



# BrookNotes

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## Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness



Karen and Brad Mullinax lead the annual Fourth of July Parade in their 1930 Model A Ford.

Brookwood Hills Community Club members turned out in mass to show their patriotic spirit during the annual Fourth of July celebration. It was great fun. Although Mother Nature had put a damper on the holiday weekend's pool festivities, she had indeed blessed us with a great afternoon for the fun activities.

Once again, Brookwood Hills member and Harry Norman agent Karen Mullinax generously sponsored the event. Thank you, Karen. Karen and Brad helped pass out balloons and even led the bike parade in a fully restored Model-A Ford. There was great food, patriotic tattoos, a huge astro-slide and even train rides around the neighborhood. Scott Bass read the opening section of the Declaration of Independence, still thrilling after 227 years.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped: Amanda Abrahm, Christy Payne, Cara and John Mulcahy, Amy Mattingly, Avery Williams and JoEllyn Bass (the party planners extraordinaire), Kathleen Waldrop, Lee and Trey Loughran, Caroline Vroon, Shannon Dixon, Pamela Watson, Alice Kamerschen and Maureen Zent. It wouldn't have been a successful party without all of your efforts.

We truly live in a very special neighborhood in a very special country.



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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 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.

## *A Message from the President:*

The neighborhood has faced many challenges this spring and summer. The most distressing was the damage suffered by several of our neighbors when large trees fell on their homes. I'm sure everyone in the neighborhood joins me in offering sympathy and a willingness to help as those families rebuild. We can only be grateful that no one was hurt. I am always saddened when we lose one of our magnificent old oaks, but stress and age have severely weakened many of our trees. I encourage those of you who have not already done so to call the City Arborist's office, and ask them to review your street tree. I also urge everyone to plant new shade trees in their front yards -- either through the neighborhood's tree replanting program or on your own -- so that Brookwood Hills will always retain its unique character and beauty.

The mudslides and subsequent pool closings have been tiresome for everyone, but for none more so than our pool co-chairs, Benning Grice and Mark Potts, who have put in countless hours cleaning up the messes and installing temporary barricades. Please take the time to thank them for all their work and dedication. The Board is now looking into more permanent solutions to the drainage problems. We have also asked Swim Atlanta to arrange lifeguard coverage into September, so that we can extend the pool's season, and we hope to announce the extended hours shortly.

On a happier note, Brookwood Hills has once again defeated an attempt by Allied Readymix to locate a concrete batch plant next to our Clear Creek property. This time, the company had asked the Zoning Review Board to rule that concrete batch plants are a light industrial activity, which would have given Allied a way to end-run the City Council's decision not to rezone the property to I-2.

Working on the Allied Readymix issue highlighted for me just what a valuable resource we have in our Clear Creek property. It is one of the only remaining large tracks of undeveloped land in all of Fulton County. It has two wetlands, and Clear Creek has been designated as a priority waterway under the City's Greenway Acquisition project. The Board has now created a committee to investigate how best to preserve and protect our land for the future.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with your thoughts on these or any other issues facing the neighborhood. My e-mail has changed: nicolemiles@comcast.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

Nicole Cook

## Torrential Rains Flood Pool and Park

This summer has been an unusual one for the Brookwood Hills Community Pool. Unfortunately, the pool has been flooded and temporarily closed due to two unusual events.

On June 30, 2003, a severe thunderstorm dumped more than 3 inches of rain onto the neighborhood in about 30 minutes. The street drains surrounding the pool became overloaded, clogged in places with tree limbs and fallen debris. The park became a pond, which ultimately overflowed into the pool. Up to 1 foot of sediment from the park ended up in the pool. We immediately retained an outside pool consultant to work with us to address the many problems, including a massive algal bloom. Vacuum lines clogged, water quality dropped off the scale, etc.

In the early morning (3-4AM) of July 14, the water main for the pool and park complex broke. Emergency staff were on site at 6 AM when the problem was first noted; however, sediment from the landscaped park once again entered the pool, which was then closed for 5 days.

There was no way that either of these events could have been predicted, and we are sorry that the pool season has been shortened. All BWHCC members have been impacted, including our families. As luck would have it, Isabelle's birthday pool party had to be re-scheduled, and Elizabeth's pool party was a success but without any swimming.



