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The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

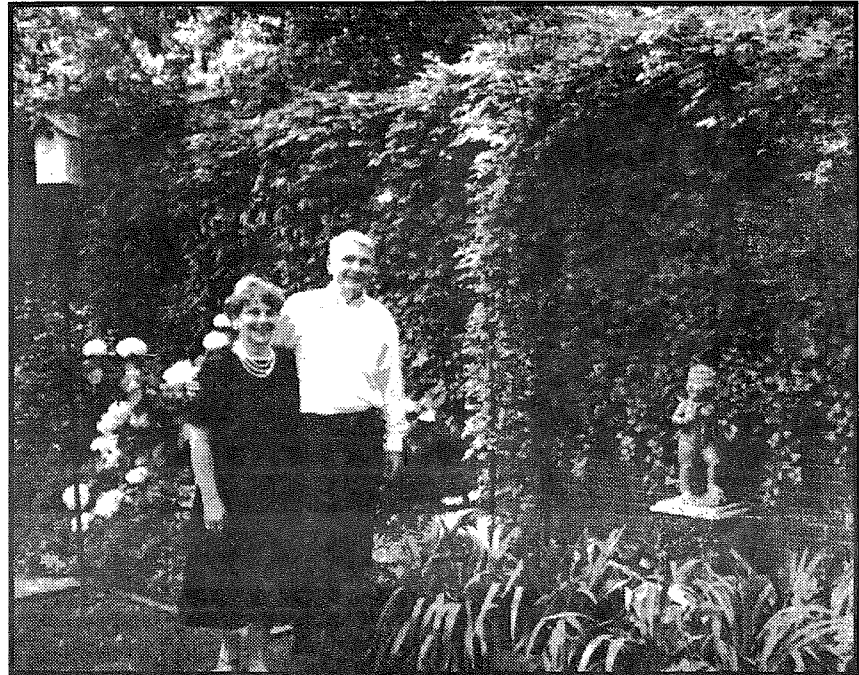
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Board Approves New "Grandparent" Policy

At their June 5, 1995 meeting, the Brookwood Hills Board of Directors approved on a trial basis a new policy concerning the use of the pool by B members of the Club who have out of town children or grandchildren visiting for the summer. Only those B members who were formerly A members may bring their children or grandchildren, for a fee of \$5 per person per day. Please note that these privileges only apply to family members from out of town (outside the Atlanta Metropolitan Area). If the B member is unable to accompany his or her guests, the guests must be accompanied by an A member. Please check in at the gate. The Board will be evaluating this policy at the end of the summer.

Palisades Hits Home Run!

Congratulations to the residents of Palisades Road. Palisades has 100% participation in the Community Club this year.



Caroline and Harry Gilham in their rear garden

Party Serves Its Purpose Well

The American Cancer Society Party with a Purpose, held May 21st in the charming garden of Caroline and Harry Gilham at 106 Camden, once again surpassed previous neighborhood fundraising efforts. Organized by Laurie Bray and Laura Inman, the party raised \$2800 for the American Cancer Society. The Al Fresco light supper was catered by Sfuzzi, who provided diners with a wide selection from a Pasta station, a Market station of marinated vegetables and salads, a Bruschetta table of fresh breads and a choice of several tempting desserts. About 100 people attended.

Did you know that the original deeds to the lots in Brookwood Hills specified that no pigs and only one cow were allowed?

Parking Survey Gets Tepid Response

by Micki Gambrell

I want to thank all of you who have participated in the parking survey. The response, however, has been smaller than anticipated. The survey, included in the May *Brooknotes*, was for all homeowners on streets with parking restrictions. The streets included were Huntington, Woodcrest, Northwood, Palisades, Montclair, Wakefield, Parkdale, Upper Camden and Upper Brighton. The volume of response will determine what, if any, steps the Board should take in addressing problems and/or changes with the City of Atlanta.

If you would like to participate in the survey, and have misplaced your copy, contact me, Micki Gambrell, at 872-5762. I will see that you get a copy. (If leaving a message on my answering machine, please include your address.) Please get the survey to me at 22 Palisades Road as soon as possible.

