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Congratulations Graduates

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Charles Epstein, son of Diane and David Epstein of 29 Camden Road, graduated cum laude from Pace Academy. Charles plans to attend University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in the fall. (Best of luck to the Epstein family in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. They will be missed!)

Matthew Fox, son of Cathy and Steve Fox of 61 Palisades Road, graduated from the Westminster Schools on May 22, 1999. He is a member of the National Honor Society and a National Merit Finalist. He will attend Columbia University in the fall.

Jocelyn Kuritsky, daughter of Sandy Wilcox and Joel Kuritsky of 84 Palisades Road, graduated from the Atlanta International School. She was given the National Thespian Award and the Journal Cup from the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* for academic excellence, community service, and leadership. She will take off a year to pursue acting and international community service interests. In the fall of 2000 she will attend Scripps College in Claremont, California as a James E. Scripps Scholar.

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COLLEGE GRADUATES

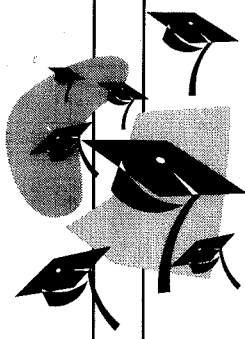
Sara Elizabeth Burke, daughter of Sara Jean and Fred Burke of 30 Wakefield Drive, graduated cum laude from Wake Forest University with a BS in Math and German. She is a member of Tri Delta Social Sorority, Gold Key and Phi Beta Kappa. Sara Elizabeth will be working as an analyst for Bowles, Hollowell and Conner in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Chad Cook, son of Button and Rod Cook of 309 Camden Road, graduated from Furman University. He will coach the Brookwood Hills Swim Team this summer before teaching elementary school in Greenville, South Carolina this fall.

Neale Fisher, son of Cathy and Bob Fisher of 35 Woodcrest, graduated from Georgetown University. He will join a consulting firm in NYC this fall.

Jean Gilham, daughter of Caroline and Harry Gilham of 106 Camden Road, has just graduated from the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia with an MBA degree. She was a member of ODK National Honor Society.

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TREE COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Katrina Newton, Tree Committee

On Friday, June 11, 1999 Susan Connell, Tree Chairman and Katrina Newton met with Frank Mobley, Arborist with the City of Atlanta Parks Department, to conduct an annual review of the condition of our neighborhood trees. As a result of this meeting, two or possibly three trees will be removed due to poor health. In addition, twenty-four trees were noted as needing to have deadwood removed. Frank will submit work orders and the work should be complete in the next few months.

The full neighborhood Tree Committee will meet in the next few months to begin planning for our two fall tree programs: Fertilization and Planting. Susan Connell will organize the fertilization programs again this year and Katrina Newton spearhead the planting. The goal of the Committee continues to be to maintain and improve upon the wonderful canopy of trees that makes our urban neighborhood unique. Please support these programs by agreeing to fertilize the existing trees that you have at the edge of your property and considering where you might plant a free tree on your property to help shade our streets and sidewalks.

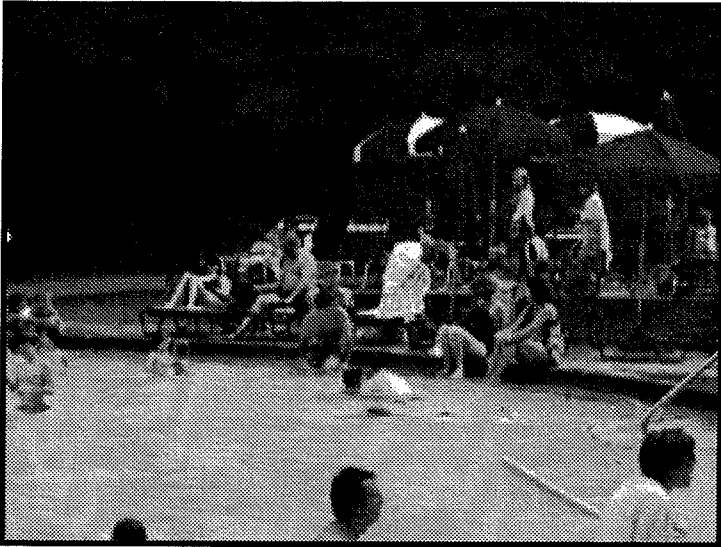
Homeowners will have the option again this year of purchasing trees for their back yards or other locations on their property as a part of the tree planting program. Please contact Susan Connell 404-351-1633 or Katrina Newton 404-355-6574 for more information.

Security Alert Signs

When you see the **Security Alert** signs posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the **Brookwood Hills Security Hotline 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.

POOL PROJECT COMPLETED IN TIME FOR OPENING

By Bill Long, Pool Co-chairman



Swimmers and sun bathers enjoy the newly resurfaced Brookwood Hills pool.

