



# BrookNotes

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## Long Range Planning A Must

By Alison Caughman with Rod Cook

At the 2008 Annual Membership Meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club held January 27<sup>th</sup>, Rod Cook gave a riveting presentation on the work of the neighborhood's Long Range Planning Committee. Titled "Managing Our Future: Preserving Our Heritage," Rod's talk described the importance of being proactive in shaping and responding to the big changes underway on Peachtree Road between I-85 and Peachtree Battle Avenue. Brookwood Hills is surrounded by rapid growth with competing development plans. The pace of change is approaching avalanche speed. There may have been a time when neighborhoods could stall or kill development simply by saying "No," but that will not work anymore. Rod stated that Brookwood Hills must be smart and creative as it works with the developers and local government bodies to ensure positive outcomes from the transformations along our stretch of Peachtree Road. He identified five "challenges" which could more positively be described as "opportunities:"

- The new buildings certain to come on Peachtree Road and the attendant increase in density along the street. Can it ever become pedestrian-friendly? Can we encourage signature buildings as opposed to the plain vanilla variety? Plans are to turn Peachtree from a six lane to a four lane road and perhaps one day have streetcar service. How will that affect traffic flow? Done right, what is being proposed could truly be wonderful and add value to the neighborhood. Done wrong, it could be a nightmare.
- The future of Armour Park. The City of Atlanta currently is planning for the Armour Park area to remain zoned industrial, but it may well segue into a high density mixed use community of perhaps 20,000 residents. Connecting it to MARTA is very much a possibility. And there is talk of a major new road by Armour Park, dubbed "Peachtree Creek Parkway," which would connect Piedmont Road to Peachtree along the creek in the Peachtree Hills neighborhood and up Peachtree Park Drive (the road running between Fresh Market and Benihana).
- The location of the Beltline. There are no plans for the transit portion of the Beltline to cross Brookwood Hills property. Nevertheless the BWHCC is continuing to discuss routes for the PATH trail, to ensure that it will not violate the conservation easement protecting the Club's property along the creek, nor diminish the value of the Club's property held on the other side of the creek, outside the conservation easement area
- Erosion, flooding, and pollution along Clear Creek and Peachtree Creek.
- The very likely redevelopment of the Darlington and Brookwood Valley Apartment properties into one very high density residential community. (Continued on Page 7)



## BROOKNOTES

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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.

## Time to Renew BWHCC Membership

The 2008 membership dues for BWHCC members are now due. You should have received both an email and a postcard in the regular mail with instructions on renewing online. The Board voted for a small dues increase this year, with 2008 rates as follows:

A-\$700    B-\$275    S-\$470    C-\$750

A Members are neighborhood residents with full privileges. B Members are neighborhood residents with club use but no swim or tennis privileges. S Members are neighborhood residents with full privileges and one or more household members age 60 or older. C Members live outside the neighborhood and have full privileges. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please log on to [www.brookwoodhills.com](http://www.brookwoodhills.com) and follow the payment instructions.

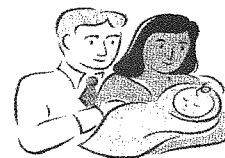
**The deadline for renewing is March 15th. Unpaid members will be assessed a late fee of \$100 on March 31st.**

Brookwood Hills residents who are not members but would like to join should contact one of the Membership Co-Chairs: Gary Sayers at 404-808-4279 or Mitch Wickland at 404-343-2631. Initiation fees are \$2,900 for A Members, \$1,500 for S Members, and \$3,500 for C Members. There is no initiation fee for B Membership. The wait list for C Membership has grown to over 400 names and has now been closed, a testament to the popularity of our Club. As always, thanks for your support of Brookwood Hills!

Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is April 9th, 2008. Submissions may be e-mailed to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com) or dropped off at 22 Northwood Avenue.