BULLETIN BOARD

- The Membership Committee of the BWH Community Club is still looking for volunteers for Street Captains to welcome new neighbors. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and to make them feel a part of our community. Many thanks to Susan Young Grunewald, who has volunteered to be Street Captain for Upper Camden, and Harvey Ross, who will be covering Woodcrest.
- Are you out walking every day for exercise? We need adult volunteers to deliver security notices on short notice (within 24-36 hours). Volunteers will be responsible for no more than 20 homes. We will have a designated deliverer and a back-up for each route. If interested, please call Judy Horton at 351-6257.
- The North Atlanta Parents for Public Schools (NAPPS) has created a Task Force to evaluate the Northside cluster of public elementary schools as a result of the closure of Margaret Mitchell Elementary School this coming fall. The Task Force will gather facts and information throughout the summer. NAPPS encourages input from current and prospective Northside public elementary school parents, as well as from members of the Buckhead community. Please send your comments on this issue to NAPPS, P.O. Box 52563, Atlanta, GA, 30355.

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Clark Landers, 222 Camden

Calendar

• July 4 Pet Parade

This year, don't decorate your bike, decorate your dog (or cat or fish). Laranne Oser and Chuck Wood of Dorsey Altson Realty are asking all neighborhood children and the young at heart to join in a pet parade at 12:00 at the park. Pets may be of the stuffed variety, but live ones must be on a leash or otherwise restrained. Refreshments, including dog bones, will be served.

• July 4 Pool Party

Join in the fun at the pool for a day of activities including the coin toss,

the greased watermelon race, and the ever-popular "Whirlpool." Check the bulletin board at the pool for times of activities.

• July 10 Board of Directors Meeting

The next meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 1995 at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Pelham and Lee Wilder at 7 Montclair. If you would like to attend, please call Pelham and Lee at 876-0716. All Community Club members are welcome.

• July 14 Brooknotes Submissions

The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is Friday, July 14. Submissions must be in writing and should be dropped off at Betsy Crosby's house, 34 Brighton Road.

• Swim and Dive Meets

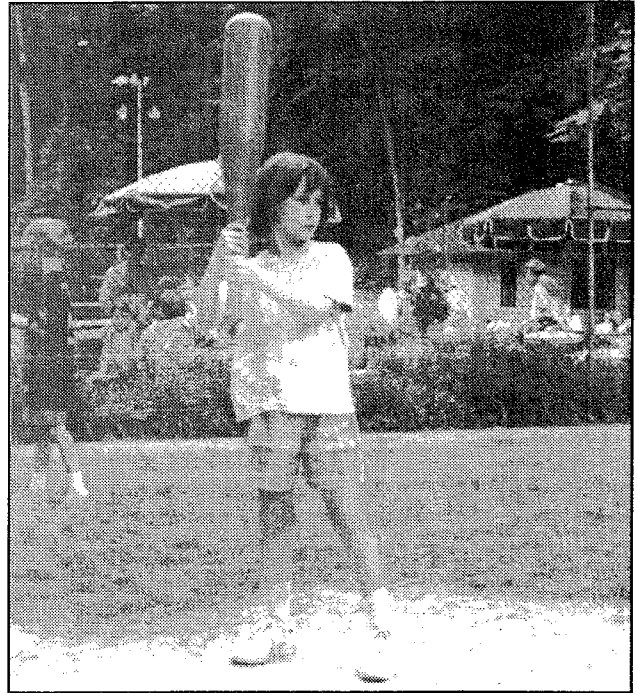
Parents of children not on the swim team may want to note on their calendars the dates of the next home meets for the swim and dive teams. They are Wed., June 28, Thursday, June 29, Wed., July 5 and Thursday, July 6. Meets start at 5:30 p.m.

Brookwood Girls Cream Dads

It was a sad day in the history of softball for the dads participating in the Brookwood Girls Softball Game on June 3, 1995. It was the Girls (ages 6-10) versus the Dads (ages... well, we'd rather not say). Early on it became so obvious that the Girls were slaughtering the Dads, that no one bothered to keep score. Said Carter Samples in disgust, "They were so sloppy. They just sat there and didn't tag the base."

From all reports, the Dads resembled a softball version of the Keystone Cops, with wild throws and errors galore. One mother, who asked not to be named, suggested that beer bellies may have slowed down some of the Dads in their base-running. Asked who was the very worst player on the Dad's team, Carter Samples did not hesitate to respond: "My Dad."

Though the game was clearly a mismatch, the afternoon concluded on a happy note with a picnic and Some-Mores. Special credit goes to Larry Pless, Captain of the Dads, who did an outstanding job organizing the events for the Brookwood Girls this year. If you would like to be included in next year's Brookwood Girls, please contact Larry at 892-6024.