If you've already been to the pool you may have noticed how much smoother the pool floor feels. You may have noticed fewer cases of the infamous "Brookwood pool toe." You may have simply noticed that the pool looks brighter.

In any case, if you've wondered how this miracle was wrought, here's the answer at last – long before the pool opened its gates on Saturday, May 29th, workers were busy undertaking some major pool repairs. The largest capital expenditure, roughly \$40,000, went to resurfacing the pool plaster and installing new tile work at the bottom and sides of the pool. After eight

years, the plaster had become worn and rough. Replastering restored the integrity of the pool's surface and brightened its appearance.

In addition, hydrostats were installed at the bottom of the pool to equalize pressure from groundwater under the pool's surface. In the past, pressure from the groundwater had popped tiles off the bottom of the pool and threatened to buckle the plaster. The hydrostats will guard against that possibility and ensure that the new tile work stays in place.

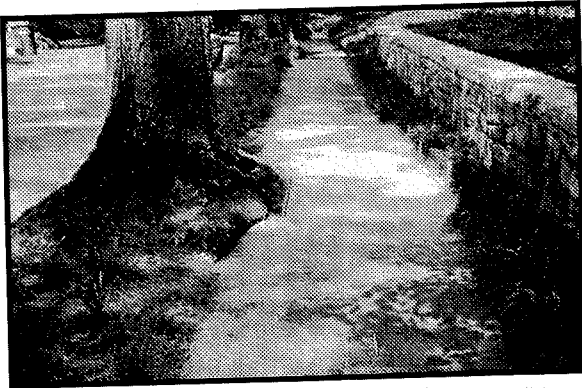
At the close of the season, a new pool cover will be installed at a cost of approximately \$10,000. The pool cover will serve several purposes. First it will keep debris out of the pool and preserve the life of the plaster. Second, it will be an attractive surface during the off-season months. And, third, because of the strength of the surface of the covering, it will help guard against off-season accidents.

Other minor improvements you may have noticed include: new floor covering for the bathroom and concession stand, a guardhouse office for the swim coaches, new oak barrel planters and repainted ironwork for the observation deck above the pool and tennis courts.

Over the years, the goal of the Board of Directors and the Pool Committee has been to use a portion of the membership fees for the operation of the pool facility. Therefore, we strive to wisely invest those funds in the maintenance and improvement of the pool and the surrounding grounds and buildings. Every year, we hope to provide members with a safe and enjoyable environment and to preserve and enhance this neighborhood as a resource for the future.

SIDEWALK AND CURB REPLACEMENTS

By Katrina Newton, Tree Committee



Sidewalk replaced to fit correctly around a tree's roots.

In light of some recent interest in the replacement or repair of sidewalks, it may be helpful to neighbors to know of the procedures and precautions applicable to this type of home improvement. First, any work done to property within the Public Right-of-Way must be approved by or executed by the appropriate City offices. The Public Right-of-Way area is defined by the edge of the street to the inside edge of the sidewalk. In the absence of a sidewalk, City property is considered to be that area from the street to a parallel position about 6-8 feet (depending on the property) from the street.

The City department to contact for the replacement or repair of sidewalks, driveway aprons or curbing is the Department of Public Works, Highway and Streets Operation – Public Services Division. Ask for any inspector and they should be able to answer any questions you have. The phone number is 404-330-6087.

CAUTION! If the replacement or repair of any sidewalk, curb or driveway affects the root system of any of our City trees, you must receive the approval of the City Arborist, Frank Mobley, Department of Parks and Recreation. The Department's preference is that sidewalks be replaced whenever one of our old trees has to be cut down due to age or disease. If the sidewalk, curb or driveway next to a large tree is removed using a jackhammer and bobcat and the roots of the tree are cut severely, the tree may die.

The City's procedure for the installation of a new sidewalk is to "box around or bridge over" any surface roots. Fill dirt will be placed around any exposed roots, plastic sheeting is placed on the roots to protect them, and the paving is rolled over. Or, if possible, the sidewalk will be poured into a non-standard form, shaped around the tree roots (see photo above). The new pour is also done to accommodate future growth of the tree. However, if wet concrete is placed directly on tree roots, it can kill the tree in a few days. Homeowners should be aware that any work done around the root system of these trees could endanger their health. It is recommended that you supervise the work carefully to ensure that it is done correctly. Be particularly cautious with any stress placed on the root systems of a tree during a construction project at your home.

Replacement of the curb in front of your home warrants caution as well. The current choice of curbing material is granite and the City must dig a 12 inch



A trench is dug to prepare for a new curb.

trench to install the new curb (see photo below). This work is performed with a backhoe and would endanger roots of any tree along the curb. The Department of Parks also recommends that this improvement be undertaken only when the removal of a large tree has occurred.

