaine Moynihan

Following the tradition of Upper Camden house parties or block parties in the fall, Elaine and Jim Moynihan hosted their neighbors in their beautifully renovated home on Sunday, November 9th for an afternoon gathering. The weather was beautiful, and the party moved outdoors.

All but two couples were able to attend the party. The hosts provided drinks and meats done on the grill. Everyone brought a dish to share, and there was a wonderful selection. The Moynihans had such fun hosting that they are considering doing it again next fall!



Need a Babysitter?

Emily Payne, current Brighton Road resident and 8th Grader at Pace Academy, is available for babysitting and/or working as a mother's helper.

Emily has taken the babysitter training course conducted by the Red Cross, and she loves working with children! She is also an experienced and strong swimmer; she's been swimming competitively for 10 years. Emily is available to take children to the pool this summer.

Emily is available this spring and summer, so feel free to text or call her on her cell phone: (404) 539-4923.

Need a Pet Sitter?

Morgan Payne, current Brighton Road resident and 7th Grader at Pace Academy, is available for pet sitting this spring and summer.

He enjoys taking care of animals. He will also water your plants and bring in your mail! Please contact Morgan on his cell phone: (404) 263-9616.

Garage Apartment Needed

Elle Oser is looking for a garage apartment rental, apt or condo in BWH or nearby Buckhead starting in June or July. She will be attending graduate school nearby.

Born and raised in Brookwood Hills, Elle can provide many references. Contact Elle by cell (404) 291-0040 or email orehoser@go.olemiss.edu

You may also reach her mother Laranne Oser of 204 Camden Road, laranneoser@aol.com, (404) 290-4825.

Birth Announcement



Lee, Leigh, M.C. (5) and Camille (3) welcomed Mason "Mase" Winston Cardwell on December 16th, 2014. He weighed 8 lbs 10 oz and was 19 inches long.

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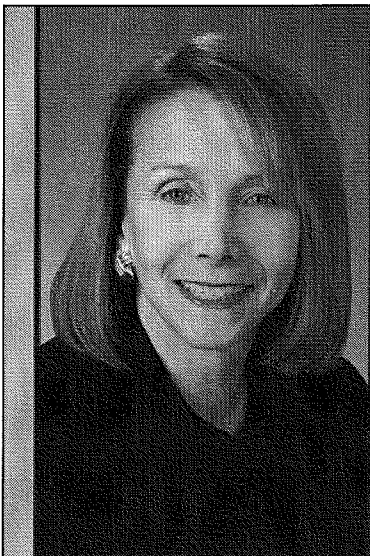
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life." Who would have known that a working-class lad from Atlanta's south side might one day be visiting the Leaning Tower of Pisa, as he did last year.

Miller isn't sure what's next. He's a folk artist in the vein of Howard Finster, although he calls his style, "Early American White Trash."

Home is now a 110-year-old farmhouse in Tiger, population 314, up in the state's northeast corner. He lives with his second wife, a local girl who liked the movie "An Officer and a Gentleman." He walked into her office one day wearing his best dress blues and carried her away to the applause of co-workers, a la Richard Gere.

Luckily for him, perhaps, he doesn't think the area needs a neighborhood patrol.



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