Rainwater streaming down Wakefield Drive during the June 30th storm.

We want you to know that during all of these trying times, the pool staff have worked long hours, and we have spared no expense to expedite the return of the pool to swimmable condition. We have also taken a large number of water samples to verify the water quality and to make sure that the water is always safe.

Interim measures have been implemented to protect the pool. Protective silt fencing has been placed along most of

Wakefield and around much of the park – where previous flooding had occurred. Additionally, the main flood route during the first flood, the double-gate area on the southwest part of the pool property, has been secured with a hay bale/silt fence barrier. However, the second flood event came from the fresh, clean water line behind the bathroom/utility room near the upper park (single-gate) entrance.

We are continuing to review and evaluate long-term options for securing the pool area. Other issues we are reviewing include patrolling the street drains and debris on the sidewalks that can wash into the pool. We are also working with Swim Atlanta to see how late we can extend the pool season to make up for lost time. If you have any questions, please ask for us at the pool as we are glad to answer any of your questions. We recommend that you talk directly to us as the lifeguards are typically not aware of all the developments and ongoing activities.

Thanks again for your patience.

Mark Potts and Benning Grice, Jr.

BWHCC Pool Co-Chairmen

## BWH SPORTS CAMP'S SECOND SUCCESSFUL YEAR

By JoAnn Hagaman

The second annual BWH camp for boys was held in Brookwood Hills during the month of June. Many thanks to our Board of Directors for facilitating the camps. The first session, for boys ages 6-8, was



Brookwood Hills hosted a group of Carver Homes boys for Spencer Hagaman's sports camp in June.

held from June 9-13th and hosted 18 awesome campers, mostly from the neighborhood. The second session, for boys ages 4 and 5, was held from June 23-27th and had 10 fabulous campers. During the week in between the two neighborhood camps, a free camp was given to a group of young boys from the Carver Homes Boys and Girls Club as a way to give back to the community.

All camps focused on fundamental skills for baseball, basketball, and soccer. Both sessions of the neighborhood camps had generous sprinklings of snacks, lunch, and a movie break at the Hagaman house. Did you say sprin-

kler? Part of our daily routine was the water hose fight before returning to the parks. Everyone cooled off, and it was a great way to get our garden watered. Spence Hagaman ran the camp, and he was assisted by Patrick Henderson, both rising seniors at the Lovett School.



Neighborhood boys learned sports skills from Spencer and Patrick.

Top, L-R: Patrick Henderson, Rickard Jackson, Robbie Baker, John Comer, David Barnhart, Henry Harris, Carter Watson, Dillon Moore, Connor Stewart, Theodore Davis, Spencer Hagaman.

Bottom, L-R: Cole Stewart, Sam Richardson, Carter Harrison, Henry Richardson, Lauch Monroe, Alexander John, Andrew Porter, David Long, Michael Bresnahan.

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## BWH Diving Has a Perfect Season

For the first time ever, BWH Diving went undefeated. Guided by Julia Goode, Jordyn Griffin, and Katie Long, the 2003 Brookwood Hills Dive Team had its best season ever. By beating Smokerise, The Braches, Redfield, Wynterhall, and Mill Glen/Fountainbleau, Brookwood Hills won its division. "Beating Wynterhall was great," said Alex Long, a 13-14 diver, "They haven't lost for eight years."

BWH residents contributed greatly to the strength and depth of the team and made the diving well the place to be in June. Congratulations to these neighborhood divers who worked hard—Cate Simons, Mallory Wilson, Rebecca Schapiro, David Long, Ruth Schapiro, Cole Stewart, Clara McCollam, Lucy Hatcher, Coles Loomis, Naomi O'Halloran, Brooke Gentry, Hunter Holliday, Grace McCollam, Connor Stewart, Taylor Wilson, Amy O'Halloran, Audrey Bromstad, Andy, Ciara O'Halloran, Alex Long, Katie Long, with special guest appearances from Kevin Dolezal and Teddy Helfrich.

Brookwood Hills was in a new league this year, the GADL (Greater Atlanta Diving League). In the GADL championships, Brookwood came through with flying colors. Taking 2nd out of 13 teams, Brookwood Hills backed up its dual meet record.

