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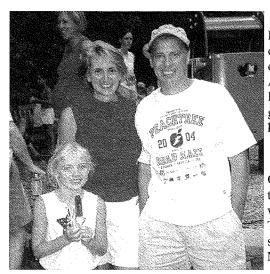
An All-American July Fourth

The Fourth of July in Brookwood Hills is like no other place in the America. Many of our neighbors rise before dawn to run a glorious six miles through this wonderful city, while their families and friends gather at the top of the neighborhood to cheer them on. July 4, 2004 was no exception. The breeze and the sun worked as a team to create the perfect running weather. Following the race, our neighbors headed to the park to begin a fun filled day of activities, friends and cheer!



Shannon Dixon and Sharon Williams created another memorable event for our special

neighborhood. The park was decorated with flags, balloons and smiling faces. As they walked into the park, our children were greeted by a great, red fire truck from Fulton County Fire Department #29 and their courageous volunteers who spent their time educating the neighborhood. Each child was given a special hat to commemorate this exciting day. Cara and John Mulcahy created the music that set the mood immediately when you entered the celebration. As we listened to patriotic tunes, we enjoyed the fried chicken with all the sides from Kentucky Fried Chicken.



Ally, Renee, and Frank Bellavia celebrate Independence Day.

Following a delicious lunch, our parents were entertained by an afternoon of competition. Frank Bellavia, Renee Bellavia, John Mulcahy and Fred Simon did an outstanding job overseeing and creating games for children of all ages. After the spirited competition, we ended our glorious day with a patriotic parade led by none other than Karen Mullinax, Harry Norman Realtors. Karen has graciously sponsored this event that has become a tradition for our neighborhood.

Obviously these events could not be as successful without the wonderful volunteers in our neighborhood. We would like to extend a special thank you to all who helped created this memorable day: Tricia Warren, Cara Mulcahy, Terri Thompson, Denise Wilbert, Jean O'Halloran, Amanda Abrahm, Sheridan Watson, Scott Bass, Stan Dixon, Fred Simon, Renee Bellavia, Frank Bellavia, John Mulcahy, Kevin Murphy, Sarah Howe, Lauren Monroe, and Katie Simon.

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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 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.

Corporate Sponsors help make the Garden Club's Acorn Auction a Success

A Special Thanks to all the Corporate Sponsors for the Garden Club Acorn Auction. Please note the generous contribution of each of these businesses—we appreciate them all!

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More July 4th Fun!





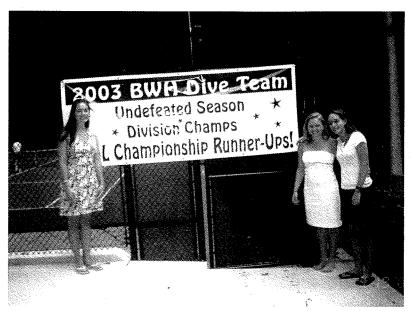
Dive Team Recap

By Julia E. Goode, Coach

When Cameron McKnight joined the BWH Dive Team one day before our last dual meet, she said half jokingly, "I want to join a winning team!" Indeed this was a winning season with a 4-1 dual

meet record. So I'm positive that I will see Cameron's face on the first day of practice next season!

The Brookwood Hills Dive Team is definitely a winning team. Besides the fact that we had many new families join and that the team has grown from around 11 divers in 1995 when I first joined to over 90 on our roster, I would say that most importantly we learned a lot of new dives and had a ton of fun. The dive team did many things together this summer such as go out to dinner after each meet, watch movies under the pavilion with the swim team, and go bowling. The coaches and our former coach, Karen Bernhardt, even dove exhibition in a meet and on one Friday afternoon practice the Watson family brought down and made homemade ice cream!



BWH Dive Team Coaches: Julia Goode (on left), Jordyn Griffin and Katie Long (on right).

Many veteran divers, as well as newcomers, had successful seasons this summer (too many to name!). It was a pleasant surprise to see that many BWH divers greatly improved from last summer because they practiced with the Atlanta Diving Association (ADA) at Georgia Tech over the winter. If anyone is interested in ADA or BWH diving next summer, please contact Jordyn Griffin, Katie Long, or me and we would be glad to provide information. It was a great summer and we hope to see even more new faces next year!

9 Weeks + 247 Swimmers + 7 Coaches = 1 Awesome Summer

By Rachel Hope

From the first day in the water on a cool afternoon, May 10th, to the final practice the sweltering afternoon of July 8th, any Brookwood Hills swimmer could say with confidence that this team has done it all. In practice, coaches Tim, Rachel, Virginia, Barbara, Erskine, Geoff, and Richmond led physical activities from learning butterfly to suffering through endless pushups to swimming the perimeter of the pool for whole practices. In meets, the team went four and one, and won by as much as 300 points to its opponent. The weekly meets brought fast races, answered prayers for good weather, broken records (by 12 year-old Addison Lange), pizza dinners, and a well earned game of sharks and minnows the next afternoon.

