

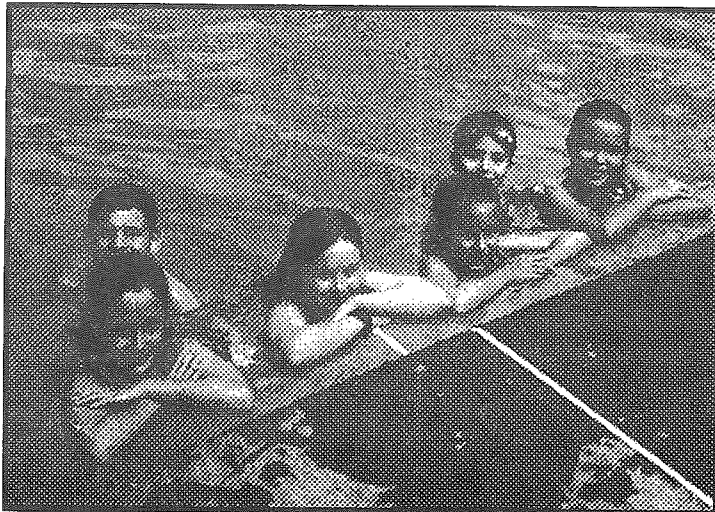
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BWH SWIMMERS ARE TOPS 1997 Dual Meet Champions 2nd Place Trophy - Fulton Co. Championships

by Nancy Sample, Swim Team Mother



BWH resident swimmers include, lt. to rt. Katie & Alex Long, Megan Feeley, Katie & Jake McCune and Carter Sample

Our own BWH Swimmers had an incredible season this summer, winning every swim meet to become the Dual Meet Champs for 1997. They also made their finest showing ever, coming in 2nd place (out of a field of 27 teams) at the Fulton County Championships! We can all be very proud of their efforts and especially proud of our coach, Chad Cook, for leading the team to victory.

With over 170 swimmers on the roster, it was the largest team BWH has ever put together. Chad and his two incredible assistants, Matt Junger and Zibby Stokes, worked with the kids to

develop their strokes and endurance, as well as to foster good sportsmanship and teamwork. The team learned to take pride in their accomplishments and everyone had a lot of fun along the way.

The coaches put together a schedule of practices and fun activities such as afternoons at the movies and a lock-in at the pool. The season was brought to a thunderous but exciting close with a pizza party complete with trophies, team photos, and even green frog Beanie Babies to celebrate the "Brookwood Bullfrog" victories. Patti Junger of Buckhead Brokers delighted everyone with a huge cake to savor the sweet success.

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From the Editor

We're back and so is Brooknotes. There is a lot to read this issue thanks to everyone's contributions. This is our first issue I've produced using a new software package purchased earlier in the summer. I am still learning to use it and everything may not look exactly the same to the very observant eye, but this program will give us more versatility and graphic options than before. I may try some formatting changes as I become more proficient with the software.

As always, I welcome comments, questions and suggestions. You can either call me at 259-9544 or put it in writing and drop it in the Brooknotes box at 23 Northwood Ave.

