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## Celebration Spills Out into the Streets

*By Stephanie Brown*

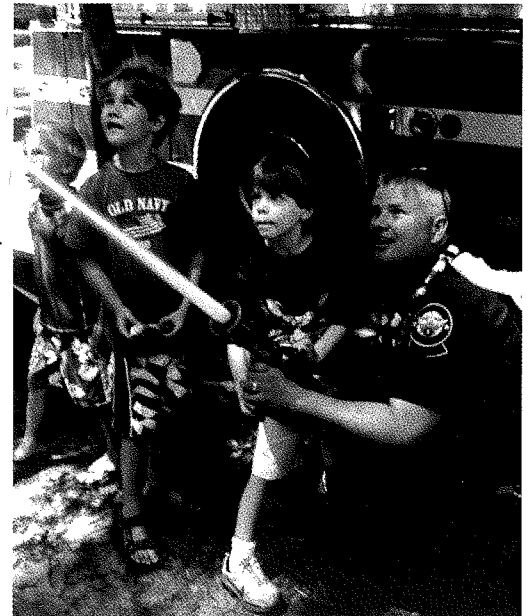
It was another star spangled banner Fourth of July in Brookwood Hills. This year, our traditional parade moved out of the park and filled our neighborhood streets with patriotic music, signs, pompoms, balloons, and cheering. The parade was led by our gracious sponsor, Bruce Wanamaker of Ledbetter, Wanamaker Glass LLP, and his children, Amelia, Hunter and Emma Jane. Bruce is a resident of Brookwood Hills, and a long-time sponsor of our neighborhood events. We greatly appreciate his continued support.

Families and friends gathered at the pavilion with children on decorated bikes, scooters, and strollers to kick off the day's festivities. Several neighbors lined the street waving flags in support of the parade and all this holiday means to each of us. As the parade rounded Parkdale, its enthusiastic participants were met by the flashing lights and sirens of a fire truck, and the brave fire fighters of station 29! Families were given tours of the truck, and even an opportunity to squirt the fire hose.

The fun spilled into the park with a picnic of grilled hot dogs, chips, popsicles, and cold watermelon. There were the old favorite games, including the three-legged race, balloon toss, and girls vs. boys tug-of-war. Just for the record it was a tie, with both sides boasting of a hard-fought battle to win!

As the picnic was winding down, families headed to the pool. Our fabulous life guards finished the day with more music and fun games, all culminating in the famed whirlpool wave. It was the perfect summer day.

We must express our gratitude to two BWH friends who co-chaired this event. Caroline Nor-mark headed up this year's parade. It was a big undertaking to plan and spread the word about this great event. It was a wonderful turnout, and we are certain it will only grow larger and more fun each year! Ellen Koebler organized and ran all of the tried and true games in the park. She did a fantastic job making certain all of our families were able to participate and have fun. Thank you Ian Willoughby, for jumping in at the last minute to set up the grill and cook the hot dogs. To all our neighbors who cut up watermelon, grilled extra hot dogs, or helped clean up, Wendy Granot and I would like to say a BIG thank you for your support. We hope you all had a fabulous Fourth of July. Enjoy the rest of summer.





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When you see the **Security Alert signs** posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the **Brookwood Hills Security Information Line at 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. The cell phone number for the neighborhood security patrol is **404-242-3321**.

## Traffic Advisory

A major water main project designed to improve the delivery of water to Piedmont Hospital is underway, disrupting traffic on Collier Road between Ardmore & Dellwood Drives. Daily through Friday, August 13th, one lane of traffic is being closed between 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., and on Saturdays the lane is also being closed between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

## Friday Dinner at the Pool

The special poolside dinner normally served on the fourth Friday of the month will happen this time on the fifth Friday -- July 30th. Menu details are still being worked out, but the price will be \$15 for both adults and for children. Water and tea will be served, so you will need to bring any other beverages with you. Reservations are required and are due by noon on July 28th. Watch your email for more information.

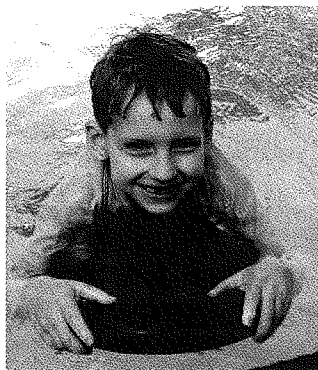
## Water Your Trees!

