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New Neighbor Party Rings in the Summer

By Caroline Normark

The Brookwood Hills Community Club hosted a Fiesta style party to welcome our new neighbors on Friday, May 20th. This festive evening was a great way to welcome our new neighbors and to kick off the summer season! We enjoyed a delicious Mexican Fiesta by Sol Catering and refreshing margaritas from the ever so popular margarita machine. We were also treated to great music by Gary Vaughn Live.



The party was attended by over 150 Brookwood Hills neighbors. It was a great mix of new and old neighbors. It is always wonderful to have our neighbors there who have lived in the community for many years. Their presence shows our new neighbors what a special place this is to call home. They have so many great stories to share of the "old days" in the neighborhood. We are truly fortunate to live in a neighborhood with such a tight sense of community.

A special thanks goes out to Nathalie Fuson, Sarah Tranakos, Wendy Granot, and Kathryn Stockett for their hard work in making the party the festive occasion that it was. Thanks also to the late night clean up crew - Brad Fuson, Stan Dixon and Leslie Carroll.

Be sure to say hello to our new neighbors when you see them! Happy summer!





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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 at 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. The cell phone number for the neighborhood security patrol is **404-242-3321**.

Welcome to New Board Member John Wheeler

The BWHCC Board is pleased to welcome new member John Wheeler as Board Secretary. John lives on Woodcrest with his wife, Mary Susan, and two children, Winifred (age 22 months) and Jack (age 4 months). John works in investment banking for Cortview Capital Securities.

John has close ties to Brookwood Hills: he grew up on Palisades where his mother, Jane Wheeler, still lives, and his twin sister, Molly Jackson, also lives in the neighborhood with her family. John enjoys reading, golf, swimming and running. He is looking forward to serving the Brookwood Hills community as Secretary.

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Friday, July 8. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 118 Brighton Road.

Champion Tree Tour Draws Tree Experts and Aficionados

By Amanda Baxter

On a unusually cool Sunday in May, a few dozen neighbors from toddlers to octogenarians joined with Eli Dickerson, the Environmental Education Programs Manager for the Fernbank Museum of Natural History, for a tour of the champion trees located in the Brookwood Hills Nature Preserve. An official "Champion Tree" is one that is considered the largest known tree of a particular species. The Georgia Forestry Commission oversees the designation of State of Georgia Champion Trees and Trees Atlanta oversees City Champions.

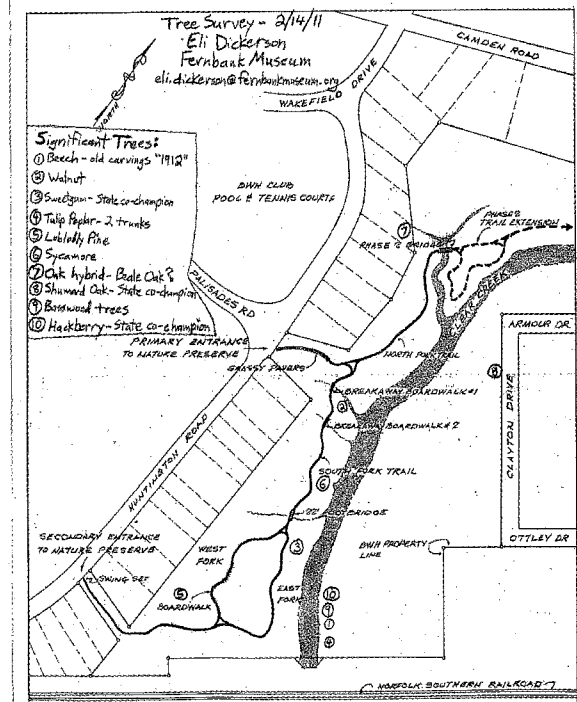
Dickerson, a self-described tree nerd, contacted Brookwood Hills after hearing about a large tree in the Armour Drive area. As part of his work with Trees Atlanta and interest in Champion Trees, he set out to find out the tree. Sure enough, Dickerson located the Shumard Oak, measured it, and confirmed that it was in fact a potential champion state tree. The tree is located on the other side of the creek along Clayton Drive within the Brookwood Hills Nature Preserve. The tree's canopy, however, can be seen from the neighborhood side of the preserve. With permission from the neighborhood, Dickerson explored the Preserve and located several other noteworthy trees, including a Hackberry and Sweetgum. Our three potential champion trees have been submitted for designation and a luncheon honoring the champion trees is planned for next year.

On the tour, Dickerson explained that the Brookwood Hills Nature Preserve is one of the most productive floodplain forests in the city in terms of overall tree size (height and circumference) and diversity. Our forest species are quite similar to that of Herbert Taylor Park in the Morningside neighborhood. Dickerson noted on the tour that it is "entirely possible that many of these trees date back to the Civil War and possibly pre-Civil war."

Dickerson's tour was entertaining and informative, and we hope to have him return for more tours. In the meantime, the Neighborhood will continue to protect these trees through conservation and invasive species control. Neighbors will be able to more easily view these species once the trail work (which is currently marred in the red tape of City permitting) is completed.

