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Brookwood Hills Swim Team Wins Three Championships in a Row

By Button Cook

The Brookwood Hills Swim Team, coached by Chad Cook and Brad Robinson and assisted by Amelia Williams, Cary Dobkin and Erin Skinner, won the North Atlanta Swim Association League Championship (formerly Fulton Co. Championship) for the third year in a row. The meet was held at Georgia Tech on July 7th and 8th. The League consists of 62 teams with swimmers between the ages of 5 – 18 participating.

Brookwood scored 2003 points to place first with the Alpharetta Swim Team in second with 1435. In addition to the overall championship, Brookwood Hills also won the dual meet championship with a perfect 5-0 record.

The team celebrated its THREE-peat championship with a party/picnic at the pool on Friday, July 21. Chad recapped the highlights of the season and spoke of all the hard work, sacrifice, dedication and enthusiasm by the swimmers and their parents that made winning the championship and dual meets possible. He also thanked Sophie Joel and Pam Lange for all their hard work as Team Reps, as well as many others who had



Brookwood Hills 2000 Championship Team

helped make the season so successful. Karen Mullinax was recognized with a plaque for her support and contributions to the Brookwood Hills Swim Team over the past few years. The BWH's swim banner, the trophy case, and the starting system are some of the things she has made possible for the team through her generosity.

Special awards were given to a number of dedicated swimmers. The Practice Award went to 7-year-old Elizabeth Powell, who rarely missed a practice, which resulted in great improvement during the season. The Alan Joel Award, which is presented to the swimmer or swimmers who best demonstrate the qualities of hard work, enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and commitment to the team, was awarded to DJ Scheidt and Hart Wiloughby. The highly coveted Diehard T-shirts were given to 66 Brookwood swimmers who attended all five dual meets and the Championship meet. This type of dedication and commitment is one of the key reasons

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BWH has won the Championship three years in a row! Hopefully the number of Diehards will grow each year.

The party ended with team pictures and Brookwood “bag tags” given to all the swimmers. This was Chad’s last summer coaching after eight years as a Brookwood Hills swim coach, four as assistant and four as Head Coach. The team presented him with a scrapbook of photos, drawings, and letters from swimmers, parents, and previous coaches as a permanent memory of the Brookwood Hills Swim Team.

In addition to the overall Championship, Brookwood Hills swimmers earned individual first place medals at the Championship meet and set several new Brookwood pool records.

NORTH ATLANTA SWIM ASSOCIATION LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

6 & under girls	25 yd. Backstroke	Liz Caffey
7-8 boys	100 yd. I.M.	Addison Lang
9-10 girls	25 yd. Breastroke	Ursula Rogers
6 & under girls	100 yd Free relay	Elizabeth Powell, Isabelle Potts, Margaret Worrell, Liz Caffey

NEW BROOKWOOD POOL RECORDS

6 & under girls	25 yd. Backstroke	Liz Caffey
7-8 boys	100 yd. I.M.	Addison Lange
7-8 boys	100 yd Free relay	Sy Pippen, Kinman Bailey, Jonathan York, Addison Lange
13-14 boys	200 yd. Medley relay	Robert Griest, Richard Dowling, Walker Owen, Patrick Forquer
13-14 boys	200 yd Free relay	Patrick Forquer, Adam Scheidt, Richard Dowling, Robert Griest

Neighborhood Notes:

The Meter Maids Have Arrived! - If you haven't gotten a ticket yet, consider yourself lucky. The parking rules in Brookwood Hills are now being strictly enforced. So be careful, and watch where you park.

Attention Cat Owners . . . Those of you who have outdoor cats, please put bells on them. Cats without bells can, and frequently do, kill the neighborhood's birds. One neighbor with a bird feeder lost 3 birds in just 7 days. Thanks!

A Message from the President:

I missed the July 4th Party, but I understand it was a blast, with record attendance and lots of fun. Our thanks go to Karen Mullinax for her sponsorship of the event.

Congratulations to our champion swim team, AGAIN! Three years in a row! I am proud to say that the Brookwood Hills team is the undisputed powerhouse in the City of Atlanta. Congratulations go to the many members of the swim team for their long hours of practice and their determination to win. Thanks go to all the families and supporters who gave their time and energy to make it possible. And thanks go especially to the outstanding leadership we have had from Chad Cook.

The work of the Board continues. Here are some highlights:

Long-Range Plan: After more than six months of hard work, the Long-Range Planning Committee presented a long-range plan to the Board. The plan provides direction to the Board on a variety of capital improvements for the neighborhood: renovation of the pool house, increased accessibility to the pool and park, upgrades to the nature trail, and resolution of erosion and drainage problems. The Board approved and adopted the plan at the July Board meeting. We owe Susan Connell and the members of the Committee our deepest thanks for the countless man-hours of work that went into the drafting of the plan.

