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OPENING WEEKEND IS HUGE HIT



This year's concession staff show off their new BWH Polo shirts

By Hayes Wilson and Sarah Armstrong, Pool Co-Chairs

There was beautiful sunshine with a cool breeze on Saturday, May 26, the first official day of the swim season. BWH neighbor Mike Bernot dove right in, swam a quick 2,000 yards, and afterward estimated that the pool temperature was a refreshing 79 degrees. David Dovell, our new pool manager, had spruced things up on Friday night and it paid off. Everyone remarked how clean the pool looked.

The highlight of the weekend was the Memorial Day celebration. The sun broke through right as the pool games started with the t-shirt relay. There were

games for all ages, including a watermelon relay, a banana relay, and a money dive. Many thanks to David Dovell and Kathleen McKeon for running the games. Special thanks also to Mary Long for helping out with the under-6 games in the shallow end.

Opening weekend also marked the start of a great new Brookwood Hills tradition: the Friday Night Dad's Brigade Cook-out. Everett Puri is spearheading the brigade, and did a great job as the season's first "grillmaster," manfully grilling out Bubba Burgers, Boca Burgers (veggie burgers), and hotdogs for a pool-side barbecue. The brigade operates on a volunteer basis, so if we don't have a volunteer dad, we won't have burgers. You can sign up for a Friday night shift at the pool.

Charlie Austin is again heading up the concession stand. The hot dogs are delicious and selling well, as are the ever-popular Papa Johns pizzas. Our objectives this year center on safety and cleanliness. Sarah Armstrong, Pool Co-Chair, has coined our slogan for the staff: "Responsibility, Respect, and Reward." Swim lessons are well subscribed, and group and private lessons are available. We will have the Masters Swim Team again this year, coached by Brad Robinson. Brad is also looking for teenage boys to swim on the Brookwood Hills Fulton County Champion Swim Team. We are taking every precaution to avoid any downtime this year, and to that end we have ordered a new motor for the pump as a spare. Swim Atlanta assures us it can be installed in 24 hours if we have problems with our existing motor. Our final goal is to make it through the summer without any "natural disasters" — so remember to use swim diapers when appropriate. Swim diapers are available in the concession stand, so if you get caught without one, we can give you one. We are excited about our kick-off. Plan for another wonderful, safe, and fun summer!



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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.

President's Corner

By Pamela Watson

Change is upon us! As I trek down to the park and pool with my three children, I try to visualize the changes that the Capital Improvement Plan will bring to us. I walk through the park and think of the new "tot lot" for my nine-month old, new swings and playground equipment for my three and four year olds. I imagine the beautiful new pavilion and think of the birthday parties, picnics, and more for young and old alike. I anticipate new things that my children will enjoy as they grow— a rock climbing wall, shuffle board, hopscotch, basketball court, tennis and more. How nice it will be to go to the park bathrooms and get a drink from a new cool fountain. Then, as I go to the pool, I am eager for new railings, fencing, pool surface, and glorious new covered areas and buildings. As we go to the concession stand, I see Charlie all smiles, and think of her new space and equipment. As I shower the children in the pool baths and look down at the floor, I just think, "I can't wait for next year!"

The plan is underway! We have been meeting, talking, planning, meeting, budgeting, drawing, meeting, and more. We have a fabulous team in place for the Capital Improvement Plan. Arnie Silverman and Bruce Pinkney, our Constuction Project Managers are keeping us on track. The Norman Askins and Stan Dixon designs are superb. John Bencich, owner and architect of Square Feet Studio, will work in conjunction with Norman and Stan. He is preparing the detailed drawings and is in charge of the "commercial" aspects of the project. We have hired the general contractor, Joe Noah, owner of Noah and Associates. Joe has renovated several houses in our neighborhood. Our landscape contractor is Valley Crest. They will be installing the wonderful designs produced by Bob Hughes and Joe Sawyer of Hughes, Good, O' Leary, and Ryan. We are privileged to have such an excellent and qualified group.