Top finishers in the GADL championships were: 6 & under Girls — Rebecca Schapiro (8<sup>th</sup>), Lucy Hatcher (3<sup>rd</sup>), Surth Schapiro (2<sup>nd</sup>). 6 & under Boys — David Long (6<sup>th</sup>), Michael Ryan (3<sup>rd</sup>). 7 & 8 Girls — Lea Parker (6<sup>th</sup>). 9 & 10 Boys — Schuyler Millar (5<sup>th</sup>). 11 & 12 Girls — Cessie Ryder (2<sup>nd</sup>). 11 & 12 Boys — Neal Jones (1<sup>st</sup>). 13 & 14 Girls — Elisabeth Falconer (8<sup>th</sup>), Peyton Millar (7<sup>th</sup>), Susanna Bramlett (6<sup>th</sup>). 13 & 14 Boys — Teddy Helfrich (8<sup>th</sup>), Alex Long (2<sup>nd</sup>). 15 & 18 Girls — Barbara Jones (6<sup>th</sup>), Katie Long (5<sup>th</sup>).

Great season Brookwood Divers!!! See you next summer.

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## Swim Team Captures Fourth Place in County

It was a very fleeting and intense swim season this year, as swim team began on May 12<sup>th</sup> and finished with a very enjoyable swim team banquet on June 29<sup>th</sup>. This year new Head Coach Tim Storsteen oversaw an enthusiastic young swim team and the older wiser Masters Swimmers Program. The beginning of the season saw cold and wet weather however many swimmers braved the elements and came to practice regardless. The season ended with a 3-2 record.

The Fulton County Championships finished off the season for swim team with BWH having a wonderful championship placing fourth up from last year's 6<sup>th</sup> place finish. The 6 and under girls relay was FIRST in the county. They were joined by the FIRST Place 9/10 Girls Freestyle and Medley relay teams. Congratulations to Palmer Withers who was Fulton County Champion in the 9/10 Boys IM. We had many top place finishers, including Elizabeth Grice, Isabelle Potts and Amy O'Halloran to mention a few of our neighbors. Congratulations to Caroline Comer who was one of the recipients of the Alan Joel Award, Laura Myers being the other and to Scott Dolezal who took the Most Improved Swimmer Award. We wish all those swimmers who have qualified for State every success. We would also like to thank Mark Potts and Benning Grice for all their hard work in organizing the pool for Swim Team.

## Brookwood Hills Village Cares for a Child

By Alison Caughman

*Those of you who frequent the park and the pool probably saw Camden Road's liveliest houseguest: Emmanuel, a four-year-old Haitian boy who was here in Atlanta under the auspices of Children's Cross Connection USA. CCCUSA brings children from around the world to the United States for the advanced medical treatments they need but which are not available to them in their own countries. Atlanta families host the children in their homes; physicians and other health professionals donate their skills and time; and hospitals donate their facilities and supplies. In 2002, CCCUSA coordinated medical treatments for 58 children from 12 different countries. Their goal is to be able to treat 100 children in 2003.*



From L-R: Moms Alison Caughman, Becky McKnight, and Terri Pendergast celebrate Emmanuel's new eye.

Emmanuel was spotted over a year ago on the tiny Haitian island of La Gonave by a volunteer group of medical caregivers that included BWH neighbors Jim and Pat Ingvoidstad. "The poverty on La Gonave is beyond anything you can imagine," reports Pat. Years earlier, Emmanuel's eye was poked while playing with a stick. The eye was completely opaque and bulged painfully from the socket when he was discovered. Clearly, Emmanuel faced the prospect of a lifetime of painful disfigurement. CCCUSA accepted him as a candidate for its program, and after months of battling red tape and coordinating travel documents, doctors, hospitals, an ocular prosthetist, and host families, he was flown to Atlanta.

The day after his arrival the damaged eye was removed by Emory physician Ted Wojno. Emmanuel was relieved, sailed through his recovery without any pain medication at all, and after several weeks of healing, he received a matching prosthetic eye from oculist William "Tal" Cox. Emmanuel also received extensive dental care from pediatric dentist Allen Rosenthal. Each of these professionals generously donated their time and expertise for his medical needs. Afterward, Emmanuel told me how handsome he is now!

