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BWH Celebrates July Fourth

By Burch Hanson



Brookwood Hills celebrated a great Fourth of July holiday! Many neighbors began the day running the Peachtree Road Race, and others lined up along Peachtree near Brighton, Palisades and Huntington and enjoyed watching and cheering on their neighbors who ran the race.

Following the excitement of the race, neighbors and Community Club members gathered in the park and enjoyed spending time together with family and friends at our annual Independence Day celebration.

The party began with a picnic lunch that included barbecue and all the sides, chips, watermelon, and festive cupcakes. As the adults and children enjoyed the delicious meal, catered by Slope's Barbeque, fun music echoed throughout the park from our DJ, Pat. The traditional fun and games followed lunch in center field.

First up were our elementary school aged children, who enjoyed an exciting sack race. Next was the Lemon Roll Race for the youngest group, ages 0-3, followed by a parent/child 3-legged race, and a running relay race. The Water Balloon Toss Contest brought the largest crowd, with participants of all ages. Finally, children enjoyed a fun round of tug-of-war.

The first and second place winners for each game received gift certificates from either Baskin Robbins or Blockbuster. The winner of the Sack Race (ages 6-10) was Addison Cox, and Will Brogan finished a close second. Larson Normack finished first in the Lemon Roll Race, and John Kibley and Fiona O'Halloran tied for second place. In the Parent/Child 3-Legged Race, Collette and Laurie Campbell took top honors, and close behind was the mother-daughter Dixon duo, Emma and Shannon, in second place. The impressive winning relay team was Caroline Holliday, Fanny Germain (visiting from France), Charlie McKnight, and Morgan Watson.



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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.

SAVE THE DATE

Monday Aug. 4: Brookwood Hills Community Club Board meeting at 7:15 p.m. John Mulcahy, 303 Camden Road, will host.

Sunday Sept. 14: Brookwood Hills Ice Cream Social and end-of-the-pool-season Dog Swim at the BWHCC park.

Friday, Oct. 31: Brookwood Hills Halloween Party, at the BWHCC park.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING GLASS TO THE POOL

There should be *no glass in the pool area*. It is a longstanding rule and a matter of safety. If you want to bring wine to the pool then it needs to be decanted into a plastic container *before you get to the pool*.

Even if you do not break the bottle (because you are extra careful), the glass in the trash becomes a hazard for the staff member emptying the trash. **Remember safety is everyone's responsibility.**

If you want to drink beer, please bring it in a **can, not a bottle**. If you "accidentally" find yourself at the pool with glass, please take it back home with you. **Do not leave any glass at the pool.**

Please also **remember to recycle plastic bottles and cans.**

Thank you, W. Hayes Wilson, Pool Co-chairman

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brook notes is Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2008. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 200 Camden.

Garden Club Celebrates 80th Anniversary

By Kathleen Waldrop

The Brookwood Hills Garden Club celebrated its 80th anniversary on April 26th at our own lovely pool pavilion and tennis courts. Despite needed rain, over 200 neighbors and friends enjoyed food and beverages donated in part by local business such as Taurus, Toulouse, Sonora Catering, The Fresh Market, Vita, Café Intermezzo, Starbucks, Sweetwater Brewing, and the Peachtree Road Package Store. Taurus and Toulouse graciously provided their own chefs preparing specialty foods. Please support these businesses when possible.

Neighbors took part in lively bidding led by our own skillful auctioneer, Hank Harris, and his talented assistants, Fred Burke and Carl Gambrell. Special thanks to the many thoughtful neighbors who donated unique auction and prize items. The auction raised over \$30,000 for neighborhood beautification and other projects that benefit the entire Brookwood Hills Community.

We were fortunate to have such generous sponsors endorsing the Brookwood Hills Garden Club which made our party possible. The business sponsors that supported this event were as follows: **Gold Oak:** Branch Properties; The Brookwood Condominium; Coldwell Banker/Patti Junger; Harry Norman/Karen Grice; Specialty Homes/Sarah Hagood; Peachtree Hills Place Continuous Care Residential Community **Silver Oak:** Peachtree Orthopedic Clinic; Arborguard Tree Specialists; Boak Landscaping, Inc.; Mike Ghee of G-force Restorations; Selig Enterprises **Bronze Oak:** Allgood Pest Solutions; Bennett Landscape & Design; Bowles Pest Control, Inc.; Cortex Hair Salon and Spa/Marion Ventulett, Owner; Downey Trees, Inc.; Nature Scapes, Inc.; New Life Landscaping; and Revival Construction.