Visualize the plan! We will be posting updated drawings at the pool. If you have any questions or comments, please contact a member of the Implementation Committee: Carolynn Cooper, Clark Landers, Ted Shirley, Everett Puri, Hayes Wilson, Sarah Armstrong, Jean O' Halloran, Belinda Donovan or me. As you stroll, drive, walk, ride to the park and pool, take time to enjoy what we have and visualize the exciting changes to come!

And the Skies Opened!

How could the skies of drought-ridden Atlanta have rained out the Symphony in the Park not once, but twice? The blankets were spread, the food arrayed, the first notes played, and a storm some have called of "epic proportions" descended and stayed. Tried as we might to create a beautiful summer evening filled with friends, food, and music, the weather did not cooperate. We apologize for the inconveniences, disappointments and soggy BBQ. Please know that the proceeds will go to Children's Healthcare. Many thanks to the volunteers who decorated the park, baked the dessert brownies, and got drenched trying to serve the BBQ. Here's hoping the Third Annual Symphony is the gorgeous, breeze-filled, *dry* Sunday in the park this one was supposed to be!



"YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE"

By Terri Thompson

That's a quote often heard in association with the FRIENDS volunteer groups which support Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (Egleston and ScottishRite Children's Hospitals). It also applies to Brookwood Hills. This caring, giving community supported the neighborhood FRIENDS group in all the projects we pursued for the year and we raised close to \$23,000 — tripling the funds raised in our very successful first year. Our contribution, along with those from 30+ other neighborhood groups, raised an unbelievable \$604,500. (The funds will be used towards the following gifts: a specialized children's ambulance, eight newborn isolettes, a clinical research fund, the Big Apple Circus Clown unit, a cancer survivor program, and support of a heart/lung trauma program.) Thank you Brookwood Hills for your incredible support. It *does* make a huge difference.

As we close the year, I'd like to highlight the activities and recognize the membership that filled the year with fun and fundraising. You are a talented, committed group, and without each and every one who volunteered, hosted a meeting, provided hospitality, or led and supported the projects, this would not have been possible.

The year began with a wonderful cocktail party generously hosted by Lorri and Forrest McClain. Thank you to the McClains and the team that hosted the event: Allison Alarcon, Sandy Furr, JoEllyn Bass, Wendy Silliman, Kim Tuthill, Kem Lee, and Renee Bellavia. Homes throughout BWH were even more beautiful during the holidays, as they were filled with poinsettias. Thanks to Lora Fishman, whose home was literally filled as the delivery site, and Lyn Boykin and Carolyn Kreimer who chaired the event. Terry Comer added fun, fashion, and fundraising to the holiday party hosted in Lyn Boykin's home. Sharon Williams led our spring project, and gardens were beautified as Pike's gift certificates were sold. The Symphony in the Park was planned and replanned by a very diligent and rain-weary group led by Amy Mattingly and Avery Williams, and supported by Pamela Watson, Francie Ladd, Laurie Hood, Kem Lee, Katie Simon, Lisa and Joe Bankoff, Karen Welch, Mary Beth Quinley, Carraine McCormach, and Libby Simons. The final event of the year, the Car Safety Seat Check program was expertly planned by Christy Payne. Unfortunately, it was also rained out after eight seat checks, but will be back next year.

A final thank you to the 2000/2001 BWH Friends Board who insured the overall success throughout the year. You are a great group and it couldn't have been done without you: Mindy Duryea, Diane John, Laurie Hood and Sharon Williams.

The 2001/2002 Board will be co-chaired by the dynamic duo of JoEllyn Bass and Wendy Silliman. It will be another great year which will begin in August / September. We welcome everyone interested. . . you can make a difference in the life of a child. Many thanks.

FIELD OF DREAMS PROJECT IS IN PROGRESS

Dear Brookwood Hills Friends,

We appreciate your enthusiastic response to our fund raising campaign last fall, and we would like to update you on our progress.

Thanks to supporters like many of you, we are well on our way of reaching our goal of \$150,000. Through generous support from the business community, neighbors, alumni and friends, we have succeeded in raising \$100,000! In addition, we have applied to a few local foundations for further financial support and are awaiting their decisions.

This money will go towards a track, infield irrigation, a new playground and other aesthetics. General maintenance and drainage work will be completed by the Atlanta Public School System (APS). APS has contracted with Beers Construction for their portion of the work. We are happy to report that the construction permit has been issued by the city and Beers began work in late May. It is estimated that the work will take 75 days to complete.

