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Important Information About Penny-Tax Transportation Referendum

By Jim Stokes, Co-chair, BWH NPU/Zoning Committee

On July 31, the 10-county metro Atlanta region will decide whether to approve a one-cent sales tax over a 10-year period that will provide \$7.2 million to construct 157 road improvement and transit projects needed to combat traffic congestion. Metro Atlanta is years behind in providing funding for required transportation improvements. In addition to combating traffic congestion, a favorable vote will also produce major economic development, particularly around new transit stations, and 200,000 jobs that will be created or saved as a result of the construction and operation of these projects.

If we vote against the referendum, we will incur even more traffic congestion. We will also vote to consign Atlanta to an uncertain future, allowing cities like Charlotte, Dallas, Denver and Seattle to surge ahead of us in the competition for new corporate headquarters. We will be voting to stay in the past while other cities have voted to move into the future.

Passage of the referendum will result in major road improvements north of I-20 and south of the Atlanta city limits that will benefit us. These projects will include improvements to Peachtree, Roswell/Piedmont, Northside Drive, Howell Mill, Moores Mill, 14th Street, 10th Street and other roads.

The referendum will also result in a light rail line from the MARTA Lindbergh Station to Emory/CDC, which is the only major Atlanta employment center not served by a major road or transit line. There will be a light rail or bus line from the MARTA Arts Center Station through Atlantic Station to the Cumberland area and then to Marietta and on to the rest of Cobb County.

In addition, passage of the referendum will result in the construction of the first part of the Atlanta BeltLine transit system. This line will go west from the old Sears store/City Hall East which is now Ponce City Market, being redeveloped by the company led by our neighbor, Katherine Kelley. On its westward path, this line will go by Georgia Tech, Coca-Cola, and then to the west side of the BeltLine, and south from there. This line will also go north from Ponce City Market to a station in Virginia Highland and continue to a station near Park Tavern at 10th and Monroe, which is adjacent to Piedmont Park and the Morningside neighborhood.

Our Brookwood Hills neighborhood will benefit from the road improvements in north Atlanta as well as from the new transit lines.

So please turn out to vote on July 31. If you are not going to be in town, you can obtain an absentee ballot and vote. And please encourage your friends, neighbors and colleagues to vote as well.



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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**.

A Reminder Regarding Litter in the Park

Please remind your children to use the trash receptacles located throughout the park and pool area. There has been an increasing amount of litter strewn around the park lately. Thank you all for your cooperation and your help in keeping the park enjoyable for everyone.



BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Friday, July 13. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 118 Brighton Road.

Congratulations Peachtree Jr. Participants!

By Lisa Barnhart

It was a beautiful morning on May 19th at Piedmont Park when the 1st Brookwood Hills Peachtree Jr. Team laced up their running shoes and completed the 1.8 mile (3K) event. The team consisted of kids from Westminster, E. Rivers, Pace, the Cathedral Pre-school, Christ the King, The Atlanta International School, Woodward Academy and Sutton. The kids (7-12 year olds) were easily recognized as they donned their lime green tie-dye t-shirts. As the kids began warming up for the race, their parents enjoyed conversation and a cup of coffee.



Many of the kids completed the 6-week training session taking place 3 days a week. They began with a .5 mile run and worked up to 1.5 miles. A special

congratulations to Casey Gentry (12) who has participated in every Peachtree Jr. since she was 6 years old (she used her sister's number before she was 7). Her persistence landed her picture in the AJC and an interview that was featured on local Fox news. Ryan Watson(10), Grace Armstrong (9), and Caroline Cox's(12) diligence and consistency paid off as they completed their first Peachtree Jr. Caroline and Dylan Clemons (8 & 7) had a great time in their first race and plan to participate next year. Fiona O'Halloran (9), an old timer to the event, was a wonderful encourager for the new participants. Alanna Pearson (11) rushed to training even after grueling soccer, volleyball and lacrosse practices. Andrei Dan (10), an accomplished runner, was an enthusiastic coach for all the runners. Ben and Mira Solomon (11 & 8) joined in the training when they could between different sporting activities. Mira had a good race while Ben was out of town (we missed you). For those of you who couldn't make the training but participated in the event...congratulations! Keep running!



GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anne Abernethy, DVM, graduated from The College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia on May 5, 2012. She has been matched for a small animal rotating internship at the Veterinary Speciality Center of Tuscon in Arizona.

Austin Campbell Gitomer of 209 Brighton Road, daughter of Meg Campbell and Rick Gitomer, graduated from Vassar College.