We are now moving forward with the task of implementing the plan. The Board is organizing two committees: a ways and means committee, which will have the task of planning the funding of the long-range plan; and an implementation committee, which will have the task of managing and monitoring the implementation of the plan. Everett Puri has graciously agreed to chair the ways and means committee, andCarolynn Cooper has offered to chair the implementation committee. Both chairpersons will be forming committees and welcome your support!

Traffic Planning: We continue to work toward a plan to effect traffic calming measures in the neighborhood. As you are aware, we took a plan recommended by Dames and Moore, our traffic advisors, to the City for approval. The City approved certain parts of the plan, rejected others and required certain other changes and conditions. The key changes from the plan described in the last Brooknotes and on the website are as follows: (1) five speed humps/speed tables at certain locations on Huntington and Brighton are to be included; (2) the requested stop sign at the intersection of Montclair and Wakefield is to be excluded; (3) the plan may not be phased in and must be implemented in full; and, finally, (4) the plan must be approved by a vote of 75% of the households on Huntington and Brighton and 51% of the total households in the neighborhood. We are currently in the process of finalizing the plan, which will be put to a neighborhood-wide vote for approval. Each household will receive a packet of information and a ballot in the coming weeks.

Clear Creek: The City made us an offer for the condemnation of part of our Clear Creek property for the Peachtree Creek Sewer Intercept Project. The reasonableness of the offer was confirmed by an independent appraiser. The Board voted to accept the City's offer. We also expect to get some additional funds to replace some of the trees that will be lost. Please call me if you have any questions on this matter.

Now that we are two-thirds of the way through the season, I am glad to report that Brookwood Hills is having a fun and safe summer. As we move toward the close of summer and the beginning of fall, please remember a few things: Drive slowly. Be careful around the pool. Do not open your door to strangers. Be considerate of your neighbors.

Regards,

Walter

The **2000 Fall Tree Planting Campaign** will begin in September. Any neighbors who are interested in planting a neighborhood shade tree either at the front of their yards or in the city green space, should contact Sandy Wilcox, Tree Planting Chairman at 404/870-0388.

The Huntington Road Block Party

By Kathleen Waldrop

Sunday, June 11th: Huntington residents gathered on a sunny afternoon for a lively block party. It was a great opportunity for old friends to reminisce and new neighbors to be welcomed to the street. Our talented cooks prepared many delicious dishes and deserts. The highlight of the party was the children's parade with their decorated bikes and wagons. Tom Davis created a one-of-a-kind Ersatz Alpen Horn, signaling for the games to begin. Adults and children enjoyed water balloon races, a scavenger hunt, and the bubble wand pool. Everyone went home with a prize! Thanks for a great turn out!



The Speeds, Bernots and Watsons strolling in the parade during the Huntington Road street party.

Attention Northwood Residents

Northwood Avenue
is having its "block party" at
the Brookwood Hills pool!
Sunday, August 6, from 5-7pm.

Please call Laura Doman at
404-607-9912

for additional information and to RSVP.

Ice Cream Social

Come & meet your friends and neighbors for
ice cream in the park!

Young and old welcome!

Saturday, September 16, 3:30 pm.

Sponsored by your local Harry Norman Real-
tors: Karen Mullinax and Marge Henson.

If you are interested in helping out,
please call Diane John at 404-870-0484.

Brighton Bash

By Katie Simon

After an 18-year hiatus, the Brighton Road street party was brought back to life on Sunday, July 16th. Approximately one hundred neighbors attended this fun filled event. Everyone had a great time mingling with old friends and making new ones. Nametags were actual photographs of Brighton homes, courtesy of Laura King. Other highlights included awards for longest resident (Nancy Rhodes), newest residents (the Mattingly family), and largest family in attendance (the King family). Kids enjoyed water balloons, popsicles, and taking turns hitting the pinata. Jackie Swiecichowski, Beverly Stacy, and Katie Simon would like to thank all of our wonderful neighbors for their help in making this a terrific event. See you all next year!

Do you have a new neighbor? Please let us know! BWH now has a Newcomer's Committee. Call us with your neighbor's name and address and we will provide them with a welcome gift and packet of information about the neighborhood. Please report new neighbors to Diane John at 4-870-0484.

Brookwood Hills Celebrates the Fourth of July

By Nicole Cook

The day started merrily with Brad Mullinax filling a large cooler full of water balloons and decorating the Mullinax Kawasaki Mule with red, white, and blue decorations. Off he and Karen went to the park for further decorating with the Mule trailing a large bouquet of red, white, and blue balloons.