Letter to the Editor

July 11, 1997

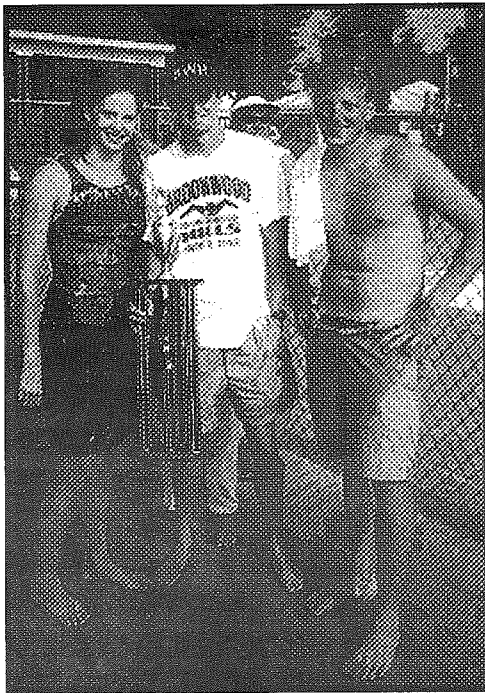
Dear Editor,

I realized that our water on Parkdale Way was getting progressively browner and finally on July 7, I called the City of Atlanta Quality Water Department to complain. A very nice gentleman, Mr. Corey D. Jackson, was at my front door within 45 minutes. He had already explored the situation of the hydrants and found that the hydrant on Wakefield, which is in the portion of the neighborhood which has recently had its water lines flushed, was running clear. However, the hydrant on Palisades was filthy. He flushed the hydrant and advised me to run all of the faucets in the house for 15 minutes when he was finished. Since then the water has been clear.

Mr. Jackson told me that water lines are dealt with and water mains replaced according to the number of complaints that are received -- the more complaints the higher up on the list an area is. He did not know why the other half of Brookwood Hills had not been flushed but suggested that we call when there was a problem. His telephone number is 609-8004.

Sincerely,

Kathy Bernhardt



Zibby Stokes, Chad Cook and Matt Junger proudly show off the 2nd place trophy awarded at the championships.

BWH Dive Team has Banner Summer

by Kathy Bernhardt

1997 was a banner summer for the Brookwood Hills Dive Team. Fielding a team larger than ever, the summer showed the results of a lot of hard work and dedication with a season record of 4 wins and 2 losses.

Brookwood Hills made an impact on the Georgia Games District Festival with three of our divers placing in their event: Karen Bernhardt on 1 meter, in the 15-18 age group; Julia Goode on 3 meter, for the 13-14 year olds; and Ali Griffin on 3 meter, in the 11-12 category.

At the Georgia Games Diving Competition, held in the Aquatic Center at Georgia Tech, 10 BWH divers continued the tradition of excellence exhibited last summer at the Olympics. At this competition, Karen Bernhardt was awarded 1st place on the 1 meter in the 15 and over category, Julia Goode earned a 2nd place on the 1 meter and a 1st on the 3 meter in the 13-14 group, and Sarah Ferguson won 3rd place on the 1 meter for 15 years and older. What an achievement! BWH divers earned three top spots in their age groups and events.

The State Meet held in Athens in August will see the largest contingent from Fulton County arrive wearing BWH green! Karen Bernhardt, Gillian



Ferguson, Julia Goode, Katherine Goode, Ali Griffin, Jordyn Griffin, Barbara Jones, Alex Long, Katie Long, Justin Padron and Andy Solley all qualified on either the 1 meter or 3 meter board.

The Fulton County Meet brought a third place finish with six divers, Karen Bernhardt, Gillian Ferguson, Julia Goode, Alex Long, Will Nowack and Meredith Long, placing in the top three spots in their age groups.

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On a personal note I would like to express my sincere thanks to Chad Cook. Your care and concern for each swimmer, your hard work and long hours, your enthusiasm and determination all make you "Coach of the Year" in our record books.

GO BROOKWOOD BULLFROGS

A huge thank you also goes to Nancy Sample who served as a Swim Team Mom again this year. We will all miss Nancy's hard work and dedication to the swim team. As many of you know, she and daughters, Carter and Ann, will be moving "up the road a bit" very soon. We look forward to seeing them around BWH often visiting the many friends they will always have here.

BWH Monthly Board Meeting

The next meeting of the BWH Board of Directors will be on **Monday, September 8th at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Katie Bollman, 84 Wakefield.** All Community Club members are welcome. Please call Katie at 352-8422 if you would like to attend.

Brooknotes deadline is Friday, September 12th.

