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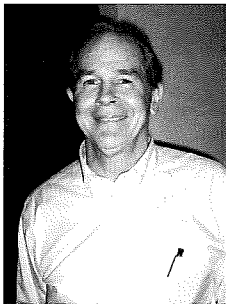
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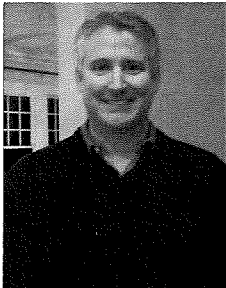
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New Faces on the BWH Board

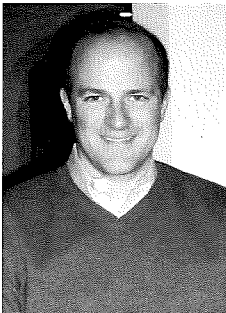
Editor's Note: At the January 24th Annual Meeting of the Community Club, five new Board members were elected. Thanks to all for their service to the neighborhood.



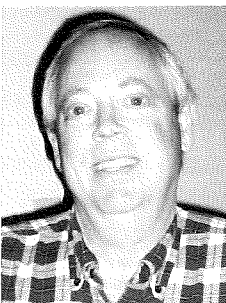
Jim Stokes has joined Lee Morris in leading the Board's NPU and zoning work. Jim and his wife Esther are long-time Brookwood Hills residents and live at 129 Palisades Road. Jim is President of Sustainable Solutions Georgia, which consults on energy, water and transportation issues. Previously he was a partner at Alston & Bird and President of the Georgia Conservancy and he was President of the community club in 1977. Esther is a landscape designer whose talents can be enjoyed in many neighbors' yards.



Matt Tolleson is the new Secretary of the Board. He grew up in Brookwood Hills at 31 Northwood Avenue (current home of Mike and Denise Wilbert) and returned to the neighborhood in 2004. Matt and his wife Caroline live at 241 Camden Road and are expecting their first child in May. Matt is a Vice President at Turner Broadcasting and Caroline is the sole proprietor of her own interior design firm, Caroline McLean Tolleson LLC.



Jeff Koebler is the new Treasurer for the Community Club. Jeff, his wife Ellen, five year old Bo and two year old Katie, are four-year residents in the neighborhood and live at 102 Brighton Road. Both Jeff and Ellen have careers in finance. He specializes in private placement and institutional advisory as managing partner at Seek Capital Partners, LLC, while Ellen is a managing director in credit risk management at Sun Trust Robinson Humphrey



Alan Simons is the new Park, Tennis & Common Areas representative on the Board. Alan, wife Catherine, daughter Cate (11), and puppy Calvin live at 30 Woodcrest Avenue. During the past twelve years they have also lived on Brighton Road and Camden Road. Alan is a long-time Captain/Co-Captain of Brookwood Hills' Men's and Mixed ALTA teams. Catherine and Alan were raised in Buckhead. Both are attorneys.

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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**.

Membership Renewal Time

It's that time of year to renew your membership in the BWH Community Club. Just think of all we enjoy here by virtue of the club:

- The best outdoor pool in the city
- A terrific park and nature trail
- Two world class tennis courts
- Two party pavilions, at the park & pool available for use by members
- Friday night suppers during pool season
- The Clear Creek Nature Preserve
- Civic representation on government boards
- Regular monitoring by our security patrol
- A neighborhood directory, monthly newsletter and website
- Five annual parties: one to welcome new neighbors, a "Spring Fling," the 4th of July parade & picnic, the ice cream social & dog swim, and a gathering on Halloween.

A membership with pool and tennis privileges is for residents under 60; cost is \$750 annually. **S** membership is identical but for residents over 60; cost is \$490 annually. **B** membership is for residents not interested in the park or pool; cost is \$290 annually. New **A** and **S** members also pay a one-time initiation fee of \$3,050 or \$1,990 respectively. Renew online at brookwoodhills.com or by dropping off a check, made out to Brookwood Hills Community Club, at 300 Camden Road. Questions? Contact Membership Chair David Adams at membership@brookwoodhills.com.

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Wednesday, April 7th, 2010. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 200 Camden Road.

