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Fabulous Festivities for the Fourth

By Caroline Normark

Once again, the 4th of July in Brookwood Hills was a tremendous success!! We started off the day of festivities with a fun parade full of decorated bikes, scooters, wagons, kids and parents.



Then it was down to the park for a picnic lunch of fried chicken, watermelon and mac n' cheese. The children rushed to good old-fashioned games including a lemon roll, sack races, three legged races and a boys vs. girls tug of war with the boys coming out on top. Congratulations to all the kids and parents who participated in these games!

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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 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**.

Welcome to a New Neighbor!

Brookwood Hills has a new neighbor at 46 Montclair Drive—Leo Welf. Leo grew up in Atlanta and attended North Fulton High School and the University of Georgia.

Leo is single and owns Payscape Advisors. Prior to his move, Leo lived in Peachtree Hills. He travels frequently and enjoys snowboarding. Please welcome Leo to the neighborhood!

Did You Know? Pool Rule Reminders

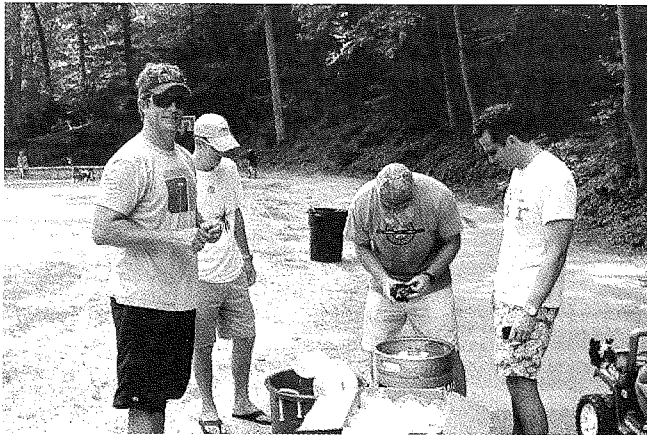
- Throwing any type of ball in the pool or pool area is strictly prohibited.
- No food of any type may be carried to any point on the lower pool level or consumed there. Eating shall be restricted to the patios behind the wrought iron fence and covered concession stand area.
- Members who have long-term houseguests (one week or more) should consult with the Pool Manager to purchase a visitor's pass.

The above are excerpted from the Brookwood Hills Pool Regulations. To see the complete Regulations for the pool, please visit: www.brookwoodhills.com.

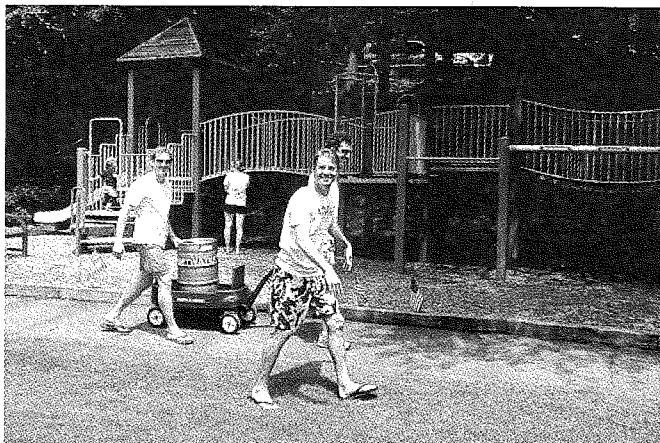
BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Wednesday, August 10, 2011. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 118 Brighton Road.

Fabulous Festivities for the Fourth (cont.)

The fabulous event was the result of the collective effort of many of our neighbors. A very big thanks to our sponsor and neighbor, Bruce Wanamaker of Ledbetter, Wanamaker, Glass LLP. We are so grateful for the Wanamakers' commitment to our neighborhood (thanks to Libby Wanamaker for the photos!). Thank you also to Cannon Sayers of BBW Bookkeeping and Janey Lowe of Beacham & Company, Realtors for sponsoring the ice cream truck. The cold ice cream was a quite a treat on such a hot day! We also have to thank our DJ Pat Andrews who once again filled the park with patriotic music and kept the games going.