Meanwhile, the City of Atlanta has plans to renovate the sewer system within the Rivers Road Basin, which includes sewer work under the E. Rivers athletic field. The city has contracted with Montgomery Watson, an independent contractor for this phase of the project.

Once again, we thank you for the endorsements you have given to our project. As alumni and current family members, E. Rivers school means a great deal to many of you. As neighbors, your support goes a long way in enhancing your neighborhood school, and as friends, your generosity is heartwarming. Please feel free to call any of us with questions, comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,
The Dream Committee

Dream Committee: Tara Campbell, Barbara Chandler, Ann Dupre, Louise Geddes, Michael Holleman, Julia Sams

Neighbor Spotlight:

Chris Ray Appointed Associate Deputy Attorney General

By Lauren Monroe

Chris Wray, his wife Helen, and their children, Caroline (6) and Trip (3) will be moving to Washington, DC on July 10. Chris has accepted the position of Associate Deputy Attorney General for the Department of Justice. He will work closely with Larry Thompson, another Atlantan, who is the Deputy Attorney General. Both Chris and Larry will report to John Ashcroft, Attorney General of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Chris grew up in New York and received both his undergraduate degree and law degree from Yale University. Following his graduation from law school, Chris clerked for Judge Mike Luttig of the 4th Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals in McLean, Virginia. Chris then accepted a position in the litigation department of King & Spalding, where he spent most of his time working with Griffin Bell in the Special Matters group. After four years at King & Spalding, Chris took a position in the U.S. Attorneys Office, Criminal Prosecution division. He initially prosecuted violent crime offenders, before he began litigating in the White Collar Crime section. Chris will still have a presence in Atlanta because he plans to keep one of his current cases — the prosecution of a church arsonist.

Chris is excited about his new career because he feels "strongly in the current administration." He says he'll miss Atlanta, and BWH in particular, because it is so family-oriented and welcoming. He really likes the fact that we're living in the heart of the city, but "we can look out our backyard and hear the birds chirp." Best wishes to Chris and his family! We will miss you!

Congratulations BWH Graduates!

Stewart Caughman, graduated from Westminster. He will be attending Emory University in the fall.

Mark Edward Haase, 27 Wakefield Drive, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Pace Academy on May 19. He will be a freshman this fall at the University of Pennsylvania.

Pelham Wilder IV of 7 Montclair Drive graduated from Woodward Academy in May and will be a student at Duke University this fall. Pelham is also a graduate of E. Rivers Elementary and Sutton Middle School.

Karen Bernhardt will receive a BA in Communications and Spanish with a minor in Communications Management from Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas. She is planning on returning to Atlanta and is looking for a job in sports marketing, advertising, or sales promotion.

Shirah Caughman, graduated from Georgetown University. She'll be working for Cone, Incorporated in their Washington, DC office. Cone is the largest firm in the US specializing in cause-related marketing.

Kate Irvin graduates with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Literature from Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont. After a month in Atlanta, she plans to spend the remaining summer in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, working at an Orvis Affiliated Dude Ranch. In the fall, Kate plans to work in temporary positions in Atlanta prior to traveling for six to seven months with her sister, Elizabeth. One of their anticipated destinations is Cheng-Mai, Thailand, to visit Bailey McCallum (see below).

Jenny Junger graduated with a BA in Geology from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is returning to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Center SEA Program in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, for the summer. In the fall, Jenny will enroll in the Five Year Ph.D. in Geophysics program at Brown University.

Matt Junger received a BA in Fine Arts from the College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, in December, 2000. He is currently working in Atlanta with his own web design company.

Michelle Junger graduated from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, with a BA in Biology. She is planning on returning to Atlanta.

Bailey McCallum will receive a BA from Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts. His major is Biology and Neuroscience. Thailand is next on Bailey's itinerary, where he will be teaching at the Prem Center in Cheng-Mai.

Jennifer Stumm is graduating from the Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with a BA in Music, with viola as a specialty. This summer she will be studying in Taos, New Mexico, and working with chamber music. In the fall, Jennifer will enter the Julliard School of Music Masters of Music program.