After an extremely wet Spring, the Summer has been unusually dry and trees are beginning to show signs of stress. Please take the time to water the trees in your yards and at the street. Especially vulnerable are trees planted within the last two years, as their root systems are not fully developed. Urban trees require an average of fifteen gallons of water a week, with the largest of our trees needing much more. For more details on watering check out the Trees Atlanta website at [www.treesatlanta.org/HowtoCareforYourTree.aspx](http://www.treesatlanta.org/HowtoCareforYourTree.aspx). Or contact Tree Chair Boyd Gentry at [bpentry@comcast.net](mailto:bpentry@comcast.net) or 404/394-6596.

*BrookNotes* welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Wednesday, August 11th, 2010. Submissions may be e-mailed to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com) or dropped off at 200 Camden Road.

## Kids Get Kickin' for Camp Sunshine

By Lee Loughran



On Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, the Brookwood Hills swim team held their annual Swim-a-thon. The Swim-a-thon was started by the McKnight family and has become a Brookwood Hills tradition. This year Shelley Sawyer organized the event and the money raised (nearly \$3,000!) went to Camp Sunshine – a wonderful organization that provides summer camp and family support to kids with cancer. Hundreds of laps were swum by kids of all ages. Palisades resident Trey Loughran was the MC and six-year-old Jordan Loughran (pictured on the left) gave a personal testimony of the good times to be had at Camp Sunshine. Eleven year old Rebecca Aman swam the most laps,

logging in 228 to raise money for the camp.

Next door at the park, tie-dying creativity abounded as swim and dive team kids employed cotton garments, rubber bands and tubs of dye to make lasting memories of their time with their teammates. Kathleen Waldrop led this effort again and her blue and red stained helpers included Wendy Granot and Shannon Dixon. Many thanks to all the Bullfrog coaches who volunteered their time on this terrific neighborhood day!

## Our Dogs are our Best Friends

By Elaine Moynihan



This article is submitted to *BrookNotes* in memory of Buster Player, the beloved golden retriever who belonged to Tom and Sandra Player, 90 Wakefield Drive. Buster passed away April, 2010.

Many of us have golden retrievers here in Brookwood Hills. They seem to be everywhere, walking with their owners on our streets. Their wonderful loving personalities delight everyone, always wagging their tails and wanting attention. The dogs in this picture are from left to right, Camden (owner,

Elaine Moynihan), Jackson (owner Mary Stack), and Buster & Sugar (owner Sandra Player). We walk them together sometimes. The dogs are all good friends. We last saw Buster on this day in April, when we snapped this picture. Buster is gone from us now, but he will live on in our hearts. We miss you, Buster, very much. *Note: Sandra and Tom are welcoming their two new goldens, Texas and another new puppy soon. Big sister, Sugar, will be in charge of those pups before you know it.*

## 2010 Swim Team Victorious!

*By Shelley Skiles Sawyer*



The Bullfrogs leaped to victory by completing the 2010 dual meet season undefeated and were awarded the Dual Meet Champion trophy Saturday, June 26th at Georgia Tech before the Divisional Championship Meet. One of those wins was against Windward, breaking a ten-year losing streak. In his eighth year at the helm, Head Coach Tim Storsteen led the 260-swimmer team to yet another impressive finish when they finished third in the Divisional Championship Meet. Fifty-five of our swimmers went on to compete in the Championship Finals on Sunday where they finished third overall amongst seventy-six teams.

The 13-14 boys had a hand in cementing a record-breaking season as well. James King broke the record for the 50-back. He was joined by Jay Bland, Chas Torres and Carter Watson to break the medley relay record during the dual meet season. Then they went on to break *that* record during the championships.

“It’s taken eight years but we now have a solid group of swimmers in each age group,” says Coach Tim. “I’m really proud of how well the junior coaching program has worked. All of them have been members and have been promoted from within. They get excited about making a commitment to swimming and having the opportunity to coach here. That’s what makes Brookwood Hills a special family place.”