BWH FETES 4TH OF JULY



Rob and Belinda Donovan serve up snow cones to paraders Callan Donovan, Ellis Hedaya, Taylor Morris, Ben Ross, Millie Reed and Mike & Caroline White

The annual 4th of July parade at BWH park was great fun thanks to sponsors Laranne Oser and Chuck Wood of Harry Norman Realtors. Thanks also go to Belinda & Rob Donovan and David & Karla Morris for all their help setting up and serving snow cones. Beautiful weather brought out paraders of all ages and species decked out in red, white and blue.



Olson and Sunrise Putney dressed up for the parade



Besty Crosby, Lee Morris, Katie Bollman and Kathy McCune stop to chat at the BWH fundraiser.

BWH Soiree Raises Funds for Lee Morris

On June 29th neighbors gathered at the home of Alex and Kay Summers to show their support for Lee Morris, our district 7 City Councilman. The evening was a great success raising more than \$5,600 for Lee's re-election campaign and giving neighbors an opportunity to meet and talk to Lee, his wife Gilda and their daughter Carson. Lee spoke briefly of his commitment to protecting neighborhoods like BWH and his desire to continue to serve our district.

The BWH Committee to Re-Elect Lee Morris, which sponsored the event, provided a delicious Bar-B-Q buffet, and nature provided a delightfully cool summer's eve. A big thank you to Alex and Kay Summers for all their work planning, organizing and hosting this important neighborhood event. As Lee wrote to one BWH neighbor, "What a great party!"

How Green Was My Valley (or Neighborhood)



by the Tree Committee, Brookwood Hills Community Club

"I remember when you turned into Brookwood Hills, the temperature seemed to drop 15 degrees," reflected New Camden resident Cookie Frank one day last spring. Now that summer has hit us full force, her observation makes us pause. Pulling our damp shirts away from our heat-drenched bodies, we have to admit it is a bit hotter in Brookwood Hills than it used to be.

The reason is obvious. As our mature street trees reach the end of their natural lives, they are succumbing to the forces of nature, either blown over by high winds or attacked by disease. Hypoxin canker and Asian ambrosia beetle have killed many trees this year that have been weakened by years of root rot and constricted root growth. There simply are fewer mature trees in Brookwood Hills than there used to be, and the number is dwindling every year. Even though new trees have been planted at regular intervals over the last 15 years, we have yet to recapture the full value of the many large canopied trees we have lost. The majority of us simply won't live long enough to see it.

Though most people love trees, not everyone loves a tree in his or her yard. Perhaps it is helpful to review some of the benefits, tangible and intangible, that trees provide:

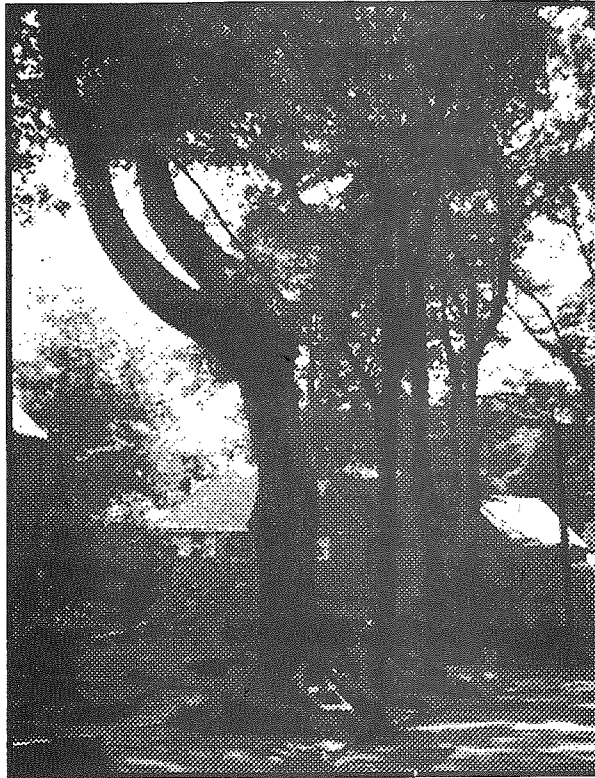
- * As few as 1.5 trees per single family home can reduce annual energy use in US cities by 30 billion kWh. Three well-placed trees can cut air conditioning costs by 15%.
- * A tree canopy in a community can reduce by 7% storm water run-off and its associated flood damage and water treatment costs.
- * In a study of variables that affect the price of suburban homes in Connecticut and New York, trees were found to increase sales prices by 5 to 15 percent.
- * Trees can reduce the air temperature in a neighborhood by 5 to 9 degrees.
- * A tree can absorb 26 pounds of carbon dioxide a year and replace it with life-giving oxygen.
- * Trees provide shelter for wildlife. Birdsong provides a pleasant counterpoint to the humming of cars on the highway. Leaves on the trees not only provide a home for birds but serve to muffle city noises.
- * Trees make us happy. Research shows that trees help reduce stress in the work place and speed the recovery of hospital patients. No wonder so many office workers and Shepard Spina Clinic patients are seen in our neighborhood.