Killer Katie Long Steps Up to Bat



Camping Out Brookwood Style

What makes for a fun campout? The Brookwood Boys and the Brookwood Girls may have approached their camp-outs a little differently, but each agreed on one important ingredient--being with their dads.

On the night of April 29, the Brookwood Girls and their dads braved the wilds of Brookwood Hills Park. After setting up their tents in a circle and playing flashlight tag, the girls were ready for some juicy ghost stories. Unfortunately, a trio of spooks interrupted their fun.

"These three ghosts were trying to fool us," reported Katie McCune, "and we ran around the park wearing ourselves out trying to catch

them." There were two pint-sized ghosts and one big one. Elena Duralde admitted that she thought they might be real at first, until they "caught the big one."

Carter Samples unmasked the ghost to find--you guessed it--a mom. Mary Long, and her accomplices Alex Long and friend John Sherman (both age 6), admitted their guilt to the embarrassment of daughter Katie and her dad, Bill. Once the ghosts were sent home, the BWGirls were able to return to the real business of camping out--roasting marshmallows.

Roasting marshmallows was only one of the things the Brookwood Boys did around the campfire at their campout at Lake Lanier Islands the

night of June 3. "We had a good time helping Adam Horton burn his schoolbooks," reported Clayton Young. "Then we made Indian Smokes." Explained Clayton, "You get all this junk like pine straw and pine cones and anything that burns really good, then you cover it with a plate, and when you take off the plate, smoke comes up in big puffs."

Other highlights of the trip included a glorious afternoon in the Water Park and "espionaging" (that is, spying on campers at other camp sites). Adam Horton, Ben Whipple and Danny Sullivan, and the brave dads who accompanied them, would all agree with Clayton when he said: "It was a really, really fun night."

From Tudor to Picturesque

In the April '95 issue of Brooknotes, Elaine Luxemburger discussed some highlights of the Tudor Revival Style so prevalent in Brookwood Hills. In this issue, Elaine continues the discussion on that historic style and shows how Tudor details have been translated into other styles.

The Tudor Revival Style gets its name, not surprisingly, from its attempt to recreate the look of sixteenth century England. As the feudal period ended, many of the half-timbered homes that sprang up at the base of the castle walls drew inspiration for their design from the

These heavy planks secured by metal straps at the hinges resemble the entrance to a castle. On a walking tour of Brookwood Hills, the number of battened doors on the fronts of Tudor Revival homes are almost too numerous to count. Several homes, such as that of **Jim and Celeste Porter at 142 Brighton**, carry the "battened" theme to planked shutters.

Metalwork also contributed to this image of "defense." Chains create a drawbridge over the door at **52 Brighton**; metal grillwork in the downstairs window at the home of the **Boydys at 40 Montclair**

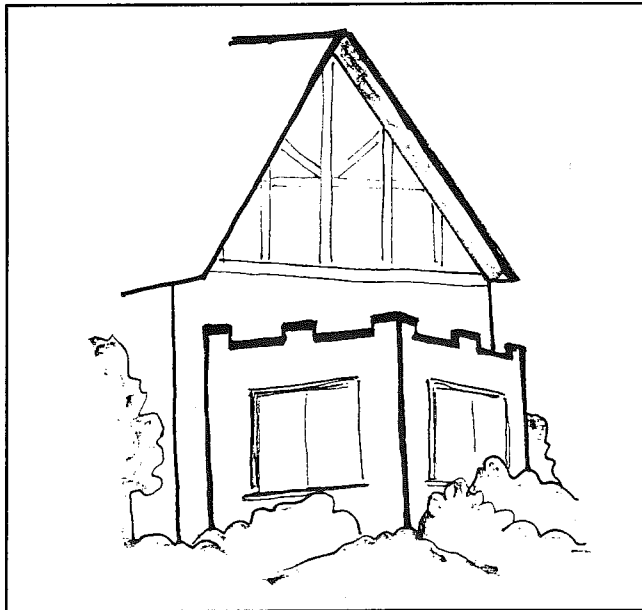
repulses invaders both ancient and modern.

In Tudor England, metalwork was used not only for utilitarian purposes, but for decoration, as well. This design medium was also popular among the craftsman associated with the Historical Revival movement, as shown by the the many intricate

on the roof of a castle might be broken by rectangular openings that shielded soldiers as they fired on the enemy below. Called crenelation, this was such an effective defense device that only those citizens deemed sufficiently loyal to the king were permitted to incorporate it in the design of their homes. A good example of crenelation can be found along the parapets of St. Phillips Cathedral. A simulation of crenelation is found at **70 Palisades**, the home designed by the Burdettes, the developers of Brookwood Hills, and now owned by **Eve and Joel Goldstein**. It seems fitting that the Burdette home, situated on a rise above the neighborhood, would make us think of a castle.

