



# BrookNotes

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## Progress in the Park!!

Tremendous progress has been made on the construction in the Brookwood Hills park. As you can see from these pictures things are moving right along.

The project is currently on time and within budget. The target completion date is mid-May.

We want to have the facilities open and available for Memorial Day weekend. If you are thinking about using the park for a function prior to Memorial Day, please consider an alternate location, we cannot make any commitments that construction will be complete or the various areas will be ready.

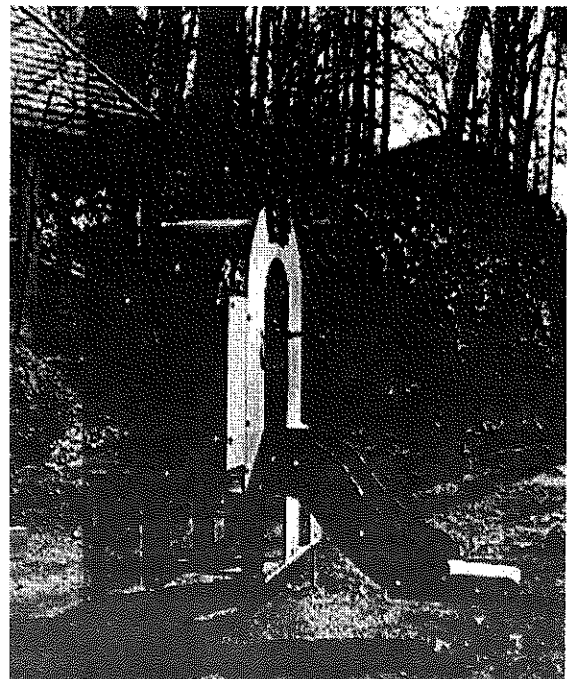
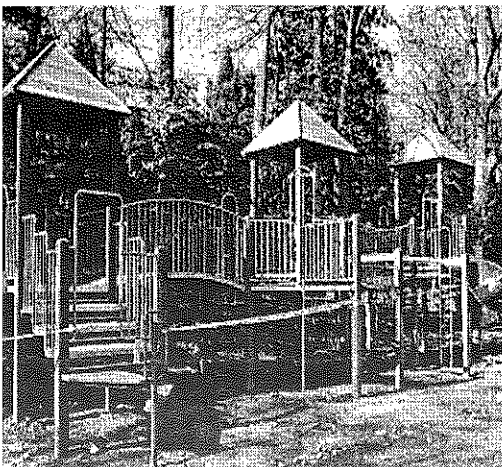
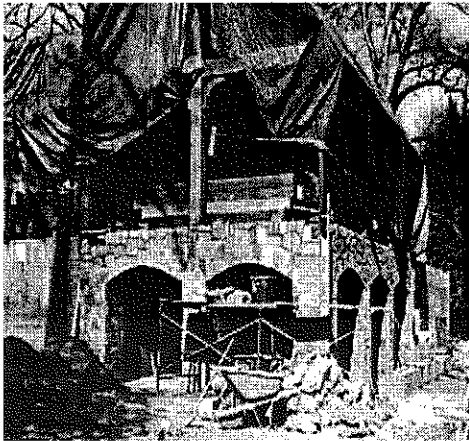
Some of the final

tasks to be done (such as laying the sod in the park and refinishing the pool deck) will require the right weather and must be left undisturbed,

for a period of time, after the work is completed.

This effort was a big commitment for the neighborhood and as the work progresses everyone is started to get very excited about the beautiful facilities that we will have access to.

While many neighbors have stopped by to check on the progress, please keep in mind that this is a construction area. The best place to keep up with the changes that are being made is from the outside of the beautiful new fence.





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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.

## Letter from the Editor:

As many of you know, Maureen Zent and I have taken over editorship of Brooknotes from the very capable hands of Nicole Cook and Lauren Monroe. Nicole and Lauren have set a high standard that Maureen and I hope we can live up to. Since taking this position many neighbors have come up to me and said how they look forward to receiving their Brooknotes each month and that it is the "one thing you know everyone in the neighborhood reads". With these big shoes to fill, Maureen and I started talking about how we could contribute to making Brooknotes even better.