Thanks to the roaring success of the Garden Club auction, the Brookwood Hills Tree Committee has been empowered to undertake a substantial reforestation project. The Committee spent a good part of last winter and early spring researching the best approach to reforestation of our neighborhood. We sought advice from landscape designers, arborists, owners of nurseries, and foresters. We also received information from the Georgia Forestry Commission, Trees Atlanta, the City of Atlanta Parks Department and, by way of some intermediaries, the University of Georgia. We combed articles in the American Horticulturist magazine and similar publications, browsed through library books on city trees and borrowed tree guides from anyone willing to lend them long enough for us to xerox a few pages.

Though experts often have differing opinions, we found a general consensus on two pieces of advice: 1) Create some diversity among the trees being planted; and 2) Stop planting large trees under utility wires. Utility companies rarely pay attention to preserving the beauty of the tree when pruning and often create an unbalanced crown. These tend

to be the first trees to fall in high winds.

As to the first point, most specialists we asked advised us against continuing a monoculture. The vast majority of our street trees (approximately 76%



These trees planted under utility wires have been made unbalanced by pruning.

of 613 trees) are either water oaks or their near relation, willow oaks. Another 11% are dogwoods, and the remaining 13% are a mixed variety of maples and other species. The immediate concern with a monoculture is that a blight could eliminate the oaks in our neighborhood, just as most of the elm trees in America were killed by Dutch Elm Disease.

The Committee was also

inspired by a story appearing in American Horticulturist magazine, brought to our attention by Marilyn Kohla. The story tells how a Kentucky suburb replaced its storm-damaged trees with "arboreal masterpieces."

The Louisville suburb of Seneca Gardens, comprised of 300 residents, lost one hundred 60-year-old oaks and maples from a near-tornado in 1987. From that damage, they have created a neighborhood arboretum unique in the United States.

Though the neighborhood replanting started with 50 common oaks and maples, the efforts expanded to include black gums, ginkgoes, sassafras, katsura trees, osage orange, lace-bark elms and American and European beeches. The City of Louisville paid two-thirds of the cost of each tree, with the homeowner paying the remainder.