Clear Creek Corner

By Mitch Wickland

As some may recall, it has been just over a year since the neighborhood ceased wildlife trapping efforts in the Clear Creek Preserve area. Though we've experienced both a record drought and floods, I'm pleased to report the following wildlife sightings in the last quarter, many of them visible from my home on Camden Road:

- Nesting Great Blue Herons
- Nesting Mallard ducks
- Many Red-tailed Hawks, one in excess of two feet in height
- Kingfishers, Pileated Woodpeckers, and other birds indicative of a healthy wetlands habitat
- Coyotes
- Red Foxes
- Raccoons
- A pair of River Otters
- Many native snake and salamander species

This demonstrates the abundance and diversity of wildlife in our backyards and is rare, given Clear Creek's proximity to densely urban and industrial environments. This surge in wildlife is a direct indication of the health of the Clear Creek watershed. Though the watershed has plenty of room for improvement, the growth in wildlife demonstrates the value of our urban forest as a calm oasis amidst our busy city.

Have a wildlife sighting? The Clear Creek Committee would love to hear about it. Please email brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com with any wildlife report updates. We'd love pictures too if you manage to capture any of the wildlife on camera.

Congratulations Ivan!

Ivan Duralde, son of Mary Barrett and Xavier Duralde, 49 Huntington Road, recently was named a STAR Student for 2010. Each area high school annually names one STAR Student -- the Senior in the top 10% of his or her class with the highest SAT score. Ivan is an E. Rivers graduate who achieved his STAR Student Award at Woodward Academy. Way to go, Ivan!

E. Rivers Kindergarten Registration Coming Up

Kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 academic year will be held in the E. Rivers Elementary School Main Office on March 30th and 31st, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. There is quite a list of documentation needed for registration in the Atlanta Public Schools! To see the complete list, check out <http://erivers-elem.org/registration.htm>.

Road Race Set for March 27th

By JoEllyn Bass

Many of you know Elizabeth Tuthill. She is a special needs adult who moved to Brookwood Hills as a child ten years ago. You may have seen her walking in the street or swimming in the pool. For the ten years she has lived here, I have watched her parents struggle with her future. When everyone else graduates from high school, where will Elizabeth go? Who would take care of her if something were to happen to her parents?

In 2008, Elizabeth's mom and dad and other parents of children with developmental disabilities started Sycamore Ridge as a place that will provide for this "forgotten population." It will be a planned residential community where adults with developmental disabilities can live, learn and thrive, a community that will offer these exceptional adults real homes, real careers, lifelong learning, and personal wellness.

On March 27th at 9:00 a.m., there will be a 5K race in Brookwood Hills to help support the vision of Sycamore Ridge. Approximately one hundred runners are expected, beginning and ending at the pool entrance. All roads in the neighborhood except Brighton Road will be a part of the run. No roads will be closed to traffic, however, so if you are driving in the neighborhood during the run please be extra cautious! All participants should be off the course by 11:30 a.m. Runners, walkers, children, dogs and strollers are welcome! Sycamore Ridge will only become a reality with the support of our community. Please come join us and make a difference for Elizabeth and her peers. You can register for the run online at www.runforsycamoreridge.com.

New Faces on the Board (Cont'd from page 1)



Peter Kotchen has taken over the responsibilities of the Brookwood Hills Webmaster. Peter, his wife Catherine, son Trammell (almost 5) and daughter Leila (almost 2) live at 44 Northwood Avenue. Peter is a partner at CGR Advisors, a commercial real estate investment firm based in Buckhead. Catherine is a portrait artist. The Kotchens moved into the neighborhood in 2007.

Book Group Meeting March 22nd

By Maureen Zent

The Brookwood Hills Book Club will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 22nd at the home of Margot McCaul, 69 Wakefield Drive. The selection to be discussed is C. E. Morgan's first novel, *All The Living*. Set on an isolated Kentucky tobacco farm, it is a story about grief, devotion, and love. Please contact Maureen Zent for more information at mzent1@bellsouth.net. The Brookwood Hills Book Club is open to all residents. No invitation required, so anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Recently Seen in Brookwood Hills



Saturday, February 13th, we were treated to a most glorious morning, with trees, shrubs and landscaping decorated with a perfect snowfall ("perfect" is defined in this case as a snowfall that occurred on a week-end and had the good sense not to last too long.). Enjoying the snow are Isabella John, Kitty McCarthy, Joe Loughran, Gabriel McCarthy, and Jordan Loughran. Thanks to Lee Loughran for submitting the photo.