Special thanks to our party chairs, Sarah Tranakos and Denise Wilbert for all their hard work and special touches in making this party so festive! We would also like to thank Mike McCollum for the use of his jeep to lead off the parade. Thanks to all those who helped set up and clean up - Christina and Andrew Whitney, Shannon and Stan Dixon, and Mike Wilbert. It was a great day!

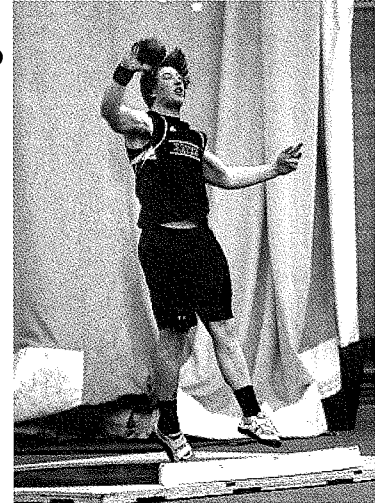


Brookwood Hills' David Pless Becomes Two-Time All-American in Shot Put

By Kimberly Ferro

In March of this year, Bates College sophomore David Pless, son of Dana Halberg and Larry Pless on Palisades, took his first step toward becoming a two-time All-American in shot put for NCAA Division III. At the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships, David passed his own school record to take first place, with a top effort of 56 feet, 6 inches. This was David's first NCAA Championship appearance. He then came in 8th in the Outdoor Nationals at Ohio Wesleyan in Delaware, OH in May to clinch his two-time status.

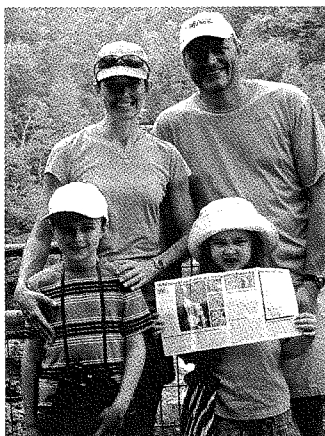
Pless first took up track and field in eighth grade, after getting cut from a baseball team. Enthusiasm for the sport has turned to passion since he arrived at Bates. Pless undertook a strenuous training routine last summer, paying for his own athletic trainer outside of Atlanta for four sessions a week, driving an hour and a half round-trip to get there. He paid for the personal training by working full-time as a cashier at a grocery store. Clearly the hard work and commitment paid off — congratulations to David and his family!



David Pless at Indoor Track and Field Championships, March 2011

Brookwood Hills Lawyer Plays a Lawyer in Upcoming Movie

By Margaret Mertens



Anton with wife Margaret, Anton II (9) and Mady (7) on a recent trip to the mountains.

What do movie stars Ryan Reynolds and Jason Bateman have in common with Brookwood Hills resident Anton Mertens? Not very much, one might *think*. However, they all play a part in the upcoming movie *The Change-Up* to be released August 5!

Anton, a partner and lawyer in real life at Smith, Gambrell and Russell, LLP, gets to act like a lawyer in the R-rated comedy. "It was a real stretch for me," laughs Anton. The movie was filmed in part at his law firm's office and other locations in Atlanta. Look for Anton in the boardroom scenes and giving high-five's to Justin Bateman's character after a successful mediation.

Anton's big break came when he was asked by director David Dobkin to say something to Justin Bateman's character. "I was asked to say just one word, and it may end up on the cutting room floor," says Anton. "We will have to see." Anton doesn't seem too confident about his acting ability when asked if this is the start of a big-time movie career. "I'm not quitting my day job just yet," says Anton.

Congratulations to Our Graduates!!