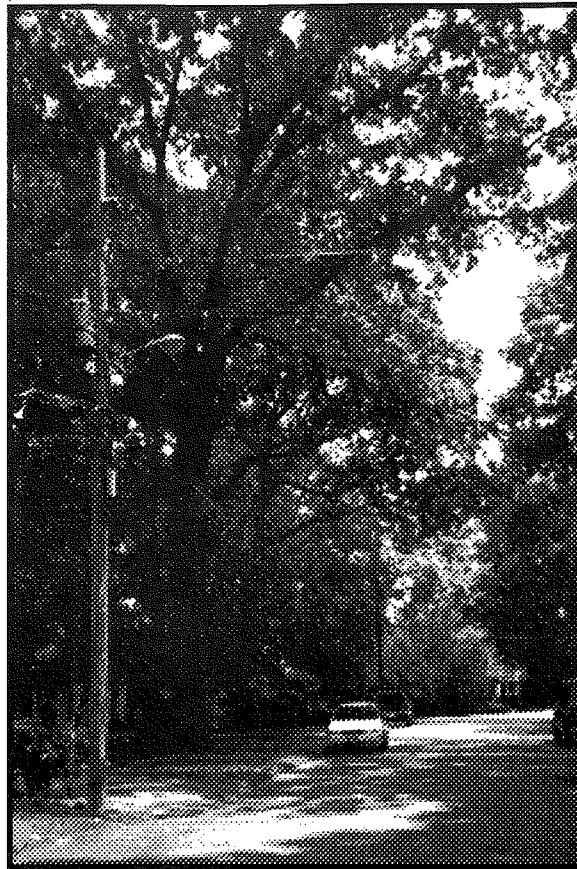
Specimens were planted in front yards and were given enough air and root space to live a minimum of 50 years. Trees were not planted under electric wires or over underground utilities. No one was forced to accept a tree on the city's right of way in front of their property. Though some residents were initially reluctant to accept a large tree, one by one they grew excited about the project. Ten years later, the neighborhood can boast hun-

dreds of uncommon species in public view.

The BWH Tree Committee retained a landscape designer to research some of the species that might be appropriate to plant in Brookwood Hills. We asked him to look for trees that provided a large canopy and that were not known to have aggressive surface roots, as does the Water Oak. The trees would have to be shade tolerant, drought tolerant, and able to endure air pollution from car exhaust. Finally, the trees would have to be readily available in area nurseries.

Some of the varieties suggested to us were ones being installed throughout the city by Trees Atlanta. Most were varieties recommended by Michael Dirr of the University of Georgia, who provided much advice to the Seneca Gardens Arboretum project.

Among the species recommended to us were the Nuttall Oak, a large canopy tree with good fall color that grows rapidly; the Princeton Elm, the variety of elm tree found to be resistant to Dutch Elm Disease; October Glory, a red maple known for its brilliant fall color; and Trident Maple, a compact tree that could be planted under utility wires. Other trees under consideration are the Lace Bark Elm and the American Hornbeam.



These trees show how canopy can be achieved even though the tree is placed back from the street away from utility wires.

We are working on an ongoing list of potential tree sites and will be contacting many of you in the weeks to come. We intend to continue planting in the greenspace where there is no wire conflict. We will be offering, however, trees that reputedly have less aggressive root systems than the Water Oak. We would prefer to plant on the edge of yards wherever possible to allow the larger species ample growing room. Like the Seneca Gardens community, we want to give these trees enough air and root space to live a minimum of 50 years.

On the wire side of the road,

we have been advised to plant dogwoods or trident maples. Wherever possible, we would like to couple that with a planting of a large shade tree at the edge of the homeowner's yard. Though not every yard will be appropriate for a shade tree, we hope to place enough trees to generally balance the shade trees on the opposite side of the street.

Please call us if you would like to be considered for the replanting program, particularly if you will allow us to plant on the edge of your yard. Help us preserve and rejuvenate our urban forest. If you have any information about trees you would like to share with us or if you would like to participate in the reforestation efforts, please contact Celeste Porter, 355-8876 or Betsy Robinson, 875-3631.

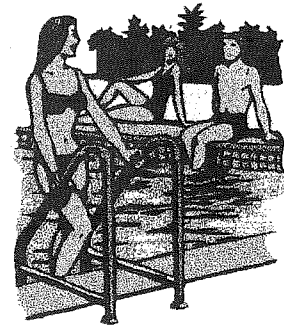


2nd Season for BWH Masters Swim Team

by Button Cook

Twenty-one Brookwood Hills pool members joined the BWH Masters Swim Team this summer, working out three times a week for eight weeks. The team, coached by Chad Cook, is a diverse group of swimmers possessing a wide range of abilities and experience - from those who just want to get some exercise to former college All-Americans.