Three families, all with Brookwood Hills Community Club connections, hosted Emmanuel during his nine week stay in Atlanta. The hosts were former Community Club members Terri and Craig Pendergrast, Camden Road residents Alison and Wright Caughman, and Community Club members Becky and Charles McKnight. Two other Brookwood Hills neighbors are also involved with CCCUSA: orthopedist Carl Fackler is a member of their Medical Advisors Board and has performed many surgeries for CCCUSA children; and internist Brown Dennis is also an active supporter of CCCUSA and the former Chairman of the Board.

Many Community Club members who saw Emmanuel asked about how they could become involved in CCCUSA. There is always a great need for loving families who are willing to host one of these precious children. The easiest way to support this wonderful life-changing ministry is by sending in a donation. CCCUSA has a terrific website, [www.cccus.org](http://www.cccus.org), or information can be obtained by calling Debby Finkle at the CCCUSA office at 404-228-7770.

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## Copperhead Alert!

Several neighbors have reported recent encounters with Copperheads on their properties. Watch for dark, chestnut-colored bands that cross the body, breaking the color pattern into alternating bands of darker and lighter color. Young Copperheads are lighter in color than the adults, and they have a yellow-tipped tail that they often flick. The Copperhead Snake has the "honor" of having bitten more people than any other venomous snake in the United States. However, there have been very few deaths attributed to its very painful bite. Still, this snake should be considered dangerous. When encountered, it will normally remain still or move away. If it feels very threatened, it will shake its tail and strike out in self-defense. **Keep in mind, however, that even a non-fatal bite needs medical attention, is extremely painful, and may cause extensive scarring and loss of use. Don't take chances-- avoid these snakes.** (*Information drawn from the NC State Cooperative Extension Service website.*)

# Calendar

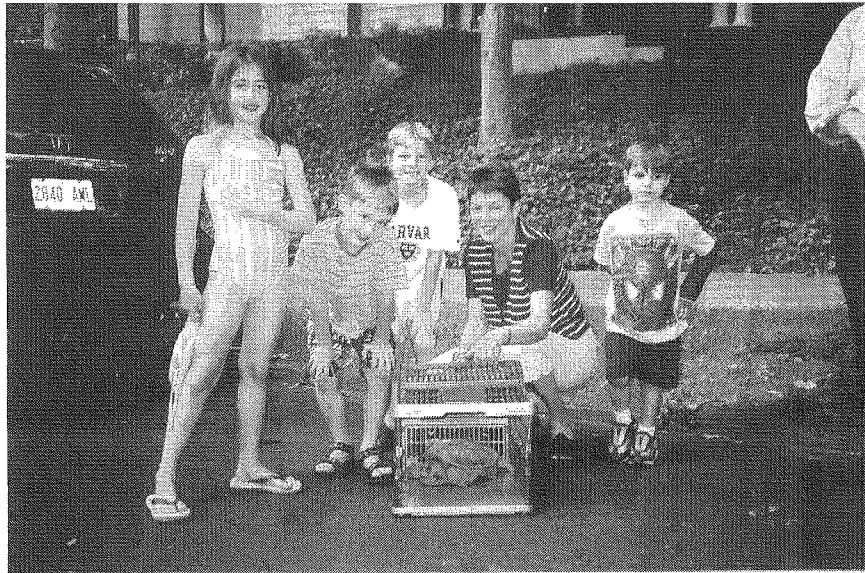
Sat. August 23rd. Brookwood Boys Annual Camp out in the Park.

Sun. Sept. 14th. Pool closing day. Ice Cream Social in the Park.

## NEIGHBOR NEWS

Nicolle Kuritsky graduated from the Atlanta International School on May 23, 2003. She will be attending Tufts University in Boston this fall.

Taylor Berman of 36 Wakefield graduated from Holy Innocent's Episcopal School in May 2003. He will be attending Goucher College outside Baltimore in the fall.



In late June Sharon Falconer spied a tortoise meandering down the middle of Parkdale. When approached, it raised its head, brandishing its teeth ferociously. Harvey Ross happened upon this scene and shielded the tortoise from cars. Kathy Bernhardt hurried to her house to find a cage. With safe transport at hand, Phil Junger and Larry Pless corralled the tortoise. Then courageous Larry picked up the beast and popped him in the cage. The tortoise was released back to the wild on the bank of Clear Creek off of Huntington Road. And it's never been seen again

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