Quick! If you haven't had occasion to drive or walk by the intersection of Brighton and Camden Roads, you need to see the miracle of engineering being wrought at 245 Camden Road, the home of Michael and Christa Dibiase. After their home sustained substantial damage in the flooding of September 21st, the Dibiases decided to lift the structure some nine feet higher than it was before, rendering it immune to any further "500-year floods," as this event was characterized in the press.



Calendar

- **Monday, March 22, BWH Book Club, 7:30 p.m., 69 Wakefield Drive**
- **Saturday, March 27, Sycamore Ridge 5K Run, 9:00 a.m., at the pool entrance**
- **Sunday, March 28, Annual Spring Fling, 4:00 - 5:30, at the park**
- **Monday, March 29, BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:15 p.m., at the home of Amanda Baxter and Ian Zabor, 284 Camden Road**
- **Sunday, April 18, BWHCC Swim Team Meet & Greet & Suit Ordering, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., at the pool**

“Hidden Gardens of Brookwood Hills” Garden Tour

Sunday, May 2nd, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

By Dana White

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, May, 2nd when the Brookwood Hills Garden Club, in concert with the Legacy Ladies of Brookwood Hills, will host the “Hidden Gardens of Brookwood Hills” garden tour. This free community event will feature seven neighborhood gardens on tour from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The gardens will be open to Brookwood Hills residents and Community Club members and their guests.

The gardens on the tour are, for the most part, hidden from public view, making this is a unique opportunity to see neighbors’ creations. These “in town” gardens are outdoor extensions of the houses they surround, and like those homes, they represent a variety of styles and tastes. Some are small courtyard gardens with ivy covered walls and potted plants. Others feature larger sunny areas containing abundant flowers and carefully selected shrubs and trees. They are all designed while keeping in mind the challenges of gardening in the city. And all are celebrated by their owners and reflect their passion for gardening and their love of nature.

Thanks to our neighbors who have so graciously agreed to be a part of the tour! Bonnie and Chet Burgess, 4 Montclair Drive; Linda and Dean Copeland, 214 Camden Road; Becky and Hunter Holliday, 185 Huntington Road; Karen and Steve Klare, 101 Brighton Road; Elizabeth and David Martin, 108 Wakefield Drive; Margaret and Ted Shirley, 78 Wakefield Drive; and Esther and Jim Stokes, 129 Palisades Road will all share their gardens. Each one is a unique expression of the individuality and talent of our residents, and they make up a part of the history of our neighborhood. All of these lovely spaces contribute to the beauty of our city and reflect the pride those around us take in our neighborhood.

Jimmy Henderson Honored

By Binney Granade



The Brookwood Hills Garden Club recently honored Jimmy Henderson, our beloved neighbor (and honorary Garden Club Member) by sponsoring a Class (competition) at the 2010 Southeastern Flower Show, held February 4 - 6 at the Cobb Galleria. The Class made up part of the Garden Design Division. Entitled “Piazzazz,” it required entrants to transform a bird bath into a unique garden planter, while incorporating at least three species of plants. Pictured to the left is one of the blue ribbon winners.

Jimmy has lived at 250 Brighton Road for many, many years and was President of the Brookwood Hills Community Club in 1970. His late wife Edith was the Garden Editor for the AJC and a noted landscape designer.

C L A S S I F I E D S

Please thank Pierce Martin. For several years Chip Cheatham, President of Pierce Martin (designers and manufacturers of home furnishings with a distinctive Pacific Rim style), has supported BWH reforestation efforts along Armour Drive by allowing us to use his company's water for our newly planted trees. Pierce Martin has also provided lawn maintenance for BWH property across Armour and Clayton Drives. Please show your appreciation to Pierce Martin by visiting their showrooms during their annual warehouse sale, currently underway at 99 Armour Drive, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sale ends March 31st. *Submitted by Alex Summers.*

Car for Sale. Scott McCune is selling his 2004 Volkswagen Passat GLS, 31,500 miles. Excellent condition, cloth interior, one owner, smoke-free, sunroof, CD player, brand new battery. Runs like new. \$9,500. Please contact his assistant, Stephanie Akstein, at 404-769-2988 or at sakstein@hotmail.com.

Lakefront home for rent. Gorgeous lakefront home at Lake Keowee for rent on weekends or by the week. Just 1 hour 50 minutes from Atlanta. For pictures go to Keoweelakehouse@shutterfly.com or call Ruth Isaac at 404-513-7171.