Neighbors enjoyed dancing to the sounds of the Mike Veal Band. Kay Summers created a historic collection of Brookwood Hills' pictures dating back to the 1920's. Guests enjoyed a slide show presented by Hayes Wilson. If you have any notable photographs you wish to add, please contact either Kay or Kathleen Waldrop.

We appreciate the neighbors joining with the Garden Club to celebrate 80 years of the Brookwood Hills community.

Veranda Features Former home of BWH resident

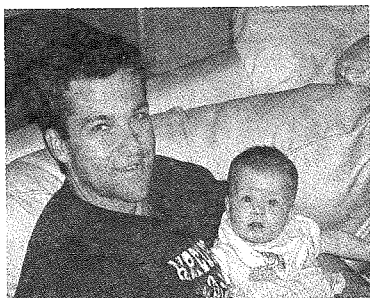
For Veranda magazine readers who might have wondered, yes, that is new Brookwood Hills resident and Atlanta designer John Morrison's former Buckhead home so nicely featured in the August 2008 edition of Veranda Magazine. Congratulations and welcome again, John!

Tragic End in BWH Likely Not Random Act

The body found on Wakefield on June 3 was that of a 22-year-old white male from the Oakhurst section of Decatur. Although Atlanta Police have not released much information about the crime, the incident did not involve anyone from the neighborhood and likely was a "drop-off."

BWH Neighbor News

CONGRATULATIONS JACQUELINE! **Jacqueline Wabler** graduated from Mount Vernon Presbyterian School with honors. She received the Most Outstanding World Literature Student and Most Outstanding US Government Student. She will attend the College of Charleston in the fall where she plans to major in Psychology and Art in hopes of being an art therapist. She is the daughter of **Barry** and **Karen Wabler**.



WILBERTS WELCOME A DAUGHTER: **Mike** and **Denise Wilbert** of Northwood Avenue welcomed a new baby girl to their home on Dec. 21, 2007. **Bridget Anne Wilbert**, picture at the left with Daddy, was born at Piedmont Hospital. Her middle name honors next-door neighbor Anne Donaldson. Bridget's sisters **Katherine** and **Frances** are very excited to have a little sister and new playmate. Meanwhile, the Wilberts had their formerly white house painted dark gray. Mike says it will provide a nice background for their extensive holiday-light display.

HARRIS HEADED TO GEORGIA: **Helen Harris**, daughter of **Hank** and **Linda Harris**, graduated from the Westminster Schools and will attend The University of Georgia. Congratulations Helen, and Go Dawgs!

CHECK OUT YOUR ASSESSMENT ONLINE

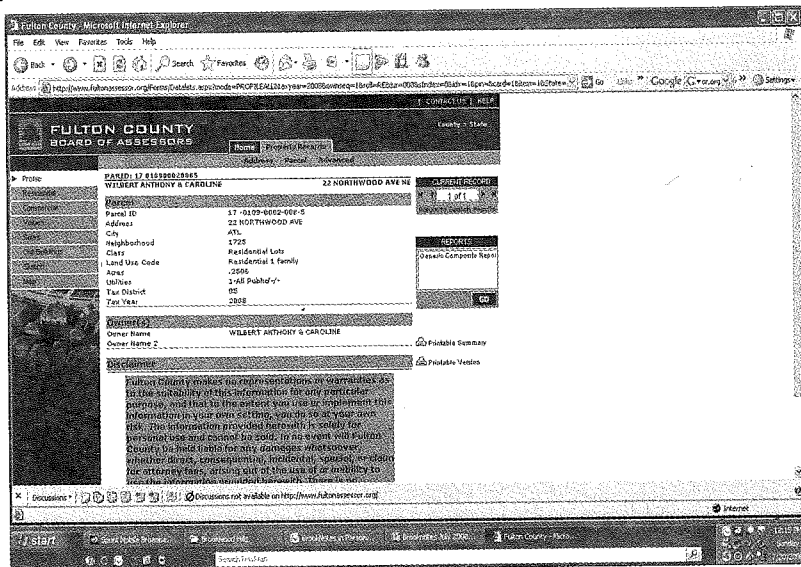
By going to the Website of the Fulton County Assessor's Office, <http://www.fultonassessor.org>, you can find your 2008 property assessment, even though the notices have not yet been mailed out.

At the top of the page click on Property Records. Type in your street number, street name, and from the pull-down menu select RD, DR, WAY or AVE as appropriate.

Don't put in "Northeast," as that seems to confuse the system, and don't add any more information under the Filter or Options sections. Click on Search and your record should pop up.

Your latest assessment will be listed under the Values link on the left.

In an informal survey of 10 neighbors, all found that their assessments in 2008 were a fraction lower than last year.



BWH Minutes from June 2, 2008 Board Meeting

Meeting Place: Home of Alison and Wright Caughman at 200 Camden Road

May 5th minutes to be mailed out for board approval.