The Masters Swimmers joined with the BWH Swim Team competition in the Scottish Rite "Kids for Kids" Atlanta Swimming Championship June 28th. Scoring points for the BWH team in the 19 & older age group were Allyson Beckley, Becky McKnight, Kathleen Summers, Cissie Willoughby, John Byrne, Jim Porter, Richard Gard, Alan Joel, Dan Willoughby, Eric Johnson and Chad Cook. The BWH 200-yd medley relay team of Chad Cook, Dan Willoughby, Eric Johnston and Alan Joel set a new meet record and Chad repeated the feat in the 50 yard backstroke. The combined BWH team finished 7th overall out of 30 teams. Congratulations!



POOL HOURS FOR THE REST OF THE SUMMER

AUGUST 18-22 OPEN 12-8 P.M.
AUGUST 23 OPEN 10 A.M. - 9 P.M.
AUGUST 24 OPEN 12-9 P.M.
AUGUST 25-28 POOL CLOSED
AUGUST 29 OPEN 3-9 P.M.
AUGUST 30 OPEN 10 A.M. - 9 P.M.
AUGUST 31 OPEN 12 - 9 P.M.
SEPT. 1 OPEN 10 A.M. - 8 P.M.

POOL CLOSED AFTER LABOR DAY

...that's what friends are for!

by Nancy Sample

On a slow, sunny Sunday night in July, my neighbor and friend, JoAnn Hagaman, decided to throw a party for me. Not just any party, but a "Packing Party" to help me get boxed up to move. We invited a few of my most able-bodied friends (actually only those who wouldn't comment on all the dust on my tacky things), and JoAnn made a glorious meal to sustain us through the evening.

As they arrived, I gave each friend a glass of wine, instructions on what to pack, and lots of boxes and tape. Off they went, and within 2 hours, the main floor of my house was completely boxed up and ready to go. To all of our amazement, we had loads of fun and shared laughs in the process.

I share this story with you to remind you all of what a special neighborhood we live in. We can always find a troop of helpers when we most need them. We reach out to our neighbors in many ways unheard of in other neighborhoods. We truly care about our neighbors. As my girls and I leave BWH for greener pastures, (is there any place greener than Brookwood?) I take with me memories of a special and unique place filled with the most wonderful people in Atlanta.

Thanks to JoAnn H., Elizabeth N., Kelli P., Eleanor B., Kathy S., and Lucy I. Call me when you move, I owe you one.

BROOKWOOD BUZZ

Sheree and Sean Boyd of 114 Brighton welcomed a new brother for Tiffany. **Sean Cameron** was born on July 21 and is already sleeping well, which undoubtedly makes all the Boyds very happy.

Lisa Simpson Mould and David Mould of 50 Camden now have a baby girl, **Lesley Madeline**. Born on July 7, Madeline joins big brother David, who is reportedly ready for Lesley to go swimming with him. Neighbor Dr. Jim Ingvaldstad assisted in the delivery.

Terry and Billy Hartman of 272 Brighton joined the baby girl boom in BWH with the early arrival of **Haley Long** on July 12. She is already out and about in the neighborhood on daily strolls with her mom.

Lombard, Everett and Thomas Puri are moving from 106 Huntington Road. Fortunately they aren't going far - just across the neighborhood to 52 Brighton. **Sharon and Mark Williams** are the new owners of the Puri's home. Sharon is a catering sales manager/wedding planner at The Ritz Carlton, Buckhead and Mark owns Sunbelt Structures, a highway construction company.

Brookwood Boys Kick-Off 1997 Season

Xavier Duralde

Brookwood Boys launched their 1997 season with a campout in the BWH park on June 13, 1997. After a hardy meal of burgers and dogs, Larry Pless led the boys on a hunt for the elusive BWH Snipe. Unfortunately, all we caught was poison ivy. The hunt was followed by ghost stories and a campout in the rugged outdoors. We did manage to maintain contact with the civilized world by means of a television set to see the NBA finals. All totaled twenty fathers and sons had a wonderful time together.

