



# BrookNotes

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## The Park and Pool Reopen



Everett Puri thanks Susan Connell for her vision in initiating the park and pool renovation. (left to right) Everett Puri, Susan Connell, Walter Bland, Carolynn Cooper, Linda Copeland, Pamela Watson, and Jim Stokes.

After years of hard work and much anticipation, the Brookwood Hills Community Club reopened with a beautiful new look and much fanfare. Hundreds of Community Club members gathered on a beautiful evening to share in the excitement of our new facilities.

Before the ribbon was officially cut, there were many people who needed to be thanked. Everett Puri, the current BWHCC president, was joined by past presidents while thanking Carolynn Cooper and her implementation committee for their hard work and dedication to the project. Special thanks went to the architectural firms, general contractors and project managers involved in the project. Without their vision and dedication, we wouldn't have the beautiful facilities that we can proudly call "home". Beautiful architectural renderings were presented to Susan Connell for her original vision of an improved Community Club and also to Clark Landers for his constant dedication to the implementation.

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Without any further ado, the ribbon was cut and the champagne bottles were popped. As everyone explored the beautiful new facilities, the club was awash in candlelight and the wonderful aroma of a Mediterranean feast. Special thanks to our neighbor merchants: The Bread Market, Bobby Webb with Traveling Chefs and Peachtree Road Package.

Many thanks to Erica Speed and Amy Mattingly, social co-chairs, who designed the invitations and planned the wonderful event. They received much help from Christy Payne, Denise and Mike Wilbert, Pamela Watson, Sharon Williams, Jill Perkey, Amanda Abrahm, Stewart Speed, Paul Mattingly, Natalie Fuson, Mary Beth and Walt Jenkins, Katie and Freddie Simon and Kim Tuthill. The successful evening could have never taken place without all of their hard work.

With the investment of time, money and dedication, our Community Club has been transformed. Generations of residents and members will socialize at the pavilions, play in the park and swim in the pool. Thanks to everyone who helped make our wonderful community even better.

### Scale Bugs Attack Brookwood Hills' Trees

By: Nancy Field, Tree Chairman

Many of Brookwood Hills' trees are suffering from an infestation of insects known as "scale". Scale insects cause damage by removing vital plant fluids from their hosts, and are often found on oaks, elms and maples. The symptoms of such damage include dieback (evident where the ends of branches fail to leaf out), stunting of leaves and gnarled branches. If scale populations become large enough, they can eventually cause a tree to die. Arboguard Tree Specialists has recommended that we take measures to manage the scale in Brookwood Hills, because the populations have become quite large and are having an adverse impact on the health of our trees. They have noted the presence of two types of scale insects on neighborhood trees: Obscure Scale and Lecanium Scale. The presence of Lecanium Scale can be detected year-round by looking on twigs for shells of the dead females, which are 1/4" in length, circular, highly convex and brown in color. Beneath these shells are hundreds of pink to white eggs from which crawlers emerge in early spring, and migrate to the leaves where

they feed for up to two months. The presence of Obscure Scale can be detected year-round by looking on twigs for an ovular bark-like shell.

If you think any of your trees (including your street trees!) may be infested with scale, please call Arboguard Tree Specialists, Bartlett Tree Experts or another reputable arborist and ask for recommendations on treatment. For the smallest trees only, an effective and relatively safe approach would be the application of a horticultural oil which is sprayed on the tree and works by asphyxiating the insects. This treatment is not recommended for larger trees in a dense neighborhood setting such as ours because of the extensive spraying of oil that would be required and inevitable "drift". Another safe and possibly effective option would be the release of ladybugs or green lacewings (known predators of scale insects) near infested trees. There are also systemic insecticides containing a product called "Merit" that can be injected into the soil. Please review these options, and their relative pros and cons, with your arborist. If you have other questions or concerns, please call me at 352-0877. Also, please let me know what, if any, steps you take to treat your trees so that we can monitor the situation on a neighborhood-wide basis.