- **Jennifer Gambrell** graduated from Davidson College in May with a degree in English and will be attending NYU to participate in their post graduate Publishing Institute.
- **Campbell Gitomer** (209 Brighton Road) graduated from Lovett and will be going to Emory University.
- **Mary Frazier Greene**, daughter of Scott and Allyson Greene, graduated from The Westminster Schools and will attend Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio as a Distinguished Academic Scholar.
- **Sam Higgins** graduated from Westminster and will be attending Rhodes College.
- **Jeff Jeter**, son of Janie and Sheldon Jeter, 255 Brighton Road, graduated from Georgia State University College of Law with the Juris Doctor degree on May 13, 2011.
- **Liz King** graduated magna cum laude from Woodward Academy on May 14, 2011. She is looking forward to attending Tulane University in the fall. Liz is the daughter of Laura and Jim King at 106 Brighton Road.
- **Martin Mintz**, son of Donna and Jeff Mintz of 35 Wakefield Drive, graduated in May from Washington University in St Louis and has moved to New York City to begin his tenure with Teach For America.
- **Elle Oser**, daughter of Laranne and Rick Oser, a graduate of The Lovett School, will be attending the University of Mississippi this fall. A long time member of the National Charity League of Buckhead, she was this year's recipient of the National NCL Convention's "The Spirit of NCL Award."
- **Morgan Walker** graduated from Providence Christian Academy.
- **Palmer Withers** graduated from The Westminster Schools this spring. He was a Varsity Swim Team Captain and a member of the National Honor Society. Palmer will attend the University of Mississippi to study Chinese and International Studies. He was selected for the Chinese Language Flagship program, Croft Institute, Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College and Residential College at Ole Miss. Palmer will be working in Shanghai this summer.



Editor's Note: Did we miss your graduate? Just send us an email to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com and we will include them in the August issue of BrookNotes

Sidewalk & Curb Repair Update

By Ramsay Battin

Launched earlier this year, the sidewalk and curb repair initiative has significant progress to report. Sara Jean Burke, Ramsay Battin, Phil Junger and Jim Moynihan undertook the review of our neighborhood sidewalks and curbs in conjunction with the City of Atlanta as part of the Beautification and Livability Committee's efforts.

Assisted by block captains on each street, the team reviewed the sidewalks and curbs of 54 homes and properties with the City Inspector. Almost all of these were located between Peachtree and Huntington/Wakefield in the older part of the neighborhood.

The City made a determination on those sidewalks that had tree-related damage, which the City would fix at its own expense, and those sidewalks that had suffered from wear and tear, which would be the responsibility of the homeowner to pay for the repair.

As the inspections neared completion, we learned that the City would no longer be providing fee-for-service repair of general wear and tear of sidewalks and curbs. As a result, neighbors needed to submit their payment to the City in advance of June 30th to receive the favorable rates that the city provides—nearly 50% less than it would cost to have a private contractor do the work.

The net result of the activity in May and June was that the City agreed to pay for the repair of 859 linear feet of sidewalks and 509 linear feet of curbs. In addition, 39 homeowners contracted with the City to repair wear and tear damage on an additional 762 linear feet of sidewalks and 1,246 linear feet of curbs — at a cost of \$39,000.

The combined investment of the City and our neighbors would have been nearly \$150,000 if the work had been completed by a private contractor. For a much more reasonable investment, the neighborhood will receive significant benefit:

- 1,600 linear feet of new sidewalks (more than 5 football fields)
- 1,755 linear feet of new curbs (almost 6 football fields)
- 1 out of 6 homes in this "older" part of the neighborhood will have work done on them

Lastly, the Community Club is also taking advantage of the City's favorable rates to repair all of the sidewalks next to the park and pool on Wakefield after the pool closes. It is a great opportunity to enhance what is currently a very torn-up, non-user friendly sidewalk at highly competitive rates.

The wear and tear repair for which neighbors have paid, is required to be completed within 45 days. For tree-related damage, the City has more flexibility on when it completes the projects but we are hoping the City will recognize the value of bundling as many of these BWH projects together as they can.

We can't thank everyone enough who has participated in giving our neighborhood sidewalks and curbs a face lift. Our next step will be to assemble another batch of homes with tree-related damage. We look forward to working with more of our neighbors!