As it turns out, fortune smiled upon us! Sims Bray, Brookwood Hills neighbor and publisher of Veranda magazine was gracious enough to spend his free time working out some new design ideas for Brooknotes and creating a new and improved newsletter template. I have incorporated many of his ideas into this issue. I hope you find, as I did, that it improves the readability and provides Brooknotes with a more modern look and feel.

Maureen and I would appreciate any comments that you have regarding these changes and any suggestions you have for the future. We have set up an email address at [brooknotes@yahoo.com](mailto:brooknotes@yahoo.com). Please feel free to use this for any Brooknotes contributions, questions or general comments.

It is your contributions that make Brooknotes something that people look forward to reading every month—thank you for your support and again a special thanks to Sims for his hard work and great ideas.

Sincerely,

Laurie Hood

Contributions for the next issue of Brooknotes need to be received by Wednesday, April 3rd. Email them to [brooknotes@yahoo.com](mailto:brooknotes@yahoo.com)

## The BWH Garden Club—A Commitment to the Neighborhood

At the first meeting of the Brookwood Hills Garden Club on April 29, 1938, the members agreed that the club's primary purpose was to be the improvement and beautification of Brookwood Hills. The club has followed that directive throughout its long history, financing its many projects with ambitious fund raisers. The first, an October 1938 Carnival which concluded with a dance in the empty pool, was staged to raise money for the proposed purchase of land adjacent to the neighborhood pool. When the developer donated the 5.8 acres to the neighborhood, the funds were re-directed toward beautification.

The park has continued to be the major recipient of Garden Club labor and money. Subsequent fundraisers such as bake sales, harvest festivals, home tours and progressive cocktail parties have funded our annual planting of flowers and new shrubs at the pool, and numerous plantings and park improvements. In the 1970's, the club instigated a major park renovation to win local, state and

national awards. Members planted ivy on eroded banks, refurbished play equipment, put liriope and around the borders, added azaleas and dogwood trees, filled in an leveled low areas, planted an watered grass on the playing field, and established a nature trail and bird sanctuary. An expert was hired to identify the native flora on the park's botanically unique bank of largely undisturbed forest. Using San D'Angelo's donated plans, the club re-landscaped the entrances to the pool and park and provided the tables, benches and arbors in the open picnic area. In 1986, the club donated \$1,500 and labor for the entrance plantings in the park's most recent design.

In 1982, the Garden Club spearheaded a two-year study of the neighborhood's aging water oaks and provided \$1,000 in seed money for their preservation and replacement. The club has sponsored Girl Scout and Eagle Scout projects, which have improved the park and buffer zones.

As a 50th anniversary gift to the

neighborhood, the Garden Club re-landscaped the Brighton and Palisades entrance islands, an effort that followed the club's initial island landscaping over 40 years earlier, based on a plan by the late H.Boyer Marx, the husband of the club's only two term president. The \$11,000 for the project came from two Garden Club extravaganzas—a gal 50th Anniversary Cocktail Party held in the park and a highly successful Brunch/Auction.

In 1992, the Garden Club raised \$6,300 through a silent and live auction to fund reforestation of our lovely tree shaded streets. Forty young willow oaks were planted to replace trees removed due to disease and old age. In 1995, an \$18,000 joint venture with BWHCC rebuilt the sidewalks around the park, replacing trees, brick walkways, and adding mondo grass plots. The 1996 Auction raised a spectacular \$30,000 much of which was designated for Reforestation after the devastating and infamous Hurricane Opal

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## N E I G H B O R N E W S

As part of the new look and feel of Brooknotes and to provide you with up to date information regarding who has moved into the neighborhood and who has had new additions to the family. We would like to expand the "New Faces" section into a "Neighbor News" section. This section will cover new neighbors and babies, but we also want to include other exciting things going on with our neighbors (such as publishing a book or making Eagle Scout). We are working to put a system in place with regular contributors to this section, in the interim or at anytime if you have "Neighbor News" please send us an email at [brooknotes@yahoo.com](mailto:brooknotes@yahoo.com).