Beating the tax assessor at his game was the goal of every good Englishman in the Tudor period, an impulse with which we can all empathize. Taxes were paid on the size of the foundation, so that second stories often protruded over the first floor to maximize space. Most often this projection was cantilevered, a process by which the rigidity of the structure holds itself up either alone or with braces to support it. At **76 Brighton**, the second story projection over the garage addition on the home of **Judi and Steve North** is historically in keeping with the Tudor style of the rest of their home. We wonder whether the tax assessor calculated that extra space in the square footage of their home.

Both bay windows and oriel windows were part of the Tudor tradition. A bay window extends to the foundation, whereas an oriel is a window projection from an upper story that does not extend to the



Crenelation on a Tudor Revival Home. Drawing by Kay Summers

fortifications that towered above them.

During the Historic Revival period of home design in the United States, builders incorporated this concept in the construction of their "Tudor" homes. Battened doors, for example, were used to evoke the image of a well-fortified castle.

lanterns found above doors throughout the neighborhood. Note particularly the fine lantern above the door at the home of **Barbara Croft and Dave Forquer at 35 Wakefield** and that of **Marilyn and Don Kohla at 67 Montclair**.

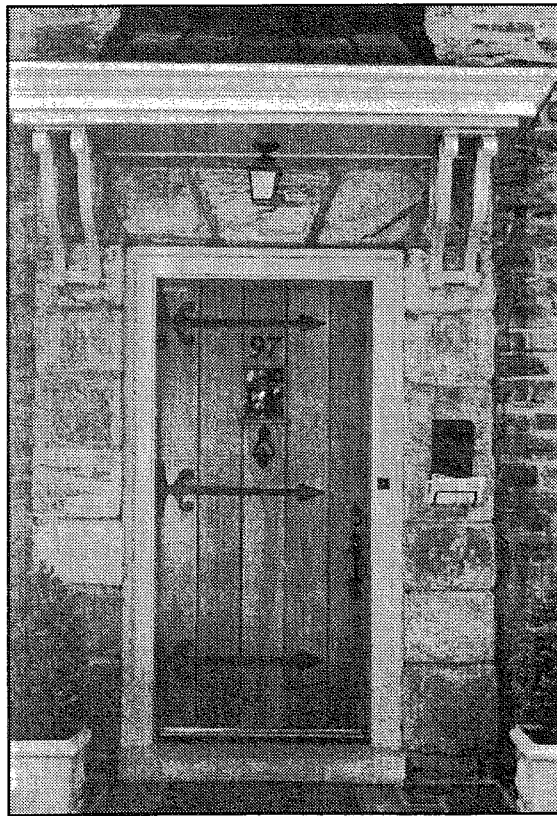
In Medieval England, a parapet

ground. At 139 Brighton, the home of Mary and Edward Lindsey, an oriel window appears below a crenelated parapet in the roof line.

The Picturesque Style

Many homes in Brookwood Hills borrow Tudor details, though they would not otherwise be identified with the Tudor Revival style. Several of these homes combine elements of different styles to charming effect, creating what Elaine calls the Picturesque Style.

The home of **Donna and Mike Egan at 97 Brighton**, for example, has a Tudor battened door with metal straps. Other details of the home, such as the classical molding in the overhang above the door, the arched window and the pediments over the other windows, all suggest the Georgian Style. At the corner of Brighton and Montclair, the home now owned by **Daphne and Boyd Eaton** flaunts both an oriel window and the symmetrical proportions of



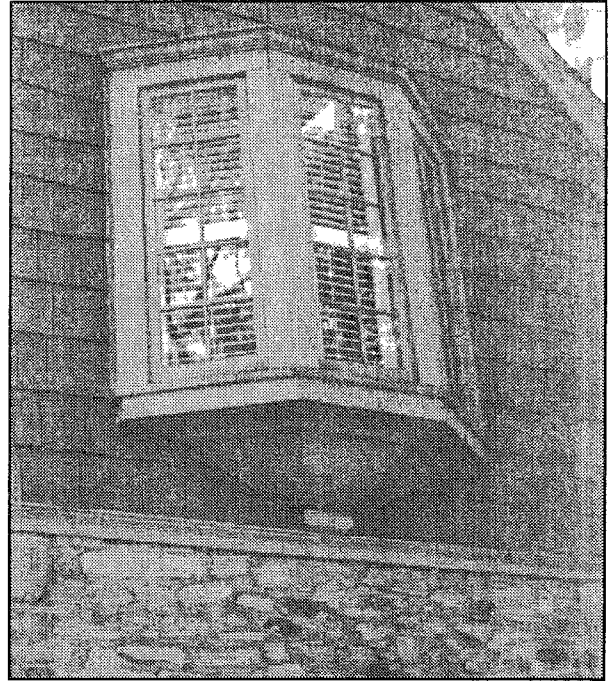
Tudor Door and Classical Details on Home of Donna and Mike Egan