That community spirit enabled the kids, with the encouragement of their coaches, to raise almost \$3,000 for Camp Sunshine, a fun place for kids with cancer and their families, during the annual swim-a-thon. (See story, page 3). Official sponsors of the swim team included Kem Lee Photography, Peachtree Orthopaedic Clinic and Baroni Casual Italian restaurant. Many thanks go out to all of the parents and family members who volunteered their time to help make this season special. Most important of all was the tremendous amount of fun the kids on the team had with their friends and coaches.

## Diving Bullfrogs Leap High in 2010!

*By Julie Edelson*

The BWH Dive Team roster swelled both in numbers and talent this year, and the results showed it. The team was undefeated during the regular season against rivals Smokerise, Wynterhall, Redfield, Mill Glen and Smyrna.

At the League Championships, we not only had divers compete in every age group, but a Bullfrog medaled in each event as well! Three divers won their age groups: Campbell Patteson (7-8 girls), Charlie Greene (9-10 boys), and Coach Emily Kaplan (15-18 girls).

The 73-member team was coached by Cessie Ryder, Emily Kaplan (who this season reached her Alpha-Omega year!), Margot Hillyer, Tyler Harrison, and Frank Love.

While the team worked hard in the pool, they also made time for fun. The tie dying and bowling parties were big hits, but probably most enjoyable was the Parent Dive Meet. Ten brave parents competed, and were scored by the kids. The winner? Barckley Toole. The prize? An evening of babysitting by the coaches!

The exciting season came to an end with the Dive Banquet. We all had a bittersweet moment as we said farewell to Coach Cessie and her die-hard parents, Robin and Mike Ryder, who have been a huge part of the team for so long. They will all be missed by kids and parents alike.

Until next year, Go Frogs!



*It doesn't get any better than this. The dive team celebrates a 5-0 record at Fellini's Pizza by demonstrating with their hands the results of the winning 2010 season.*



## New Faces

Welcome to Donald Mock, Rachele McGinty-Mock, daughter Zoe (6), son Bing (7 months), and great-grandmother Odette Batis, who have moved to 210 Camden Road. Don is Creative Director and Managing Partner for MOCK, a communications agency. Rachel is a graphic designer and design educator who has created a blog about her family's experience with multi-generational living at [jumpinggenerations@wordpress.com](http://jumpinggenerations.wordpress.com).

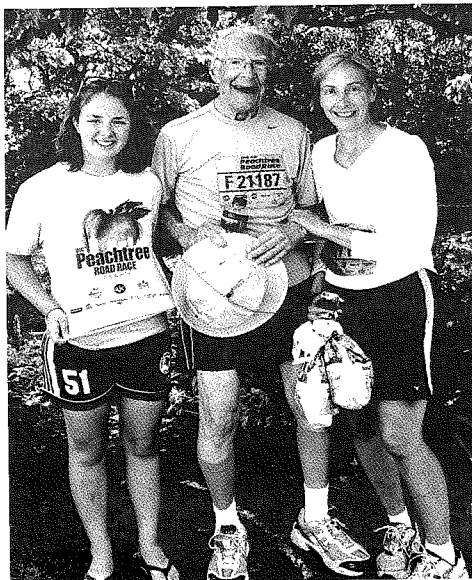
Daniel and Jill Malino will be moving from the East Lake area to 229 Camden Road (currently undergoing renovations), with daughter Meyrav (3) and son Ezra (5 months). Daniel, together with 3 partners, owns QR Capital, a real estate investment and operating company that acquires, renovates and operates distressed apartment complexes around the southeast. Jill, with a background in architecture and design, works for Jamestown Properties, an international real estate private equity firm.

## Three Generations Master the Peachtree Road Race

*By Alison Caughman*

Brighton Road residents Jim and Laura King, together with children Virginia (22), Laurie (20), Liz (17), and James (14) are all runners. They have run the Peachtree Road Race together for years, and in September they will get together to participate in the YMCA Sprint Triathlon in Wilmington, NC. It has been a July 4th tradition in the family for Laura's mom and dad to come to Atlanta from their Kansas home to cheer on the family while ensconced at the top of Brighton Road. But this year was different, because Laura's mom had passed away in May. It just wouldn't seem right for her dad to have to watch alone as the family made it up Cardiac Hill.