Alex Long, son of Mary and Bill Long of Montclair Drive, graduated from Williams College with a double major in political science and environmental studies. Alex will spend 2013 in Malaysia on a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship.

Sam Ross followed his three older brothers in graduating from Pace Academy. He will be attending Georgia State University this fall.

Caroline White of 50 Woodcrest Ave. graduated from Woodward Academy and will be attending Sewanee: The University of the South.



Please Do Not Leave Food Out For Stray Animals in the Neighborhood

It seems some well-intentioned neighbors have been leaving cat food on the sidewalks in parts of the neighborhood. While these neighbors may be hoping to benefit a hungry stray, please be aware that the food is more likely to attract animals that can be a nuisance and a hazard, such as rats, raccoons, coyotes, and other animals that can pose a threat to our pets and residents. (In some instances food is even being left outside the houses of cats who are neither stray nor underfed, and the extra food is both unnecessary and unsightly!)

Stray animals, as well as wild animals who become accustomed to being fed by humans, can pose a serious threat. Raccoons, while cute, can injure pets, destroy property, and carry rabies or distemper. A few weeks ago a pack of stray dogs roaming the neighborhood killed two cats before being driven away. There have also been instances of a fox sighted on Northwood Avenue who came very close to a neighbor's back door during the middle of the day. Because this is highly unusual behavior for a wild animal, it may indicate that the animal is ill, or that the animal has previously been fed by people and is looking for a handout. Either way, it is best to keep our distance from wild and feral animals. Please do not to encourage contact with them by putting out food for them.

NEW NEIGHBOR PARTY

On Friday, May 18th a beautiful evening was enjoyed with new neighbors and old at the BWH New Neighbor Party. The party was sponsored by Dan Granot and Alan Joel of Joel and Granot Commercial Real Estate, and Stan Dixon of D. Stanley Dixon Architect. The party co-chairs, Debra Gephardt, Terri Comer and Angela Smock did an outstanding job. Catering was provided by Five Star Catering, and former neighbor Alex Ottley served up delicious shish kabobs and various salads. Brookwood Hills' own band, Clear Creek Revival, which includes neighbors Ed Katz, Mitch Wickland, Dan Malino, Tom Dierdorff and Jon Hedgepeth were a big hit and had everybody dancing.



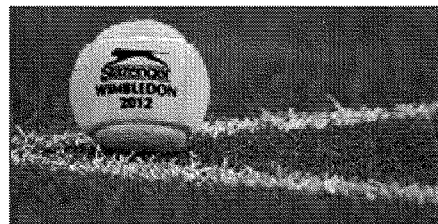
EXCITING NEW TENNIS PROGRAM AT BWH

Tennis instructor Jake Martyn will be introducing a new tennis program at Brookwood Hills in the fall, and this summer Jake will organize a couple of tennis mixers for the neighborhood.

On Friday, June 29th, the First Wimbledon Tennis Mixer will take place at the BWH tennis courts from 6:30 to 9:00. Join us at the tennis courts for a fun evening of competitive tennis, Pimm's cups and cheeses and Wimbledon on the big screen. Limit is 16 people, all levels are welcome. Sign up with a partner or we will find one for you. \$15 per person. White clothing mandatory.

To sign up or for more info please contact brookwoodhillstennisprogram12@gmail.com.

(Coming this fall: Junior tennis clinics at Brookwood Hills!)



C L A S S I F I E D S

Nanny Wanted - Mary Paige and David Adams will soon begin interviewing candidates for a nanny to watch their two infant children (Ages 1 and Newborn) beginning in December 2012. The perfect candidate would have a car (to pick up child number #3 from school in Buckhead), have several references and be willing to do some light housework. Please forward recommendations to david-winstonadams@gmail.com.

Ben Walker's Pressure Washing Service - Ben Walker is a rising senior at Woodward Academy and has been pressure washing in the area over the past three years. Call or text Ben at 404-509-9160 to schedule an appointment. Rates \$40 and up. Many references available.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Please join us in welcoming the Kolker family, new neighbors on Camden Road. Jan and Glenn are moving from Peachtree Hills with their children Weldon (age 12), Helen (age 11), and their two-year old lab, Doc. Glenn works in commercial real estate for Cassidy Turley.

CALENDAR

First BWH Wimbledon Tennis Mixer - Friday, June 29th, 6:30-9:00 at BWH tennis courts

July BWH Board Meeting - Monday, July 9th, 7:15 PM, location TBD

Fourth of July BWH Parade and Picnic - Wednesday, July 4th, 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM. In the BWH Park



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