If you are interested in working on issues associated with the Preserve, please join

the Brookwood Hills Nature Preserve Committee by contacting Amanda Baxter at aczabor@gmail.com.



Neighborhood Bicycle Sale

On Saturday, June 11, a neighborhood bicycle sale was held in Brookwood Hills Park. The event, organized by Betsy Armentrout and Liz Davies, drew children and adults from throughout the neighborhood to buy and sell their used bicycles, scooters and tricycles. While David Lee and Harold Salomon ran the "pit stop" where light maintenance was per-



formed on the bikes, the path around the park was used as a "test track" for potential buyers. In all approximately 35-40 bikes were sold, ranging in price from \$12 to \$550. Unsold bikes were donated to Foster Care Support Foundation (fostercares.com) in Roswell, GA. (Photos by Betsy Armentrout)

New Members List

Thank you to all our new neighbors who joined the BWHCC for 2011. The following is a list of new members since mid-May. Please contact Mary Long at 5longs@bellsouth.net if any of the below information is incorrect.

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Type</u>
Byrne	152 Brighton	A	Harris	23 Northwood	A
Churchill	10 Palisades	B	Hurt	24 Wakefield	A
Decker	130 Brighton	A	Koch/Yip	80 Palisades	A
Dobbs	272 Brighton	A	Kuykendall	18 Camden	A
Drinan	77 Huntington	A	Leithleiter	17 Camden	A
Fetta	115 Huntington	A	Whitcomb	9 Palisades	A

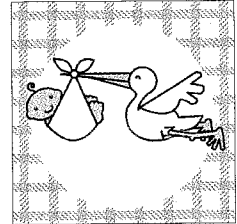
Membership Types: A = Pool and Tennis Privileges; B = Social Privileges Only; S = Senior Membership for Pool and Tennis

Parking Cones at Pool Area

Orange traffic cones have been placed along the curb on Parkdale and Huntington on the opposite sides of the pool and park. This was due to traffic congestion and safety concerns about emergency vehicles access. In addition there was very poor visibility for drivers of bikers and pedestrians coming and going around the pool and park. The cones will remain in place for the entire pool season.

New Arrival

Congratulations to John and Mary Susan Wheeler of Woodcrest Ave., who welcome John Douglass Wheeler, Jr. (nicknamed Jack) to the family. Jack was born on February 21 and joins big sister Winifred.



Don't Forget The Trees!

The summer heat and drought is upon us. Please remember to WATER, WATER, WATER all trees (especially the street trees). Recently planted street trees (within the last two years) need approximately 15 gallons of water a week (all at one time is best). Fifteen gallons is three large "home depot buckets" worth, or about eight minutes of hose "run time." The large established street trees can use as much water as a homeowner can spare --it is best to give them a thorough soaking once a week rather than less water more often -- placing the hose in the root zone and letting it run for 30 minutes would be terrific.

Fourth of July

We hope to see you all for what promises to be a fun and festive 4th of July! We will once again kick off the day with a neighborhood parade starting at the corner of Huntington and Wakefield. We will begin to line up at 11:45 with the parade start at 12:00. Decorate your bike, scooter, wagon, stroller, electric car, or yourself! Wave a flag, twirl a baton, make a float - anything patriotic goes! We will serve lunch from 12:15 - 1:00 in the park. At 1:00 the park games will begin and then we're off to the pool for more fun and afternoon pool games. A big thank you goes to our generous sponsor Ledbetter, Wanamaker, Glass LLP.

CALENDAR

Fourth of July Neighborhood Party - Monday, July 4, BWH Park

Next BWHCC Board Meeting - Monday, July 11, 7:15 PM (Location TBD)

C L A S S I F I E D S

ISR Swimming Instructor - Tanja Blume-Jantos recommends Gina Torjak, Infant Swimming Resource instructor at Aqua Kids Swimming (www.aquakidsswimming.com). Through the Infant Swimming Resource method, children 6 months - 6 years learnt o swim early, and to rescue themselves in case they accidentally fall in water. Gina Torjak also teaches in private and neighborhood pools.

Pressure Washing - Karen Grice would like to recommend rising Woodward Academy junior, Ben Walker, for pressure washing. Please call Ben of Ben Walker's Pressure Washing Services at 404-355-2792 or text message him at 404-509-9160. Additional references readily available. Ben has been pressure washing for two summers.

Housekeeper/Ironer - Liz Primm on Brighton Road is pleased to recommend Gwen Calloway who has worked for the Primms for the past five years. Gwen is an experienced housekeeper/ironer and companion for elderly individuals. She is honest, dependable, kind and irons beautifully. Gwen is looking for work two Mondays monthly from 10:30 – 2:00 in the Brookwood Hills, Collier Hills, Peachtree Hills, or Garden Hills area. For further information, please call Gwen at (678) 644-3864 or call Liz Primm at (404) 351-4755.

Extra Herbie-Curbie Available - If you need an extra city-issued green Herbie Curbie please call Karen Klare at 404.352.0101, 101 Brighton Rd. No charge.

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