From 11 – 1 the neighborhood children were entertained royally in the Park. One little boy asked shyly “ is this all free?” and scampered off happily when told that “ yes, everything is free!” Opening the park side entrance to the pool allowed neighbors and children alike to come and go to the festivities. We probably had three times as many visitors with this gate open.

There were free balloons, flags, pinwheels, snow cones, submarine sandwiches from Publix, lemonade, and watermelon. There was a Moon Walk blown up by a technical dad who could figure out how to make the blower work. The Moon Walk was a great hit despite the heat and humidity. Lots of sweaty little bodies gave it a big workout.

We had our usual games including tug of war, roll the lemon, the 3 legged race, the wheel barrow push, the pillow case race, and of course, the water balloon toss! Much laughing and screaming was noted as the Brookwood Hills kids participated enthusiastically in all these activities.

Once again the Number 29 Atlanta Fire Station truck from Monroe Drive came to visit. The firemen brought everyone red firemen hats and badges and lots of good photo opportunities were had as kids climbed over the truck, tried on firefighter boots, pulled the hoses, and sounded the horn. It was noted that the Brookwood girls were not as shy as the Brookwood boys: the girls took over the loud speaker and blasted the park with their chattering. The truck left at 1 p.m. with sirens blaring -- much to the children's delight.

As usual, the party ended with the traditional Loop de Loop parade of tricycles and bikes all decorated in patriotic colors. Leading the parade this year was Theodore Davis, who looked a little like Harry Potter in a red flowing cape. His sparkly red, white, and blue top hat was quite stylish!!



Theodore Davis led the annual 4th of July bike parade in Brookwood Hills Park.

These red, white, and blue festivities would not have been possible without the very generous support and hard work of Karen Mullinax and Harry Norman, Realtors. Karen and her husband Brad were also delightful volunteers. Thanks also go to Terri Thompson and her husband Keith Jolly, and to Diane John for coordinating the event. Finally, thanks to all the “helping hands” of moms and dads, especially Amy Butler, Carolyn Cooper, Tom Davis, Mindy Duryea, Nancy Field, Amy Hooper, Lisa Jackson, Keith Jolly, Bill and Mary Long, Harvey Ross, Mark Swiecichowski, Lili Schulder, Kim Tuthill, and Sharon Williams. It was truly our best Fourth of July ever in Brookwood Hills!

Attention all T-ball Loving Pre-K and Kindergartners!

We are putting together a group of children to play T-Ball in the park Tuesday afternoons throughout the fall. Interested parents should attend an organizational meeting at the home of Nicole Cook on Tuesday, September 5 (the day after Labor Day), at 7:15 pm. If you plan to attend, or simply would like more information, please call Lauren Monroe at 404-603-9517 or Nicole Cook at 404-892-9495.

Brookwood Hills Book Club

The next meeting of the Brookwood Hills Book Club will be September 7th at 7:30 pm. We will be discussing the book *Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard* by Kiran Desai. If you are interested in joining the group or would just like to be added to our e-mail list to know more about upcoming books and event, please callCarolynn Cooper at 404-351-0555 or e-mail at ccc Camden@aol.com.

BWH FRIENDS GROUP BEGINS SECOND YEAR

by Terri Thompson and Mindy Duryea

Brookwood Hills *Friends* is a neighborhood organization that was launched last year to support Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (the merger of Scottish Rite and Egleston Hospitals). The purpose of the *Friends* groups throughout Atlanta is to provide volunteer service, fundraising, and advocacy opportunities in order to meet the special needs of the hospitals as well as the children and families that they serve. Many in our neighborhood in years past were involved with the *Friends* predecessor known as *Twigs*.

The first year for BWH *Friends* was a huge success! Led by the able Board of Avery Williams, Belinda Donovan, Kem Lee, Pamela Watson, and Angela Bakke, the group got off to a quick start conducting the holiday poinsettia sale, followed by a spring plant sale and the fabulous Symphony in the Park. This was all in addition to volunteer service by our members throughout the year. These efforts raised \$7,000 and placed Brookwood Hills in the top 5 active groups among all *Friends* community groups in Atlanta. Many thanks to the Board for launching the group and to all the *Friends* members and the neighborhood for their support in making it such a successful year.