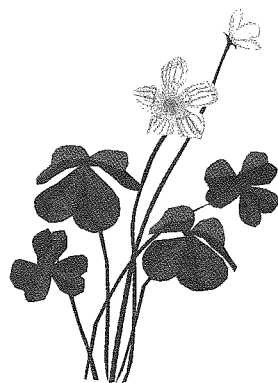
## New Faces

By Patti and Sarah



- Congratulations to Lora and Geoffrey Fishman of 121 Huntington Road. On Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> they welcomed Sarah Jean Fishman, 20 inches and 7 pounds, 6 ounces into the world. Two year old twin siblings Will and Helen are excited about the prospect of having a new playmate.
- Don and Jennifer Webster of 91 Huntington Road are pleased to announce the arrival of twin daughters on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Jordan Grace weighed in at 19 inches and 5 pounds, 10 ounces. Sarah Katelyn arrived at 17 inches and 4 pounds, 8 ounces. Don is a professor at Georgia Tech and has lived in Brookwood Hills since 1997. Jennifer has lived in Brookwood Hills since their wedding in 2005 and is a real estate agent at Jenny Pruitt and Associates. Mom is recovering nicely, and the girls are healthy and happy.
- The renovation construction on the home of David and Zoe Hersey at 45 Brighton Road is nearly complete. David is a dentist in private practice at the Cobb Galleria. Zoe is an artist represented locally by Fay Gold Gallery and in New York City by Littlejohn Contemporary. They share three children (Andrea, a physical therapist in San Diego; Jordan, a sculptor and student at SCAD/Atlanta; and Zachary, a pre-dentistry major at Georgia Tech) and three cats.
- Caroline and Paul Normark have moved from Garden Hills to 150 Huntington Road. Paul is in business development with EMC and Caroline has her own interior design business. Daughters Eliza (7) and Larson (4) attend Trinity School and Mary Ellis (3) is enrolled in the pre-school at Second Ponce.
- Dave and Cate Bennett have moved from Manhattan to 54 Camden Road. Dave is working with Ben Carter Properties on their fabulous Streets of Buckhead Project.
- Jane and Chris Nagle moved last month from Morningside to 100 Palisades Road. Chris is originally from Albany, NY and Jane hails from Mobile. Chris is a managing partner at The Alexander Group, Inc. and Jane is a math resource coordinator teaching 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at The Westminster Schools. They are looking forward to the birth of their baby boy, due in July.
- Benoit and Sandra Noel recently relocated from the Chastain area to 205 Camden Road. Six months ago they came to Atlanta from Reims, in the Champagne area of France. Benoit works for the aerospace company Manoir Industries. They have two sons, Hugo (7), a student at the Atlanta International School and Jean (3), enrolled at Crème de la Crème.
- Tom and Katherine Dierdorff moved from Charlotte to 22 Woodcrest Avenue in September. They have a 5 month old daughter Julia, Scout the dog and Seychelle the cat. Tom works in Insurance Corporate Finance at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey and Katherine telecommutes for the Government Services Division of the Washington, DC management consulting firm DTI Associates, Inc.

## Save the Date!



**Don't miss the Brookwood Hills  
Garden Club gala 80th  
Anniversary Celebration and  
Live Auction.**

**Saturday, April 26th, 2008**

**Come celebrate under the tent  
over the tennis courts. Dance to  
the music of the Mike Veal Band.  
Bid on wonderful auction items to  
support our Garden Club. Look  
for invitations coming soon.**

## Brookwood Hills and the Southeastern Flower Show

*By Micki Gambrell*

The 2008 Southeastern Flower Show was held recently at the Georgia World Congress Center, and many Brookwood Hills neighbors participated either as exhibitors and/or as volunteers. Caroline Gilham and Priscilla Hopkins dominated the mass flower arrangement class, garnering several awards. They won the *Louise Brown Hastings* trophy (for best mass arrangement using only fresh plant material), the *Peachtree Garden Club* trophy (for best artistic arrangement using only fresh cut plant material), and the *National Garden Clubs Medal – Artistic* (for the exhibit in Artistic Floral Design judged by an NGC panel to be the finest, A Blue Ribbon winner). Elizabeth Martin helped with Peachtree Garden Club's Garden Design Division entry, which won the *Mary Wylie McCarty* trophy (for best exhibit in Garden Design). Kay Ottley created a beautiful mass flower arrangement for the Artistic Floral Design Division. And Micki Gambrell had two entries in the Horticultural Division, while at the same time holding down the huge job of Juried Competition Chair. Two of our neighbors are previous Show Chairs and currently serve on the Board of Trustees for the Southeastern Flower Show – Sara Jean Burke and Caroline Gilham (who was also responsible for the production of the show's Exhibitor's Guide). Other neighbors who volunteered at the 2008 Show include Terry Banta, Kathy Bernhardt, Alison Caughman, Linda Copeland, Jan Irvin, Marilyn Kohla, Elizabeth Nadal, Kay Ottley, Sudie Palmer, Harvey Ross and Sallie Topfl. Micki Gambrell even recruited ex-BWHers Lisa Bankoff, Carey Peard and Barbara Slick to participate.