Brookwood Hills participated in the Kids for Kids meet that raised money for juvenile diabetes research. Although a small group attended the meet, the team took a close second to defending champion, Ansley Golf Club, with the BWH 19 and over mens' relay breaking the pool record by over ten seconds. Swimmers also raised money for cystic fibrosis by swimming as many laps as possible in a Saturday morning swim-a-thon. As an incentive, the highest money earners got to have lunch with their favorite coach the following week.

Besides sixteen hours of practice and a swim meet each week, the team took part in many activities out of the water. In celebration of Head Coach Tim's wedding that took place midseason, the team moms, Annie Butler and Laura Law, put together a surprise party at the pool. Swimmers also had the chance to enjoy a piece of delicious cake at Mrs. Law's surprise birthday party. Swimmers eight and under watched *The Sandlot*, and nine and to twelve year olds saw *Miracle* during movie nights in the pool pavilion. Thirteen and over athletes spent a fun afternoon at the bowling alley.

Friday, July 9th the team capped its season by winning the NASA Championships at Marist High School. Team members got the chance to practice at the pool before the meet to get a feel for the walls and starting blocks. Many BWH swimmers achieved their best times ever at the championship and some even set team records. On Sunday July 11th the season closed with the team banquet. Head Coach Tim Storsteen encouraged swimmers to look ahead to the next season and remember that "records are made to be broken".

BWH Board Adds Two Members

The BWH Community Club Board gained two new members as of July. Kathy Gentry of Northwoods joined the board to co-chair the Pool with Benning Grice. The Board is still seeking a pool co-chair to transition into Benning's position. This is a key volunteer post in the neighborhood and Brookwood Hills Club members have been fortunate to have been served by a long line of dedicated individuals. If you'd been willing to serve your community as pool co-chair please contact Benning or Club President Roy Trimble.

Terri Thompson of Montclair came on the board in July, assuming the job of secretary from Katie Simon. Thanks Katie! And welcome Kathy and Terri!

Brookwood Hills Sports and Games Camp Hosts Boys for a Third Year

The Brookwood Hills Sports and Games for Boys enjoyed a third great year from June 7th through June 10th. Twenty-two boys ages 6-8 attended and played lots of baseball, soccer, and basketball. A special tribute to Connor Stewart, Cole Stewart, J.D. Falconer, Michael Bresnahan, David Long, and Alan Reid who celebrated their third consecutive year of Sports and Games camp. Ten of the remaining campers attended for their second straight year. Wow!! We do have fun!! Finally, a great BIG thank you to the Brookwood Hills Board of Directors for helping to make it happen.

BWH 2004 3rd Year Campers: Connor Stewart, J.D. Falconer, Cole Stewart, Michael Bresnahan, David Long, Alan Reid

2nd Year Campers: Holden Luxemburger, Clifford Murphy, Henry Harris, Nicholas Ventulett, Andrew Link, Charles Nastopoulos, John Comer, Sam Richardson, Richard Jackson, Henry Richardson.

1st Year Campers: Joe Loughran, Bo Sinkler, Austin Chapman, Nicholas Marin, Hugh Summerour, Harrison Summerour.



Front row (L-R): Cole Stewart, Michael Bresnahan, Charles Nastopoulos, Joe Loughran, C.I.T. Lauch Monroe, Holden Luxemburger, Clifford Murphy, Nicholas Ventulett, Bo Sinkler. 2nd Row: Richard Jackson, Hugh Summerour, Andrew Link, Nicholas Marin, Connor Stewart, Harrison Summerour, David Long, Alan Reid, J.D. Falconer, Patrick Henderson. Back Row: Austin Chapman, Sam Richardson, Henry Richardson, Henry Harris, John Comer, Spencer Hagaman.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I've had furniture that has been in and out of storage for years (thanks, dearly departed Aunt Marian.) Now these family pieces are proudly displayed in our home thanks to the genius of Roger Mast and his business, <u>Furniture Reflections</u>. He repairs, restores and refinishes. He does caning, glazing, color matching and chair tightening. Roger gives free estimates. Pick-up and delivery are part of his service. For more accolades, call Robbin Churchill (Palisades Road) 404-873-3334 or call Roger directly at 678-357-6921

Housekeeper Recommendation. Cecilia Figueroa has helped me for the past two years, and she's fantastic! Several of her "regulars" have recently moved so she has some free time slots. I cannot recommend her more highly – she does a terrific job and is a delight to have around. She has several BWH clients who also sing her praises! Ann Dibble 404 724-0393

Landscaper Recommendation. Andres Rincon is looking for some extra work in the afternoons and on weekends. He has worked for me for about a year and is totally dependable, honest, hard-working, and a great gardener! He does it all – planting to pruning, seeding to staking, watering to weeding, mulching to mowing. He's just accepted a position at the Atlanta Botanical Garden – enough said! Ann Dibble 404 724-0393

Dry Cleaning Pick-up and Delivery – We have used Buster's Delivery Service for dry cleaning pick-up and delivery for many years. He is reasonably priced and very reliable; use of this service has also eliminated many last minute emergency dry cleaning trips. He works with many families in the neighborhood and is here on Mondays and Thursdays. Buster Bentley can be reached at 770-437-6529 or contact Laurie Hood, 404-875-5452, for a reference.