An organizational meeting to plan fall activities is scheduled for **Sunday, August 24 at 8 p.m. at the home of Xavier Duralde, 50 Huntington Road**. First on the agenda is another even more daring campout scheduled for September 20th in Fayette County. Brookwood Boys is open to boys ages 6-10 and their fathers/guardians. If you are interested please call Xavier Duralde at 874-7863. We look forward to a great series of fall outings.

Squirrels Cause Power Fluctuations

Alex Summers

Our neighbors the Duraldes recently experienced a power outage which was preceded by a fluctuation in voltage causing some lights to burn very dim and others to burn very brightly. They lost a microwave and several TVs which were on at the time. Georgia Power responded and found that the electrical service from the transformer to the meter had a loose neutral wire at the transformer causing the voltage fluctuations. The loose neutral had been caused by squirrels chewing through the lead connection of the wire.

This week, we experienced a brightening and dimming of several lights throughout our house over a short period of time. I called GA Power and they found that squirrels had almost completely chewed through the neutral connection causing our intermittent connection.

If you experience any such voltage fluctuations, protect your TVs, microwaves, computers, etc.. by calling GA Power at 325-4001 and requesting a check of your service to the meter.

WORD OF MOUTH

WE DO RE DO Remodeling (770) 443-8774 certainly did a great job for us. They have been reasonably priced, prompt, polite, work in a timely manner and do excellent work. One of the nicest things is that they try to do all of your list at once and completely. If they replace wood they will also paint it, etc. They do everything from small jobs to additions. They also helped us with some unexpected termite repairs that required immediate attention. The only problem is that we've been so pleased we keep adding to our list. Laranne Oser 351-4825.

Terrific Remodeler/Craftsman. Pam and John Helms highly recommend to our neighbors, Phil Davis, a superb and creative craftsman and artisan. Phil does small renovations (from decks to basement finishing to installing new bathrooms) and a wide variety of home repairs. He is a fine, enjoyable, and trustworthy person. Phil has recently left the renovation firm with which he worked for many years to become self-employed. You may reach Phil at (404) 622-4147.

CLASSIFIEDS

Looking for a reliable renter for you carriage house? BWH residents Anne Louise Rutherford, Nancy & Dave Swann, Linda Copeland and Elizabeth and David Martin would like to recommend Lindsay Newell. Lindsay is interested in renting a carriage house starting September 1, 1997. Please feel free to contact her during the day at (404) 876-5859 ext. 228 or in the evening at (404) 266-2108.

Pet, plant, and/or house-sitting for vacationers. Mature, responsible female neighbor. Buckhead area. References. Call Anne (404) 876-8339.

House-sitting/babysitting. Young, energetic BWH resident available for house-sitting and babysitting. Excellent neighbor references. Call Carolyn Withers 264-0344.

Multifamily garage sale. Saturday, August 23 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 35 Wakefield Dr. Parkdale driveway. Special features: beautiful 3-piece garden fountain; decorative iron kitchen pot hanger; toys and more.

Carpet for sale. Heavy bounded carpet, approx. 9 1/2 x 11, forest green. Great for college apt or guest house. \$75 or best offer. Please call Kathy McCune 872-1177

Found - reading glasses. Tortoise frames in the middle of Wakefield near Camden Rd. Please call 355-8876 to claim.

Northside Methodist Preschool Carpool. We're looking for another family (or families) to carpool this year. Any day(s). Call Nancy Putney 355-0656.

Professor needs childcare -afternoons and some evenings up to 25 hrs/wk from Sept.1997 until May/June 1998, three children ages 8, 7, 4. Buckhead area. Must have valid driver's license, insurance and reliable car. \$8/hr plus 2 wks vacation. For more info. call voicemail (404) 651-4599. Neighbor reference Kathleen Summers 351-4597.

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