Variance/NPU Zoning

Bart Cooper, 85 Wakefield Drive, presented signature update.

All neighbors signed except for Stan Dixon, Dina Woodruff, Robin and Steve Martin and Shirleys (78 Wakefield).

Neighbors next door who were previously against the renovation are now good to go.

Joe Gardner motioned to not oppose the Cooper's variance. Hayes Wilson seconded the motion and no one was opposed.

Batting, 55 Montclair presented renovation and addition to reface the back portion of his house, which exists on a corner lot – this renovation and addition requires a side and rear setback for a garage and family room.

There are issues with the width of the garage, hence the need for the side setback.

There are issues with the depth of the family room, hence the need for a rear setback.

Jamie and Leslie Carroll, next door neighbors, have approved.

Chris Boykin, another neighbor, is fine with it.

Batting did not have signatures at the meeting. NPU should sign approval on July 1 and the next step would be the zoning and review board.

There was no vote, but the board appeared fine with this course of action.

Stakes to be placed on SE and SW corners where the renovation and addition will extend.

Armour Circle – sewingmachine.com in Beltline overlay district needs a five setback variance.

Joe Jackson does not think it impacts the variance and is justified – other options for this area would be night clubs.

Joe Jackson motioned to approve, John Mulcahy second the motion and no one was opposed.

Brookwood Alliance – meeting with Lee Marro about the Buckhead community.

Property owners are taxing themselves.

Seeking overlay districts so neighborhoods can have a voice at the table.

\$150,000 necessary for planning and regulations. Funds can be raised through grants and other.

Very important to have our voice heard because of the density issue. The traffic will greatly impact our neighborhood.

Buckhead CID met with Scotty Green May 29th and there is a 50/50 chance of getting property owners to approve.

Snack Bar

A piece of the ceiling near the snack bar fell at the pool and nearly missed two small children.

Joe Noah checked it out and said there is nothing structurally wrong. He checked other components to see if there is further risk. Joe Jackson to follow up with Joe Noah.

Harvey recommended a third-party inspector and Joe Jackson will call Silverman about next steps.

BWH Entrances

Taking more time than anticipated.

Initial bids were \$300,000.

Garden Club offered to pitch in \$40,000 and upped pledge to \$75,000, with BWH pitching in \$25,000.

Garden Club will present at July meeting on July 7th.

Most likely Leslie Carroll and Esther Stokes.

Park/Pool Reservations

June 21 party with over 60 guests from 3 – 7 pm required a vote.

Cost of \$400 for pool and pavilion use.

Harvey motioned approval, Hayes second and no one opposed.

Pool Brown Out Recommendation

All children under four years-old will be required to wear bathing suits with built in swim diapers. BWH will make these available for children who do not have them.

All children under four will be required to wear a bracelet – this will be provided at check in.

There will be a 10 minute break every hour. This will be an adult swim time and children will not be permitted in the pool.

Fine of \$500 for a brown out offense and a \$25 fine if a child under the four years-old is caught without a swim diaper. This fine will be split with the guards as an incentive.

Hayes will distribute an email to all members and will post signs with these new rules at the pool.

Snack Bar Management

Management needs to tighten up. There is currently little accountability – cash register is not balancing at the end of the day, the snack bar is not being cleaned at the end of the day and daily deposits are not being made.

Hayes shared this with Tracy, but will meet with her w/o June 28th to discuss further.

Friday night cookouts are going well, but still running out of food.

Pool Co-Chair

Need at least one co-chair, if not two, to assist Hayes.

Position opening to appear in BrookNotes and there will be an email to membership.

Some possible options: Debbie Morman and Jo Ellen Bass

Membership

30 new C members with five more invitations outstanding.

Directory to be produced this year.

A note will appear in BrookNotes and an email will be distributed to all members requesting them to update family information.

Park

A tree fell and took out the fence near the basketball court.

Downey trees called to remove the tree and Joe Noah to repair the fence.

Joe Noah to repair the park gate on Parkdale.

Gary is getting quotes for more playground mulch.

Social

Do not have a July 4th sponsor yet – Esther Stokes may want to.

150 attendees at the new neighbor party with a lot of generations represented.

Treasury

Nancy Walton in attendance.

Security

Complaints of non-members on tennis courts. Barry was notified.

Complaints about parking during swim meets.

Cones to be placed on Huntington Road and security to be on duty for initial two hours of all swim

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(Continued from Page One; Thanks to Bart Cooper and Burch Hanson for the photos.)

The Water Balloon Toss contest was hard fought, but Will and Ben Ingram prevailed to win first place, and Diana and Jeff Sweeney came in a close second place.. Congratulations to all of our winners and many thanks to everyone who participated in these games!