## BWH Friends—Spring Fundraiser for CHOA

Brookwood Hills Friends, a volunteer group to benefit Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, is in full bloom this spring with our seasonal effort to help raise money for CHOA. This year, we are selling Pike's gift certificates that are same-as-cash at any retail Pike's location. These certificates are valid for one full year, through February 2003. Pike's will donate a percentage of the sale of these certificates directly to CHOA. Last year through city-wide efforts, Pike's donated 30% of the sales—over \$34,000! The more we sell, the more they donate! Our group has set an attainable goal of \$5,000 in sales. Please help us achieve this goal.

Friends members are canvassing the neighborhood with order forms. Simply complete the form, indicating the number of certificates desired (\$25 each), attach your check (payable to CHOA) or complete the credit card information (Visa, Master Card, Discover or American Express) and return to your Friends representative no later than May 1st. Friends will deliver the certificates right to your



**Children's**  
Healthcare of Atlanta

home. Remember, these certificates can be used through February 2003 and are ideal gifts for Mother's Day, teachers, co-workers, yourself, anyone!

For the past two years, Friends has raised money for CHOA through our annual Symphony in the Park. Due to the ongoing park renovation, BWH Friends has postponed the Symphony until September. In our new-and-improved park, the Symphony will be better than ever. For now, Pike's gift certificate sales will be our only fundraiser this season. Please make our neighborhood more beautiful than ever while helping CHOA.

Through the dedication of our members and the generous support of our neighbors like you, BWH Friends is making a difference in the lives of children and their families.

If you have any questions or would like more forms to sell to friends or co-workers, please contact Amy Mattingly (404) 352-3571.

## Learn More About Your City Council Members

At the Brookwood Hills annual meeting in January, attendees had the opportunity to hear from Atlanta City Council President Cathy Woolard and District 7 City Council Member Howard Shook.

Prior to being elected City Council President, Cathy Woolard served as Atlanta's District Six Councilmember from 1998 to 2001. She served on the Atlanta City Council Public Safety and Finance/Executive committees and was chairperson of the Transportation Committee overseeing the expansion of Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport. Woolard has over 15 years of professional experience in public policy and community affairs. Woolard's lifelong record of public service includes positions with the US Peace Corps as a volunteer in Micronesia and as a National Field Director with the Human Rights Campaign.

Howard Shook is serving his first term on the Atlanta City Council, representing District 7, he replaced Lee Morris. Shook serves as Vice Chair of the City Utilities Committee, is on the Public Safety Committee, the Zoning Committee and the Transportation Committee.

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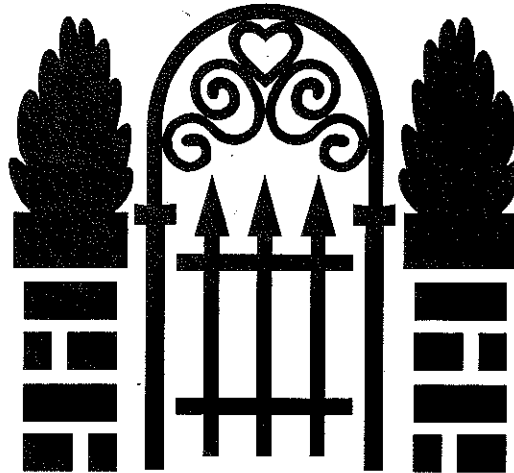
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pitched 40 street trees into neighborhood homes.

Though always adhering to its primary purpose, the Garden Club has not confined its efforts to Brookwood Hills. During World War II, the club maintained a model Victory Garden at Eggleston Hospital, baked cookies for soldiers departing from Brookwood Station, raised money for War Bonds and rolled bandages. Later projects included taking floral arrangements to hospital patients, supporting the Hillside Cottages landscaping and herb garden at Shepherd Spinal Center, and making Christmas wreaths and greenery decorations for the Atlanta Symphony Christmas House, Wren's Nest and Rhodes Hall. The club annually provided a book award to an outstanding UGA landscape design student to the Environmental Workshop at Calloway Gardens. In addition, the club has always had talented members who have successfully entered major flower shows.

At the club's 50th Anniversary Tea in 1988, present and former members reminisced over the club's active past of community beautification and civic awareness and looked forward to an equally rewarding future. While giving much, the club's

members have gained much. Besides the satisfaction of helping make Brookwood Hills the lovely place it is, members have learned a great deal from many of the programs presented by experts (some of whom are our own members) and have had fun socializing each most over some of the best home-cooking in the Southeast!