A Big Thank You to Jimmie Brittain

By Marcia Abernethy & Alison Caughman

On Wednesday, June 8th, Marcia & Dean Abernethy and Alison Caughman presented retiring postman, Jimmie Brittain, with a basket full of thank you notes (and a bottle of wine) from neighbors grateful for his many years of faithful service to Brookwood Hills. Jimmie retired May 24th after having delivered mail to our neighborhood for twenty-seven years. "I discovered Brookwood Hills when I was sent here as a substitute for my predecessor Fred," said Jimmie. "I decided right then and there that I wanted to be assigned to Brookwood Hills and when Fred moved on I applied for the route. I was so happy to get it. I just love this neighborhood."



Jimmie was especially appreciative of the decorated cards made for him by a number of neighborhood children. Alison's now twenty-three year old son Chris sent a note thanking Jimmie for helping him improve his jump shots. We will surely miss this kind and generous man.

Anyone who missed this opportunity to thank Jimmie can send him a note to 2730 Altaview Drive S.E., Atlanta, 30354.

CALENDAR

- **Monday, September 12, BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:15 p.m.,** at the home of Ellen & Jeff Koebler, 102 Brighton.
- **Sunday, September 18, Ice Cream Social and Dog Swim, 3:30—5:00 p.m.,** Brookwood Hills Park and Pavilion.
- **Saturday, October 15, Movie Night, 6:30—11:00 p.m.,** Brookwood Hills Park.
- **Monday, October 31, Halloween Party, 4:00—6:00 p.m.,** Brookwood Hills Park and Pavilion.
- **Saturday, November 5, Tree Planting with Trees Atlanta, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.,** meet at Brookwood Hills Pool Pavilion.

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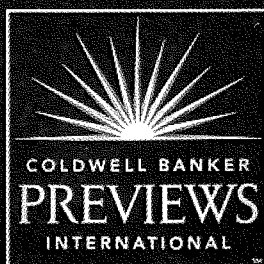
Dry Cleaner: Lori Fiore would like to recommend Grace Cleaners, located next door to CVS. They offer free pickup and delivery for BWH residents and all you have to do is stop by to set up your account, receive a bag, then call Grace at [\(404\)605-0840](tel:(404)605-0840) between 7AM - 3PM Monday through Friday for pickup. All dry cleaning has a 20% discount. Alterations and monogramming same day services also available.

Nanny Available: Catherine Markwalter's nanny of 6 years, Lossie Scott, is looking for a new family. Our kids are growing older and we do not need a nanny as often. She is interested in 3-5 days per week and would also be interested in working as an overnight baby nanny. I cannot say enough good things about Lossie. She has been a nanny for over 30 years and has worked in various childcare settings with all ages. She is high energy and has lots of wonderful play and craft ideas. My kids are always excited to see what project Lossie has for them. She is CPR and first aid certified and has seen just about every situation that any child could send her way. Lossie does not drive but takes MARTA. We have never had an issue with her being on time. She has never missed a day in 6 years with us. I would be happy to answer any questions about Lossie. You can also reach her directly at [404-644-4307](tel:404-644-4307).

Housekeeper: Elise Douglas, housekeeper/babysitter in BWH for many years, has days available for cleaning. Numerous neighborhood references. Please call Elise at [404 644-5425](tel:404-644-5425).

For Sale: Two Pottery Barn bar stools. Very good condition. Light wood finish. \$50.00 each. Antique French breakfast table (with one leaf) and 4 chairs. Seats 4 as a round table, seats 6 when leaf is added. Could also be used as small dining set. Beautiful french carving on chairs and table. Rush chair seats with cushions. \$1,000 for the entire set. Please call Anne Sapp [404-790-8118](tel:404-790-8118).

Table Tennis Players Wanted: Competitive teenage table tennis partners looking for friendly games this summer. Please call Josh Doman at [404-607-9912](tel:404-607-9912).



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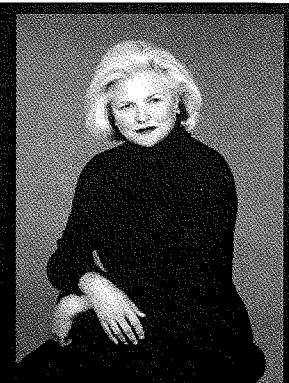
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