BWH BOARD ESTABLISHES TREE PROTECTION POLICY

By Nancy Field, Tree Committee Chairman

At its June Board Meeting, the Brookwood Hills Board of Directors voted to establish a policy to help prevent the premature loss of the neighborhood's large trees. Many of our trees have died or are in a state of serious decline because of the impact of construction projects that have occurred in close proximity to those trees. Many of those construction projects have been undertaken by residents who require additional living space and would rather stay in the neighborhood and enlarge their current homes than leave and go elsewhere. This is a wonderful testament to Brookwood Hills and the quality of life here that we all value and enjoy. Maintaining that quality of life, however, depends in large part on our ability to sustain the trees that provide us with cleaner air, shade and a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of our rapidly developing city. Although a tree must occasionally be sacrificed to make room for building, in far too many instances valuable trees have been needlessly sacrificed when some careful advance planning and oversight of how those plans are executed would probably have saved them. The needless sacrifice of those trees not only hurts the neighborhood; it subjects the homeowner and any relevant contractor to the penalty provisions of the city's tree protection ordinance, which the city is beginning to enforce more vigorously. The penalties for the unlawful destruction or removal of a tree under the city ordinance include substantial fines. Violators may also be required to replace the lost trees on an inch-for-inch basis.

In light of the foregoing, the Board has adopted the following policy to help make residents more aware of the rules already in place to protect trees and to further the goal of maintaining the tree canopy and urban forest that are so essential to Brookwood Hills:

All residents of Brookwood Hills are expected to protect and maintain the trees on and adjacent to their property during any building or other construction project, in accordance with the City of Atlanta ordinance, Section 158-28, which provides that "no person shall directly or indirectly remove or destroy any tree having a diameter at breast height (DBH) of six inches or more . . . without first obtaining a permit . . ." The term "destroy" is defined in the ordinance as meaning "any intentional or negligent act which will cause a tree to die within a period of two years including, but not limited to, cutting the trunk, roots or other vital sections of the tree, damage inflicted upon the root system of a tree by the application of toxic substances, damage caused by the operation of heavy machinery, [and] the change of natural grade by excavation or filling of the cover area . . ."

In furtherance of the City of Atlanta's policy, as set forth in the tree protection ordinance, that "there shall be no net loss of trees . . .", any resident who destroys or removes a tree in violation of the ordinance shall be asked to replace such tree with a new tree of a similar variety, with a diameter at breast height of no less than 2 1/2 - 3 1/2 inches, either on that resident's tree lawn or front lawn, if conditions are suitable for planting there or, if not, then at another location in Brookwood Hills identified by the BWH Tree Committee.

Please note that the most important step to take in protecting trees from construction projects is the erection of a fence around the tree. Contrary to common perception, however, the purpose of the fence is not merely to protect the trunk and the structural roots of a tree. If a mature tree is to have any likelihood of surviving a construction project, most, if not all of a tree's critical root zone, upon which the tree depends for absorption of water and nutrients, and which extends all the way out to the perimeter of the tree's leafy canopy, must be protected from disruptions such as trenching, storage of heavy equipment and materials, and the movement of heavy vehicles. The fence should be erected prior to any land disturbance, demolition or construction, and should remain upright until final landscaping requires its removal. If you are planning to undertake a construction project, please contact the City Arborist, Frank Mobley, at 404-330-6150, to ensure that you have taken adequate steps to protect your trees, or call the Tree Committee Chairman, Nancy Field, who will be happy to assist you. Additionally, if you are aware that someone is planning a building project in the neighborhood who may be uninformed about the city's tree ordinance and the neighborhood's tree protection policy, please let Nancy know.

Huntington Road Block Party

By Maureen Zent



The Huntington Road Bike Parade.