a classical panelled door.

The Eatons' home, currently occupied by Terry and Andrea Honroth, is a premier example of the style which Elaine prefers to call Picturesque. For her, the home best evokes the rambling unplanned style that brings to mind a country home in rural 19th century England. Such homes, like Tudor homes in the sixteenth century, were asymmetrical; additions were added without

resort to a scholarly plan, and were done with the materials that were at hand. The result was informal rather than classically balanced, and combined natural materials in different textures to dramatic effect.

The builders of these Brookwood homes were particularly adept at combining textures such as stone, brick, shingle and sawn wood (both rough and planed). Elaine praises the wonderful contrast of the varnished wooden door in the Egan's home against the grey shingles and stone on the front of the house. Another excellent example of the Picturesque Style is **82 Brighton**, the home of **Nancy Rhodes**. Elaine notes that the bottom edges the wooden boards in the gable are uneven, as if worn away by time. The same



Oriel Window on 45 Brighton, owned by Daphne and Boyd Eaton

technique is used on the home of **Vicki and Ed Seagraves at 216 Brighton**, and in both cases the texture of the wood provides a pleasing contrast to the brick.

It is interesting to compare the principles at work in the design of these "Picturesque" homes with the design approach used by O. F. Kauffman, the engineer for the original lay-out of Brookwood Hills. Kauffman was a follower of the noted landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, who was famous for his designs of both Central Park in New York and the grounds of the Biltmore House near Asheville, N.C. Kauffman had, in fact, assisted Olmsted with the lay-out of the Atlanta neighborhood, Druid Hills.

Olmsted favored a rambling, unstructured style that drew heavily on the use of natural materials of contrasting textures. Following these principles in the design of our streets, Kauffman rejected a rigid grid pattern in favor of curvilinear streets that follow the natural terrain. No doubt Kauffman would agree that the wonderful natural textures and rambling design of these "Picturesque" houses are in keeping with the Olmsted style.

WHAT TO CUT AND WHEN

WHAT	WHEN	COMMENTS
English Ivy	August (assuming normal weather)	Under normal dry conditions, the leaves will be dehydrated and then the winter winds will blow them off
Kudzu	Between November and March (after a hard cold). Cut at ground height and at about 5 ft.	After a couple of freezes, the sap will be down and the vines will be dry enough to cut easily.
Virginia Creeper	Not necessary to cut.	
Poison Ivy	Not necessary to cut.	If, however, you do need to cut it for health reasons, follow the same guidelines as for kudzu. If it is growing in the back of your lot and not causing a health problem, try and leave it. It is an excellent food for the birds
Honeysuckle	Anytime	
Wisteria	Anytime	

Many thanks to Kathy Bernhardt and her gardener for providing the above tips on how to control our vines.

CLASSIFIEDS

- **Sitter Available.** In need of a sitter or someone to pick up mail/paper? Please call Andrew Swann (17), 66 Camden Road, 351-2393.
- **Helping Hands for Hire.** Serving BWH neighbors for three years - Will water plants, pick up mail/paper, feed pets while you are out of town. Plan ahead for your vacation & those dry summer days. Call Virginia or James Porter, 355-8876.
- **Lost Bat.** New metal bat, only 3 hours old, lost at park. If found, please call Alex Long, 352-3464.

BROOKWOOD BUZZ

John Heisel, son of Mary and Jack Heisel, graduated in May from Appalachian State University. He will be working as a photographer for Nantahala Outdoor Center.

Ben Fackler, the son of Carla and Carl Fackler of 80 Palisades, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Pomona College in Claremont, California on May 14. His other honors include Phi Beta Kappa and the Cordell Hull Prize for the top graduate in International Relations. He will attend Harvard Law School in the fall. This summer Ben plans to travel in Southeast Asia with his older brother Nathan.



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