Lastly, an important note concerning the placement of materials in the Public Right-of-Way. City

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Congratulations Graduates (cont.)

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Zack North, son of Judy and Steve North of 76 Brighton Road, graduated from the Lovett Schools. He will attend Hampshire College.

Sarah Parker, daughter of Anne and Steve Parker of 215 Brighton Road, graduated from the Lovett Schools. She will attend Auburn University in the fall.

Tiffin Pastor, daughter of Margy and Bob Pastor of 152 Brighton Road, graduated from Pace Academy with the Class of 1999. She was honored to receive the Frank Woodling Community Service Award. She will attend Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

Kate Solley, daughter of Kathy and Tom Solley of 210 Brighton Road, graduated from Pace Academy. She will attend Furman University in the fall.

Zibby Stokes, daughter of Esther and Jim Stokes of 129 Palisades Road, graduated from the Westminster Schools where she captained both the Cross Country and Swim teams. Zibby will attend Williams College in the fall.

Wesley Jay Walker, son of Betty and Stephen Walker of 145 Brighton Road, graduated from Woodward Academy on May 22, 1999. He will attend Tulane University in the fall where he has received the Founders Scholarship.

Carson Weitnauer, son of Besty and Kit Weitnauer, graduated from the Westminster Schools. He plans to attend Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee where he will run cross country.

Emily Withrow, daughter of Cindy and Bill Withrow of 223 Brighton, graduated from Pace Academy. She will attend Bryn Mawr College in the fall.

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Lindsey Irvin, daughter of Jan and Mac Irvin of 40 Brighton Road, graduated from Kenyon College in Ohio. She will attend the University of St. Andrews in Scotland to pursue a graduate degree in medieval history.

David Parker, son of Anne and Steve Parker of 215 Brighton Road, graduated from The University of Georgia School of Journalism. David has begun an internship with Morris Communications at their corporate headquarters in Augusta, Georgia.

Jessica Stokes, daughter of Esther and Jim Stokes of 129 Palisades Road, graduated from Williams College with honors in History. In the fall she will be teaching in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates.

Margaret Wilgus, daughter of Sallie Wilgus of 244 Brighton Road, graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Child and Family Development. She plans to pursue a career in marketing or event planning in Atlanta.

WORKING PARENT'S NETWORK

You are invited to attend the first meeting of Brookwood Hills Working Parents Network (WPN) at the home of Kathy Gentry, 48 Northwood Avenue, July 8th at 7:30 PM. Topics include babysitting network, outings for caregivers, playgroups and WPN socials. Please RSVP to Shivon Stewart 770-955-9007 ext. 228.

Lindberg Center Project Incenses Neighbors

Most of us are familiar with the intersection of Piedmont Road and Lindberg Drive and the Lindberg MARTA station. But, how many of us are aware of the current plans to develop the land within a triangle bordered by Piedmont, Lindberg Drive and Lindberg Lane? If you read the June 1, 1999 *Atlanta Constitution* article entitled "Lindberg Center city's future" you may have some idea of the size and scope of the proposed development.

As a fellow neighborhood, our Board received a letter from the Civic Associations of Peachtree Park, Peachtree Hills, Peachtree Heights East and Garden Hills outlining their concerns about the proposed project. In light of our own issues with the development of the Jewish Community Center property, the Board feels it is important to make our neighbors aware of similar challenges faced by other neighborhoods in Atlanta.

The following are excerpts from the letter and other materials we received:

"As you are aware, MARTA is proposing a major development on the property surrounding Lindberg station. They are looking to the project as a prototype of how future station expansions would be designed.

The adjoining neighborhoods are in favor of a Transit-Oriented-Development, with a balance of commercial, retail and residential space, that would encourage MARTA ridership and provide a lively, safe, in-town destination.

While MARTA's initial proposal for their "urban village" looked promising, this project has now escalated to one of the largest developments in the Southeast, **over 5 million square feet in size (that's 3 times the size of Lenox Mall)**, with 20 story buildings and a disproportionate amount of space designed for commercial use.

It is certain (and ironic) that this so-called Transit-Oriented-Development will generate a huge increase traffic throughout our neighborhoods. **It is estimated that there will be 54,000 car trips to the development every day. In addition, the current plan calls for as many as 19,000 parking spaces on the site as well as widening Piedmont Road** to add three turning lanes from Miami Circle to Garson Road. Adding insult to injury, there is also no current plan (or funds allocated) to mitigate or manage this significant increase in traffic.

The leaders of the civic associations of Peachtree Park, Peachtree Hills, Peachtree Heights East, and Garden Hills have met with MARTA and the developers many times to voice our concerns, but answers have not been forthcoming. Even worse, it is clear that MARTA intends to proceed with this project regardless."