Housekeeping. Elise Douglas is available to clean several mornings a week. She has worked in the neighborhood for 13 years and has numerous references. Please contact her at 404-644-5425. *Submitted by Maureen Zent.*

Housekeeping. I would like to recommend my housekeeper Michelle LePlante. I've never had anyone so helpful. She sews, she cooks, she cleans beautifully -- gets under things. She is just about perfect. Call Michelle at 404-246-2982 or call me, Mickie McKenzie, at 404-874-7855.

Swim Teacher. I am Kathleen Summers, I grew up in Brookwood Hills, and I was on the Swim Team from its very first day! I want to teach your kids, even as young as three years old, to swim. I was a lifeguard here through high school and college. I've taught swimming lessons at Brookwood, Haverty Hollow, and Westminster Summer Camp. Currently I teach lessons at the Westminster After School Kids Program, lifeguard at Westminster events, and assist with the Westminster Swimming Teams. I have maintained my Water Safety Instructor, CPR, and First Aid Certifications. I also am available to babysit and house sit. Many references available. 404-351-4597 or kathleens@westminster.net.

Babysitting Available. Brooke Gentry, 14 years old, is available to babysit or house sit in the neighborhood. She has CPR training and a little sister of her own, along with lots of pets. 1bgentry4@gmail.com or 404-423-1512 or 404-876-4480.

Do You Sometimes Wonder What to Say?

After being approached for help by an individual who seemed to be genuinely down on her luck, Lesley Carroll did a little research into how to respond. In these days of increasing homelessness and poverty, two good resources for assistance are the Atlanta Union Mission (404-367-2244) and the United Way referral hotline (211 -- just like 911).

Don't Miss the Spring Fling!

By Stephanie Brown and Wendy Granot. Social Chairs for the Community Club

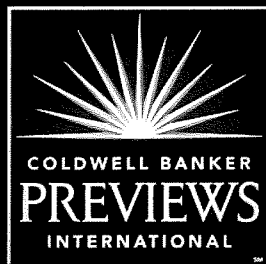
On Sunday, March 28th from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. the Community Club will sponsor the first of its 2010 parties, the Annual Spring Fling. Held at the park, it will be an opportunity for children of all ages to meet the Easter Bunny and participate in the hotly contested Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a DJ, a hula hoop contest, and a sidewalk chalk contest. The egg hunt will begin promptly at 4:15. Each child will need to bring a basket or bag for gathering goodies. Also be sure to bring your camera to get some great shots of your little ones with the Easter Bunny. Thank you so much to Patti Junger of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokers, for sponsoring this party that is so enjoyed by our children year after year.

Tennis Clinics Being Organized for the Summer

Ms. Lee King will once again be conducting Junior Tennis Clinics, Women's Intermediate Tennis Clinics, and Women's Beginning Tennis Clinics on the Brookwood Hills tennis courts. The clinics will run one hour each morning Monday through Friday, with the exception of the week of May 31st, when the clinics will run 75 minutes each morning Monday through Thursday. The price per person will be \$90 per week.

Classes for 3 & 4 year olds will run May 31st - June 3rd, June 28th - July 2nd, and August 9th - 13th. Classes for 5 & 6 year olds will run June 7th - 11th, July 5th - 9th, and August 2nd - 6th. Classes for 7 & 8 year olds will run June 14th - 18th, July 12th - 16th, and July 26th - 30th. Classes for 9 & 10 year olds will run June 21st - 25th and July 19th - 23rd. Classes for Beginning Women will run June 14th - 18th and July 12th - 16th. Classes for Intermediate Women will run June 21st - 25th and July 19th - 23rd. Classes generally start no earlier than 9:00 a.m. and end no later than noon.

To request a list of the courses with the exact start times, please email Lee at leekingtenpro@aol.com. If you have questions or are ready to enroll, call Lee directly at 404-261-8643.



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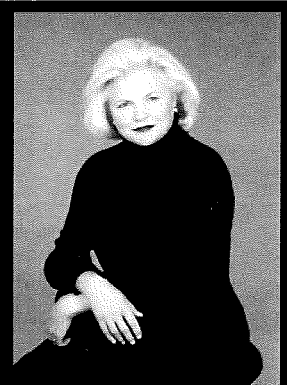
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