CLASSIFIEDS

New (adorable) kittens available, approximately 12 weeks old. If you wish to adopt one please call Tricia Warren at 404-350-4046.

Deborah Mills (sister works in the neighborhood) is presently seeking employment as a housekeeper or caregiver. Please call 404-627-0990.

Adriana Pastor, housekeeper for a number of neighbors, still has available every other Wednesday. Please call her at 404-502-7291.

1998 Suburu Outback wagon for sale. 51 K. \$8500. Please call Maureen Zent 404-724-0959.

BABYSITTER/NANNY BULLETIN BOARD

NEED A BABYSITTER?: My name is Nicolle Kuritsky and I am available for babysitting this summer. I am 19 years old and am home from college, I am extremely responsible, fun and flexible. Therefore, if you are looking for a babysitter please do not hesitate to call me at (404)202-8902 or send me an email at Nicolle.Kuritsky@tufts.edu."

Marianne Nichols, 70 Brighton Rd. 404-556-2463. I graduated this summer from Samford University. My work experience includes camp counselor at the Atlanta Speech School Grasshopper Camp for 6 years and lifeguard for Brookwood Hills pool summer 2000. Availability: Mon. - Thurs. until 4:00pm - (until Aug. 1 - after this date - Available ANYTIME); Fri, Sat and Sun. ANYTIME.

My name is Anna Pless. I am recent graduate of the Atlanta Girls' School and I am a rising freshman at Presbyterian College. I will be available on weekends in July and all of August. Nearby references are available. I have a lot of experience with kids of all ages, such as working at Westminster and Frog/Haverty Hollow summer camp. I love kids and am very caring. My home number is 404 817-9554 and my cell phone number is 404-281-8400.

Babysitter Available Day and Evenings-- Brookwood Hills lifeguard and neighborhood college student available for babysitting in your home or at Brookwood pool from July 12 to end of August. Please call Kate Crosby at 404-351-8821 (home) or 404-550-9480 after July 9.

Hello my name is Lydia Potts. I am 12 years old and I have taken the Red Cross babysitters course. If you ever need a babysitter please call me my number is 404-355-3697.

French mother's helper. Marie de Saxce (age 17) is visiting me until late Aug. and is available to babysit, to take your children to the pool or playground, or to speak French with them. Her English is very good, and she has years of experience in childcare (oldest daughter in a very large family). She is delightful. Ann Dibble 404 724-0393

Allison Barnhart—12 y.o. babysitter. Red Cross Certified. Experienced with all ages. Please call 404-355-3707

Maria Aguirre is a reliable and caring babysitter with a flexible schedule. She can be reached at 404.580.3236

Nanny Available. Kim and Bill Johnston's nanny of 5 ½ years needs a new full-time position. Sheila is reliable, calm, experienced and fun. She is wonderful with infants! Call Sheila at 404-373-9591.

Child Care – If you are looking for high quality, child care, Louise Hendrix is a highly qualified, mature nanny with a Masters of Social Work and a BS in Child Development who specializes in the 'the informative years': newborns to preschoolers. She can be reached at 404-634-5289 and has extensive references available.

N E I G H B O R N E W S

Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl graduated from Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame magna cum laude with a double major in Psychology and Communications. Elizabeth graduated from Pace Academy and is working in Washington, D.C. for the National Student Leadership Conference. She is the daughter of Mary Grace Diehl and Michael Jablonski, 260 Brighton Rd.

Anna Pless, who has lived in BWH all her life, graduated from Atlanta Girls' School May 22--in the pioneer graduating class-- and will attend Presbyterian College in the fall.

David Cochran and his two yellow Labradors, Kaiser and Noel, have moved into 220 Huntington Road. David is an Atlanta native and a Principle with Paces Properties, Inc., an Atlanta-based real estate development firm.

Christa and Mike DiBiase and their twenty-two month old daughter Clare have moved into 191 Huntington Road. Christa is the Executive Producer for the Clark Howard radio show and Mike is Manager of Finance and Planning for Witness Systems, Inc.

Starla Mize and Scott Nelson have purchased 36 Northwood Avenue. Scott is the Executive director and regional Director of Corporate services for Advantis GVA.

Madeleine Reeves Mertens was born May 23rd to Margaret and Anton of 225 Huntington. She weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz.

Ruby Carolyn Meng Hope was born April 8, 2003 and adopted in China May 25, 2004 by Stephanie and Leonard of 106 Huntington. Moe the dog and Belle and Pearl the cats are still adjusting.

Karen & Reed Welch (formerly of 17 Camden) are excited to announce the arrival of Claire Ames Welch on June 5, 2004. Claire was 7 lbs. 13 oz. and 19 inches long. Rawson loves having a baby sister.

Lucy Avery Williams was born July 7th to parents Avery and Taylor of 122 Brighton. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 ounces. Sister Kathryn and brother Sam are good helpers so far.

Frederick Simon Jr. was born July 16th to parents Katie and Freddie of 22 Brighton.



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