The Southeastern Flower Show is an independent, nonprofit, volunteer-based organization that is dedicated to promoting horticultural excellence and the conservation of our natural environment. The theme for the 2009 Southeastern Flower Show is "Romance in the Garden" and preparations are already underway. Next year's show will be the first under the newly created Southeastern Horticultural Society which was modeled after the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, the sponsor of the renowned Philadelphia Flower Show. So mark your calendars for January 28 – February 1, 2009. For more information about the Flower Show please visit the website at [www.flowershow.org](http://www.flowershow.org).

## 2008 BWH Community Club Social Activities

By Burch Hanson and Wendy Granot, Social Committee Co-Chairs

On behalf of the Brookwood Hills Community Club Board, we are looking forward to another year of celebrations in the park and pool in 2008. By the time you receive this issue we will have already enjoyed Spring Fling in the park, sponsored by Patti Junger, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. We hope you will join us for the rest of our community events.

### **New Neighbor Party — Sponsored by Dan Granot & Company**

*Friday, May 16, 2008 - 7:00 pm*

We will welcome our newest neighbors to this fantastic neighborhood with a poolside cocktail party hosted by the Brookwood Hills Board. This is a wonderful opportunity not only to meet new neighbors, but also to reconnect with old friends.

### **Fourth of July Picnic**

*Friday, July 4, 2008 - 12:00 - 1:30 pm*

After participating in or watching your friends, family, and neighbors run the Peachtree Road Race, why not come down to the park for some good old-fashioned American fun? We are planning a big bang for this one. You will not want to miss it!

### **Ice Cream Social — Sponsored by Sarah Hagood, Broker/Neighbor, Specialty Homes**

*Sunday, September 14, 2008 - 3:30 - 5:00 pm*

On the day of the pool closing we will have our annual ice cream social and dog swim. There will be train rides and many fun activities in the park for all to enjoy, followed by the one annual BWH event spotlighting our canine neighbors — the Dog Swim!

### **Halloween Party - Sponsored by Joe Noah & Associates**

*October 31, 2008 - 4:30 - 6:00 pm*

On the spookiest of eves, we want to see you all decked out in your Halloween best at the park! Our party will kick off the neighborhood trick-or-treating with a haunted house, pizza, and prizes awarded for outstanding costumes to children and adults alike.

This year we will be sending e-vite invitations for each party, and signs will be posted at our neighborhood entrances before each event as well. We are looking forward to planning and enjoying these special times of year with you and your families. If you would like information on sponsorships, or if you would like to volunteer to help at any of these parties, please call one of us. Wendy can be reached at 404/733-6130 and Burch is at 404/352-1172.

## Swim Team and Dive Team News

The BWH Swim Team and the BWH Dive Team are implementing an online registration system this year. Starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, parents can enroll their children by going to [www.brookwoodhills.com](http://www.brookwoodhills.com). On Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> the fabulous BWH coaches will have a "meet and greet" at the park from noon to 3 pm. Swim team practices will begin on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and the first meet will take place on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Other calendar details will be posted on the website by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Dive practices will begin in mid-May. Dual dive meets are scheduled for May 28, June 4, 11, and 18. The Championship Dive Meet will be held June 25/26. No previous experience is required to join the Dive Team.

For families new to the neighborhood, the swim and dive teams are wonderful activities for K-12 children. Anyone with questions about the Swim Team should contact Swim Team Mom Joanne Fitzgerald at [johnfitzgerald@bellsouth.net](mailto:johnfitzgerald@bellsouth.net). Questions about the Dive Team should be directed to Dive Team Parent Representative Sheridan Watson at [patrickwatson@comcast.net](mailto:patrickwatson@comcast.net).

## Your Security Team Says Thanks

By Brian Stanley

This past holiday season approximately 150 Brookwood Hills families contributed nearly \$12,000 to the bonus fund for the four dedicated police officers who make up our private security patrol. They want everyone to know the great impact these bonus dollars have on their families. Thank you to everyone who contributed and to the Board Members who assisted in this worthwhile project. We are truly blessed to live in such a beautiful area and are fortunate to have a committed security force watching over our families and homes while we are sleep or away.