After the games, the Annual Fourth of July Parade was held in the park for all of the children to show their patriotic spirit. We watched a great parade this year. Many children had taken great pride in decorating their bikes wagons, scooters and fire trucks, all donned in red, white and blue!



Following the party in the park, many families continued the celebration at the pool, where there were more fun and exciting games for all ages, including a raft relay race, a watermelon race, and a coin toss, to name a few. One of the major highlights for participants and spectators alike was the "Biggest Splash" contest, in which participants in various age groups competed to see who could generate the largest splash upon impact after going off of the diving board.

Again, it was a fun-filled day celebrating our country's birthday in Brookwood Hills!

Thank you to Dan Granot, Mark Hanson, Andy Howe, Judy Shanholtz, Matt Tolleson, Mike Wilbert, and especially to John and JT Mulcahy for helping with setting up and cleaning up for the party in the park. Also, thank you to Frank Bellavia, for very kindly facilitating our use of the fabulous tug-of-war rope. This success of this neighborhood event would not have been possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers!

We would especially like to thank the owner of Slope's Barbeque in Sandy Springs, Glenn McDaniel, for graciously catering our party.

Finally, thank you to all of our neighbors who participated in this annual July Fourth tradition.

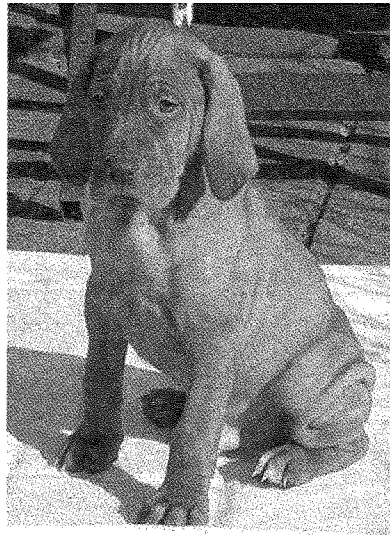


C L A S S I F I E D S

HOUSEKEEPER RECOMMENDATION: Cecilia Figueroa and her daughter Barbara have been cleaning our home for over four years, and they are excellent cleaners and wonderful people! I cannot recommend them more highly. They do a great job, they are fully trustworthy, and they are a delight to have around. They have many BWH clients who will sing their praises just as I do! Call Cecilia directly at 770-734-9695 or Barbara at 404-734-9873 or me for references, Esther Stokes, 404-876-1809.

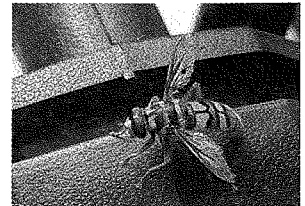
BABY-SITTER AVAILABLE: I am Jacqueline Aguirre, a college-educated, trustworthy, responsible and friendly baby-sitter. I'm available to work part time and currently work part time (twice a week) for a neighborhood family and would like work extra days. I have references and years of experience with children of all ages. I can be reached at 404.644.9064 or jac_aguirre@yahoo.com.

PURE-BREED PUPS FOR SALE: We have five AKC-registered Vizsla pups for sale, four females and one male. This breed makes great field dogs and great family pets, too. Please see them at 240 Brighton Road. The pups will be available July 22 for \$800 each (\$700 for Brookwood Hills residents). For more information call or e-mail the McCollum family at 404.626.0115, mmccollum@firstmile.com.



CLEANING SERVICE AVAILABLE: Agnes Drop is looking for additional houses to clean in Brookwood Hills. She and her "Polish Connection" employees are prompt, reliable and excellent cleaners. She has been working in BWH for over 15 years and has many satisfied customers in the neighborhood. Please call Agnes at 770.855.7523. For a neighbor reference, call Karen Klare at 404.352.0101.

FREE YELLOW JACKET REMOVAL: At least one neighbor has suffered multiple yellow jacket stings this season when she accidentally disturbed a nest in her garden. If you find a nest in your yard you can have it removed – for free – by Georgia Tech researchers! Biology Professor Mi-



chael Goodisman has been studying these nasty pests for some time and is always looking for more research subjects. He or some of his students will come to your property to dig up the nest and take it back to Georgia Tech. They send an anesthetic gas into the nest first (to put the yellow jackets to sleep, not to kill them) and then use a shovel to remove the nest and refill the hole with dirt. They are also willing to remove nests of hornets, paper wasps and bees. As Dr. Goodisman, says, they'll "try to deal with anything that attacks as a group." Reach Dr. Goodisman at michael.goodisman@biology.gatech.edu or 404-385-6311.

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