This year's first meeting will be Tuesday, August 15th at 6:30 p.m. at Terri Thompson's house, 46 Montclair Drive. At this meeting there will be a new Board presiding: Terri Thompson, Mindy Duryea, Diane John, Sharon Williams, and Laurie Hood. All members and anyone interested in learning more are invited to come. The group is a wonderful way to meet and come to know neighbors while participating in a great cause. You can be involved to whatever degree fits for you. (If you are interested in joining, but are not able to make our first meeting please contact Diane John, Membership Chair, at 404-870-0484.) If you have recent issues of magazines, please bring them to the meeting; the Treasure Train at the hospitals can always use them.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, October 7th for the first "*Friends for Kids*" cocktail party. This fundraising benefit will be held at the home of Lorri and Forrest McClain. From what we hear, the former BWH *Twigs* party was a "not-to-be-missed" event, and we plan to make this party just as fabulous. Watch for your invitation in early September. Hope you will be there!

The Graduates of 2000

Anne Abernethy, daughter of Marcia and Dean Abernethy at 336 Camden, graduated from Woodward Academy. She will be attending the University of Virginia on a soccer scholarship this fall.

Allison Carter, daughter of Karen and David Carter at 22 Woodcrest, graduated cum laude from Pace Academy, where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She will attend Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island this fall.

Carolyn Forquer, daughter of Barbara Croft and David Forquer of 35 Wakefield graduated from Westminster Schools and will attend Duke University.

Steven Frank, son of Cookie & Butch Frank at 272 Camden, graduated from Emory Medical School, and will spend the next year at Grady Hospital.

The Perry family at 94 Brighton had a very busy spring: **Kevin Perry** graduated from the Galloway School, and will attend Dartmouth College in the fall; **Jeff Perry** graduated from the University of the South with a major in Natural resources, and is now working in Highlands, North Carolina; and **Carrie Guyton** graduated from Princeton University with a major in English. She will begin teaching English in Kazakhstan in September.

Whitney White, daughter of Cissie and Frank White at 75 Palisades, graduated from Pace Academy and will attend Sewanee this fall.

Congratulations and best of luck to all our BWH graduates!

CALENDAR

Northwood Avenue is having its "block party" Sunday, Aug.6, from 5-7 p.m. See Pg. 5.

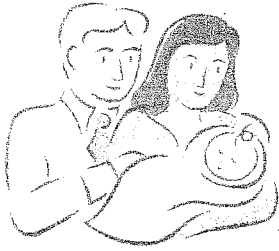
The next BWH Board Meeting will be Monday, Aug. 7, at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Lisa and Rick Jackson, 211 Brighton Rd. Please call the Jacksons at 404-350-0403 if you plan to attend.

BWH Friends will meet next on Tues., Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Terry Thompson, 46 Montclair Dr. See Pg. 6 for details.

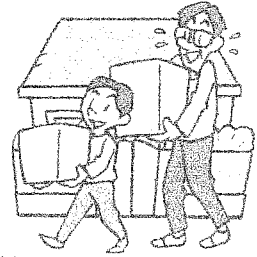
There will be an organizational meeting for pre-K and Kindergarten neighborhood T-Ball this fall, at the home of Nicole Cook, on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 7:15 p.m. See Pg. 6.

The BWH Book Club will next meet on Sept. 7th, at 7:30 p.m. If you would like more information, please callCarolynn Cooper at 404-351-0555 or e-mail her at cccamden@aol.com . See Pg. 6.

There will be neighborhood-wide ice cream social in the park, Saturday, Sept. 16, at 3:30 p.m. Please call Diane John at 404-870-0484, if you would like to help with this event. See Pg. 5.



New Faces By Sarah and Patti



Barrett and Clayton Howell recently purchased 43 Northwood, the former home of Catherine Johnson. They are moving from Ansley Park, and are planning a renovation of their new property. They look forward to their move.

Collum Curry and her fiance **Chris Posey** recently purchased their home at 111 Huntington Rd. Collum is from Columbia, S.C., and has her MBA from Georgia State. Currently, she is a manager at Siebel Research. Chris is from Laurel, Mississippi, and is a lawyer with Smith, Gambrell & Russell LLP. They are planning a November wedding. Be on the lookout for Chris's famous actress twin sister to visit . . .

We have three summer babies:

Avery and Taylor Williams of 185 Huntington welcomed **Samuel Taylor, Jr.** on June 16th. Sam was born at Piedmont Hospital, and weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. His big sister **Kathryn** loves to hug and kiss him.

Christy and Chris Payne of 210 Brighton are the proud new parents of **Emily Poston Payne**. Emily was born on June 19th at Piedmont Hospital, and weighed in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces. Look for them strolling around the neighborhood.

Michelle and Leon Jones of 83 Brighton Rd. are happy to announce the birth of **Emma Holleman**. Emma was born on July 21, and weighed in at 7 pounds, 8 ounces. Big sister **Camille** is very excited about having her new little sister!

CLASSIFIEDS

Mark Swiecichowski of 45 Brighton Road is looking for a neighbor who enjoys playing table tennis on a semi-competitive level. Call 404-355-4411.

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