Under sunny skies folks from Huntington Road gathered June 10, for their annual street party. Neighbors visited over fried chicken and Erica Speed's renowned peach pie. Children had license to run in the street, and toddlers quickly discovered they were just tall enough to reach unattended plates piled high with brownies. When Tom Davis sounded the Grand Huntington Horn, the children assembled for the decorated trike/bike/wagon parade. Judges Bob Ingram and John Ferguson awarded top prizes to Carter Watson for his converted tank wagon, Mallory Wilson for her trike, and Princess Hannah Donovan for her bike. In other

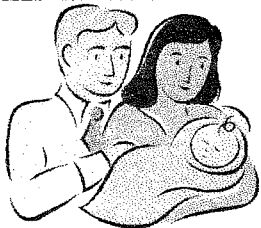
competition, Carolyn Harris blew the biggest bubble gum bubble and Ivan and Carlos Duralde dominated in the house hunt. Huntington statisticians reported that the newest residents are Virpi and David Van Buren (Feb. 2001) and the longest residents are Bob and Barbara Ingram who moved in during Ike's first term (1955). Census takers found that the babies born on Huntington were too numerous to track. With the food eaten, lemonade spilled, gum chewed, games played, and prizes awarded, everyone drifted home.

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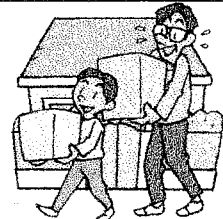
Need computer assistance-tutoring or hardware? Try **Geek-on-the-Go** computer consulting with Roxanne Llabres at 404-234-2490. Contact Lauren Monroe or Bibbie Withers for a reference.

Nanny/housekeeper available. Our wonderful nanny/housekeeper is seeking a full-time or part-time position with a loving family in BWH. We have been so impressed with her loving care, reliable work ethic and honesty. She is excellent with infants and small children. Additional references from other Atlanta/Buckhead area families can be provided. Please contact Shivon Stewart at 404-944-2708 or 404-815-7076 for additional information.

Garage Apartment Available. One bedroom/one bath. \$550 per month, plus utilities. For further information, please call Linda Harris at 404-872-0119.



New Faces By Sarah and Patti



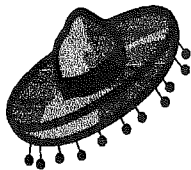
A hearty welcome back to the neighborhood for Charlie and Patty Renfroe. They lived at 355 Camden for nine years before moving. After some renovations, they will be moving into their new home at 51 Palisades.

BWHCC POOLSIDE PARTY

Mexican Fiesta

Saturday, June 23rd

7:00-9:00 p.m.



Live Music, Spirits,
and Food

Sponsored by:

Brookwood Hills Community Club, Casa Grande,
Chic-fil-A, Harry's in a Hurry, Legacy 1931,
Peachtree Road Liquor Store

Leave your bambinos at su casa, as
this night is for senoras and hombres
only.

Questions: Diane John 404-352-4409

LUNA SI NO MORE!!!

Chef/Owner **Chuck Morgan and the staff at Legacy 1931** would like to thank Brookwood Hills for welcoming them to the neighborhood. In appreciation, Legacy 1931 has developed **Special VIP/Neighborhood cards** for all BWH residents. A discount will be given each time the card-holder uses the restaurant. Please stop by to pick up your VIP card. **Legacy 1931** is also available for take-out and catering events for groups of 2 to 150.

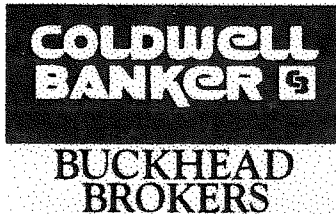
CALENDAR

Summer Bible Study. 10-week study of Beth Moore's *A Heart Like His* on the life of David, beginning **Wednesday, June 13, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**, at **Amy Butler's, 43 Huntington Road.** Child-care provided. Call 404-607-9141 for more information

The Brookwood Hills Community Club is hosting a **Membership-Wide Mexican Fiesta**, poolside, **June 23, 7-9 pm.** Adults only please.

The **Tree Committee** will be meeting on **Tuesday, June 26, at 10 a.m.** at the home of Nancy Field, 118 Brighton Road. All members and anyone interested in joining are encouraged to attend. Please R.S.V.P. to Nancy Field at 404-352-0877.

The next meeting of the **BWH Board** will be **Monday, July 9, at 7:15 pm** at the home of **Roy and Karleene Trimble, 119 Palisades.** All members are welcome. Please call the Trimbles at 404-874-1690 if you plan to attend.



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