"As currently proposed, this project will do little to boost MARTA ridership and will condemn our neighborhoods to gridlock and worsen air quality. We need to send this project back to the drawing board and that means we need 1000 people to attend the ZRB meeting for this project. The meeting will be held in July. "

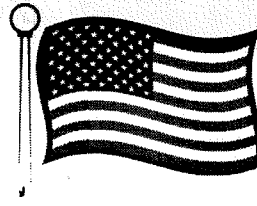
For more information please contact Fannie Schubert 404-233-7310; Mike McLeod 404-842-1791; Libba Grace 404-233-2065 or Peggy Whitaker 404-237-3725. To stay informed on our progress and to receive regular updates please get on our e-mail list by sending your address to jporg@aol.com."

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specifications dictate that only the following materials may be used in the green space between the sidewalk and the street: asphalt, concrete, and vegetation (as approved by the Parks Department). Any work done in this area requires City approval and must be done by a qualified contractor with a permit. An exception to this requirement is for the homeowner to sign a Decorative Sidewalk Agreement. In this Agreement, the property owner accepts responsibility for any hazardous conditions and indemnifies the City against any damages that might occur. In addition, the homeowner has to provide property insurance specific to that area.

Although most of the hard space that currently exists on City property has been there for quite some time, if a City inspector were to observe a hazardous condition, they may require that the illegal material be removed at the homeowner's expense. The City's aesthetic guidelines concerning green space specify that the space should be similar in appearance to the surrounding properties. This should be the standard for our neighborhood as well. Questions about placement of materials in the City green space should be directed to the Public Services Division of the Department of Public Works, 404-330-6087.

4th of July Party and Parade



Celebrate Independence Day in the Park on July 4th between noon and 2 PM. Wear your red, white and blue and come for fun, games, food, prizes and a parade. This special Brookwood Hills event is sponsored by Karen Mullinax of Harry Norman Realtors. In the event of rain, the festivities will be held on Monday, July 5th.

Eateries Exchange

We've been several times to Benjarong Thai Cuisine at 2363 Peachtree (next to Rio Grande) and would like to recommend it to the neighborhood – before it closes that is. Diane Light.

ILLEGAL PARKING AT POOL

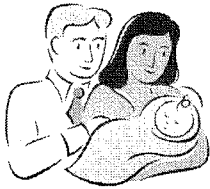
Be aware when you park at the pool that there are signs indicating where you may and may not park. **DO NOT park in the area just in front of the pool gate where the No Parking is clearly marked.** This prevents emergency vehicles from gaining access to the pool, and makes it impossible to see children leaving the pool and crossing the street at the entrance.

Do not park on both sides of the street leading up to the pool as indicated by the signs as this makes it impossible for vehicles to pass and greatly restricts visibility. Please notify your guests that there are parking restrictions and encourage them to look for the signs. It would be tragic for an accident to occur due to a parking space.

CALENDAR

Sunday July 4th. Independence Day Party in the park 12-2 PM. See above for details.

Monday, July 12th . Brookwood Hills Board Meeting at 7:15 PM at the home of Sandy and Leigh Furrh, 21 Northwood Avenue. All members are welcome to attend. Please call the Furrhs at 404-873-7369 if you plan to attend.



New Faces

By Sarah and Patti



Nicole, Miles, Brian and Sarah Cook welcome a new daughter and sister, **Jayne Estelle**. Jayne was born on May 13th at Piedmont Hospital and weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces. She has already been seen sleeping peacefully at the Brookwood Hills pool.

Books for the Boys and Girls Clubs

Are your bookcases overflowing with children's books? I am a rising high school junior and am collecting new and used childrens books for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Atlanta. If you have books which have been outgrown by your family or are no longer read, please give me a call and I will pick them up. My goal is to collect at least 500 books for the kids at the Boys & Girls Clubs. Thank you for your support. Pelham Wilder 404-876-0716; P4A1@aol.com.

CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted. One hand-crank Pasta Machine for craft project in making buttons and jewelry. Will explain if you are interested. Kay Summers 404-873-4807.

Wanted. Looking for a good tile person to do some work for us. Please call Kathy Gentry at 404-881-2882.

Vacation Home. Sea Pines on Hilton Head. Available fall 1999 - spring 2000. Near ocean in original beach/lagoon area. Five bedrooms, seven baths, pool and spa. Perfect for families or golf/tennis groups. Call Florence Sumner at 404-872-3207.

Wanted. Diane and David Epstein are looking for a small garage apartment for their visits to Atlanta. Please call David at 205-348-1117.

Wanted. Garage Apartment for next fall. Tenant - Westminster grad and student at GA State/coaching junior high football at Westminster. Non-smoker/drinker. Patrick McEwen 404-250-9712. Neighbor reference is Lee Wilder 404-876-0716.

For Sale. Antique English light oak, 3 door wardrobe with beveled mirror. \$700. Diane Epstein 404-352-2129. Until June 25th.

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