## Georgia Tech Studies Neighborhoods

By Alison Caughman



Georgia Tech's Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development is conducting a study funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation about how neighborhoods affect health and quality of life. The researchers are trying to measure how the design, amenities, major institutions and new developments near a neighborhood impact the health and quality of life of its residents. The goal is to formulate recommendations on designs, policies and practices to improve community health.

Brookwood Hills is one of the neighborhoods being studied and all adult residents are being asked to take an online 10 minute survey of opinions on how these things affect you. The survey can be found at [www.cqgrd.gatech.edu/HIASurvey](http://www.cqgrd.gatech.edu/HIASurvey) (that's a "Q" after the "C") or you can request a paper version by calling 404-385-5133.

## **(Long Range Planning a Must, continued from Page 1)**

The Long Range Planning Committee is drafting a document that currently has over 90 recommendations. Rod summarized them into seven bullet points:

- Do everything we can to strengthen the Community Club's leadership.
- Embrace proactive as opposed to reactive decision-making.
- Be an advocate for sensible development rather than a barrier to any development.
- Invest in amenity improvements within the neighborhood (as is being done with the conservation easement funds).
- Protect the ambiance of Brookwood Hills.
- Increase our neighborhood's political influence by getting to know and help educate our political leadership.
- Form alliances with other groups, such as nearby neighborhood civic associations and organizations devoted to the sensible growth and development of our area.

Eight of our neighbors have already invested countless hours into the work of the Long Range Planning Committee. Besides Rod who lives on New Camden, they are Frank Bellavia on Montclair, Katherine Kelley on Upper Camden, Joe Gardner and Bill Magruder, both on Brighton, Alex Summers and Hayes Wilson, both on Huntington, and Jerry Luxemburger on Palisades.

They are doing important work and welcome your input and ideas.

## **Airport Tip**

By Alison Caughman

Ever lost anything traveling through Hartsfield-Jackson Airport? There is a link on the airport's website to report a lost item, with the promise that "within 3 to 5 business days the search for your item will begin." That wasn't a good enough answer for us when my husband's passport didn't make it through the TSA checkpoint and a little detective work unearthed the Lost and Found department (and soon thereafter the passport). So put this information in your blackberry or rolodex!

There is one centralized Lost and Found for the entire airport. The staff members are very friendly and helpful. You can call the office directly at 404/530-22100, Ext. 0 between 9 AM and 5 PM Monday through Friday to find out if they have your item. If they have it they will mail it to you COD or you can pick it up at the office, located in the North Terminal near the American Airlines counter. Look for the Jamaica Airlines counter and behind it there is an elevator, with Lost and Found one flight up.

## CALENDAR

- **Monday, March 3rd** — **New Garbage, Yard Waste & Recycling Collection Date Began,**
- **Saturday, March 15th** — **Deadline to Pay Membership Dues,** details page 2.
- **Tuesday, April 1st** — **Online Swim and Dive Team Registration Begins,** details page 6.
- **Monday, April 7th** — **BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:15 pm,** at the home of Simms Jenkins, 331 Camden Road. All residents welcome.
- **Saturday, April 19th** — **Swim and Dive Team Meet & Greet,** details page 6.
- **Saturday, April 26th** — **BWH Garden Club Anniversary Celebration & Live Auction,** details page 4
- **Monday, April 28th** — **Swim Team Practice Begins,** details page 6.

## Coyote Update

The trapper hired by the Community Club to check the club property for coyotes two or three times a year recently reported very little activity. He is recommending not to place traps right now, but to check again when more of the kudzu has been removed.

**C L A S S I F I E D S**

**Brookwood Hills Summer Camp Counselor Needed.** I am looking for several capable teenagers (age 15 and up) to help run a summer camp at Brookwood Hills Pool/Park for up to 12 children. Three of the campers will be my own children, ages 8, 10 and 12. May 23rd through mid-August, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. I am thinking of structured time with activities like swimming, tennis, baseball, soccer, football, lacrosse, and reading time. I will help with the daily routine and schedule. If we get several teenagers the job could be shared, allowing for a flexible schedule with plenty of days off. Please call or email Morre McCollum at 404-313-6521 or morre.mccollum@interfaceflor.com.

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