The club celebrated its 60th anniversary with a neighborhood party in the park in 1998, replete with barbecue, door prizes, square dancing and great camaraderie.

Also in 1998, the Garden Club continued its partnership with the Brookwood Hills Community Club and its Tree Committee providing \$13,000 to assist with funding replacement trees for old or diseased street trees throughout the neighborhood. This involvement continued to

demonstrate the Garden Club's deep commitment to maintaining the natural charm and beauty of Brookwood Hills.

The 2000 Garden Club Auction raised \$34,000. This entire amount of money went towards the beautification of the neighborhood. The Garden Club designated a portion of the funds to continue funding replacement of trees for the neighborhood. The remaining funds were directed toward the major improvements planned for the neighborhood park and pool.

The 2002 Garden Club Auction will be held on Saturday, April 20th, all funds raised at the event will go directly to the neighborhood. Many wonderful items have been donated for auction including homes in Maine and Telluride, CO. A group of artists have donated their works, and there is even an original plat of Brookwood Hills. Suites at sporting events are on the auction block and even a hockey stick signed by the entire Atlanta Thrashers team.

This promises to be a very exciting event, a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and a chance to raise funds for a great cause.

## March News from E. Rivers Elementary School

The children at E. Rivers celebrated reading with a "Rivers Reading Roundup" on March 1. Our school joined in with other schools across the nation to celebrate Read Across America Day. Since Garth Brooks was the national spokesperson, we focused on western rodeo fun with a square dance, western dress, and lunch from the "Chuck Wagon" with special treats from our friends at Publix at Peachtree Battle Shopping Center. We were also delighted to host children's author and storyteller, Carmen Deedy, who entertained children and adults alike. The students had a great day of fun focused on the importance of literacy.

Thanks to all our neighborhood friends who came to our "Under the Sea" Scholastic Book Fair in February. Your support was greatly appreciated. We were pleased with our fundraising efforts, but most importantly, the students were once again exposed to the fun and learning that reading brings to one's life. Hope to see you at our Book Fair again next year!

Looking ahead, our annual Fun Run will take place on Friday, April 5th at 8:30 am. Be sure stop by and cheer our students on as they run down Peachtree Battle Avenue! The students are looking forward to this yearly event focused on fitness and health.

If you have a rising kindergartner for the 2002-2003 school year, please be sure that you are on the invitation list for our Kindergarten Kaleidoscope. This event will be held on April 25, and is a great way for rising kindergarten students to get to know their new school, and for us to get to know you! Liz Jacobs can answer any questions you may have about Kindergarten Kaleidoscope.

Our next school tour will be held on March 27 at 9:30 am. To be included in a tour, or to get more information about E. Rivers, please contact Liz Jacobs at 404-350-9000 or [Lizzyj@bigfoot.com](mailto:Lizzyj@bigfoot.com). Our school website is also great for more information: [www.erivers-elem.org](http://www.erivers-elem.org).

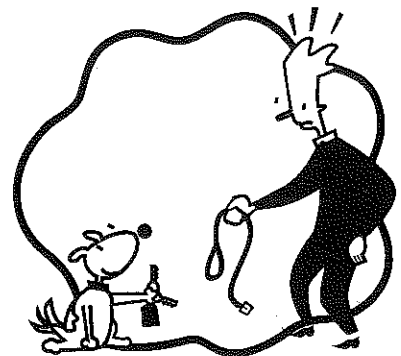
### Sponsor A Park Bench



Here is your chance to make your mark in the new park. Sponsors are needed for park benches and picnic tables. Imagine some little goblin munching on his Halloween pizza on a bench with your name on it! The cost for benches is estimated at \$1000 and tables at approximately \$900. Contact Clark Landers at 404-355-3392 if you are interested.

### Pet Smarts

Spring is upon us and many neighbors can be seen out enjoying early morning or evening walks. We also see more children riding their bicycles and scooters and playing outside. As we all start spending more time outside it is important for pet owners to make sure to clean-up after their pets, make sure they have animals properly secured on leashes and make sure that their animals have proper identification tags with current information. Pet owners should also be responsible and have their pets spayed and neutered.