Laura's dad, Dr. Clarke Mangun, is 91 years old, a retired Public Health Service Physician. He instilled a love of running in Laura, having taken up the sport some 60 years ago, way



*Liz, Clarke & Laura after the race.*

before it became the thing to do for maintaining fitness. Dr. Mangun still trains on a treadmill thirty minutes a day. Laura asked him if he would like to be in the race this year, walking it with her. Sure! Why not?

Dr. Mangun and Laura set off while the rest of the family (minus Virginia who is in school in Colorado) did their usual run. All six finished, with Jim coming in first (among the family) at 47 minutes 42 seconds and Laura and her dad crossing the finish line at 2 hours 19 minutes and 44 seconds. Dr. Mangun felt a bit dehydrated at the end so they went to the medical tent where the amazed EMTs watched him down three Gatorades in succession. Dr. Mangun still doesn't understand what all the fuss was about. As Jim reported, "He was the only person in the family who wasn't sore. I told you he was fit!"

# C L A S S I F I E D S

**House Cleaning.** Cecelia and Barbara Figueroa are extremely pleasant, polite and efficient cleaning ladies that work for several Brookwood Hills households, including mine. They arrive on time, work quietly and quickly and most importantly, do a wonderful job. My house has never been cleaner. They move things around and really keep the house dust and dirt free. They are good with dogs too. They are looking for additional families to assist and I can recommend them without hesitation. Cecelia and Barbara can be reached at 404-734-9873 or 770-734-9695. Genna Brown, 226 Camden 404-355-6280 or [gennabrown@comcast.net](mailto:gennabrown@comcast.net)

**Massage Therapist.** Marta Gumi is a certified massage therapist and personal trainer. She is located close by in Ansley Park and also makes house calls. She has experience in a variety of types of massage and also can help with stretching and strengthening. She is very professional and does an outstanding job. She can be contacted directly at 678-559-8304 or by email at [martagb8@gmail.com](mailto:martagb8@gmail.com). Please contact Laurie Hood (404-875-5452) if you would like a reference..

## Calendar

- **Monday, August 2, BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:15 p.m.,** at the home of Lee & Gilda Morris, 230 Brighton Road
- **Friday, July 30, Poolside Dinner, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.,** at the Pool Pavilion
- **Sunday, September 12, Ice Cream Social & Dog Swim, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.,** at the Park & Pool

## One More Graduate

Congratulations to Virginia King, daughter of Jim and Laura King of 106 Brighton Road, who graduated from Furman University. Virginia is currently attending the Colorado Mountain College Culinary Institute while working at Vail Resorts.

*Are we still missing any graduates? Send an email to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com) if your son or daughter has not yet been featured .*

## Keep Your Pets Safe

*By Mitch Wickland & Amanda Baxter*

The coyotes and foxes that make our Clear Creek Preserve their home are wild animals and should not be encouraged to enter our back yards. Remember these common sense tips to keep your pets safe. Feed your pets inside and never leave food outside. Keep garbage containers sealed and tidy. Protect the pets in your yard with a fence five feet or higher to prevent coyote or fox intrusion. If you see a coyote or fox, let it know you're there by clapping, shouting and so on, so that it understands your back yard is your territory.



Save the date for the Annual Brookwood Hills

Ice Cream Social & Dog Swim

Sunday, September 12, 2010

3:00 till 6:00 p.m.

Brookwood Hills Park & Pool

Ice cream and games in the park, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Dog Swim when the pool closes for the season at 5:00 p.m.

## Pool Hours of Operation

### *Through August 22nd*

Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 9:00 p.m.

### *August 23rd through September 6th*

Monday through Thursday, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.,

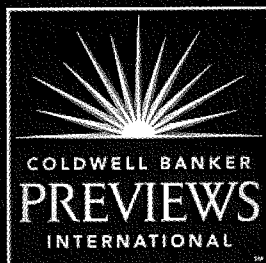
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 9:00 p.m.

### *September 7th through September 12th*

Tuesday through Thursday, CLOSED

Friday, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.,

Sunday, noon to 5:00 p.m., with the dog swim 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



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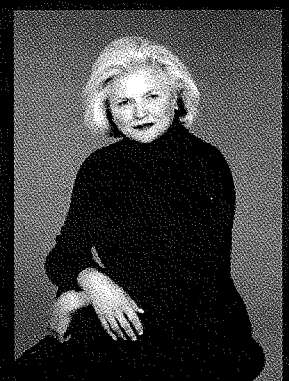
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