### BWHCC Renewal Payment Deadline: March 25 2002

Everyone in the neighborhood should have recently received his or her BWH Community Club membership renewal packet. The payment deadline is March 25, 2002. We hope everyone will respond promptly. If you did not receive your renewal information please contact Belinda Donovan at 404-817-7551/robbelin@bellsouth.net or Denise Wilbert at 404-817-9339 / mikewilbert@earthlink.net.

### Brookwood Hills: Get Info Online and by Email

Did you know that Brookwood Hills has its own website. Created and maintained by Karen Mullinax, www.brookwoodhills.com has information about the neighborhood, local schools, the architectural review process, etc. In addition, Karen is maintaining the club's email list which is used to keep members up to data on neighborhood events and security alerts. To subscribe send her an email at mullinaxk@mindspring.com.



### Easter Eggstravaganza



The 2002 Easter Eggstravaganza will be held Saturday, March 30th from 4:00 - 5:30 PM on Lower Camden.



There will be:

- Best Basket and Bonnet Contest
- Visit with an Easter Bunny
- Parade, refreshments, treats, games, balloons and prizes



Sponsored by Patti Junger/Coldwell Banker, and hosted by your Lower Camden Road neighbors.

We need volunteers for set-up and clean-up, if you can help please call

Erica Speed at 404-815-1618.



### Auction Donation Drop Off

WHOA! WHOA! WAIT! WAIT!

Please remember these 3 dates!

Mon. 3/25 9-12

Tues. 3/26 3-6

Wed. 3/27 9-12

Drop off donations for Garden Club Acorn Auction!

30 Wakefield Drive

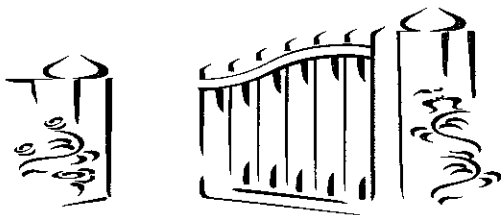
Our neighborhood wants to bloom for YOU!!

Call Karla Morris (4) 355-0043 or Lisa Jackson (4) 607-9321



## New Members: Everyone Can Join

If you are new to the neighborhood and would like to join the club either at the A, S, or B level please call for an application. If a pool membership is not for you, we hope you'll consider a B level membership. The B level membership is only \$200 and helps support our off-duty police security, which benefits everyone in the neighborhood. If you know a neighbor who is not a member of the Club please encourage them to participate at the B level. We would love to see 100% neighborhood participation in the Community Club.



# CALENDAR

**Saturday, March 30th**

Easter Eggstravaganza—4:00—5:30, PM, Lower Camden

**Monday, April 1**

BWH Board Meeting—7:15 PM, at the home of Erica Speed  
172 Huntington Road, 404-815-1618

All members are welcome to attend

**Tuesday, April 16th**

Friends Meeting—7:00 PM, at the home of Sharon Williams  
47 Brighton Road, 404-355-5988, bring baby toys

**Thursday, April 11th**

BWH Book Club—*Personal History* by Katherine Graham  
Contact Carolynn Cooper if you are interested 404-724-0555

**Saturday, April 20**

BWH Garden Club's Acorn Auction

**Friday, May 17th**

BWH Friends Car Seat Safety Check—BWH Park (stay tuned for more details)

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

- Denton & Assoc., Steel Fabrication (770-850-8754): Robert Denton did both new installation and repair work on our iron railings and fence. He was very good to work with and did a fine job. Steve and Judi North, 76 Brighton Rd.
- Greco General Contracting (770-489-8498): Tony Greco recently repaved our driveway. We found him to do quality work at a reasonable price. Laurie Hood, 110 Huntington, 404-875-5452.
- Garage apartment for rent on Peachtree Battle: charming 1 bed, 1 bath, LV/DN, call Barbara Slick (404) 352-9899.
- For Sale: Baby Trend double jog stroller. The stroller is relatively new and in great condition. Call Belinda Donovan at 404-817-7551
- Basement Apartment for rent \$600/month. Call 404-352-2986



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