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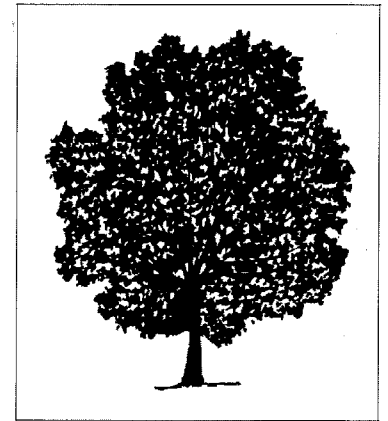
## Brookwood Hills Home to a Champion!

By Amanda Baxter

It's official. Our beautiful Shumard Oak (*Quercus shumardii*) located in the Preserve has officially been named a State Co-Champion tree by the Georgia Forestry Commission.

A Champion Tree is defined as the largest known tree of a particular species. Our oak is located across the street from the Anna Griffin warehouse on Ottley Drive. To view from the Preserve, just look across the creek to the large tree well above the rest of the tree line. Currently, the Shumard Oak shares its champion spotlight with two other Shumard Oaks located in Morgan and Houston counties.

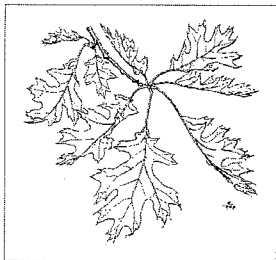
What does it take to become a champion Shumard Oak in the State of Georgia? Currently, our oak measures 121 feet in height, 176 inches in circumference at 4 ½ feet, and 93 feet at crown spread. As a point of comparison, the National Champion Shumard Oak, located in Anna, Illinois, measures 96 feet in height, 332 inches in circumference at 4 ½ feet, and 96 feet at crown spread.



Rendering of a typical Shumard Oak

Arbormedics has graciously agreed to help us preserve our champion. By volunteering the labor, Arbormedics will be installing protection for the oak from lightning strikes. With even more accurate measurements that Arbormedics has volunteered to help us obtain, we may just be able to become the sole champion.

We will keep you posted. In the meantime, for more information on State Champion Trees, please go to <http://www.gfc.state.ga.us/ForestManagement/ChampionTree.cfm>.



Foliage of a Shumard Oak

### Interesting Facts About the Shumard Oak

- Named for Benjamin Franklin Shumard (1820-69), state geologist of Texas
- Scientific name: *Quercus shumardii*
- Family: *Fagaceae*
- USDA hardiness zones: 5B through 9
- Origin: Native to North America
- Uses: tree has been successfully grown in urban areas where air pollution, poor drainage, compacted soil, and/or drought are common
- Average Spread Range: 40 to 50 feet
- Average Height Range: 55 to 80 feet

Source: University of Florida Department of Environmental Horticulture



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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**.

## CORRECTION: Dog Leash Policy

In the February issue of BrookNotes, the article "Attention Dog Owners!!" outlined general guidelines for dog owners in the park.

The article was incorrect and should have referenced the official policy posted in the park. Please disregard the guidelines in the previous issue. The posted policy reads: "**Dogs must be leashed and cleaned-up after.**"

All BWH residents must adhere to the posted policy. We apologize for any confusion the prior article may have caused.

## Weatherization Rebates

The City of Atlanta residential weatherization program that has provided thousands of dollars in rebates for qualifying home energy efficiency improvements is encouraging Atlanta homeowners to **take advantage of remaining rebate funds before March 31, 2012.**

SHINE – Sustainable Home Initiative in the New Economy – is a federally-funded program offering residential property owners the ability to get up to \$3,500 towards air sealing, insulation improvement, weather stripping, caulking, and the replacement of older, inefficient heating and cooling systems.

Find out how you can qualify for SHINE at [www.shineatlanta.com](http://www.shineatlanta.com) or email [shine@atlantaga.gov](mailto:shine@atlantaga.gov) for more information.

*BrookNotes* welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Friday, April 13, 2012. Submissions may be e-mailed to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com) or dropped off at 144 Huntington.

## Biking Cross-Country for Affordable Housing

Laurie King, daughter of Laura and Jim King of Brighton Road, has unusual plans for the summer. King will be volunteering for Bike & Build, a non-profit organization that organizes cross-country bike trips to raise funding and awareness for affordable housing.

King's group of approximately 30 young adults will be biking a 4,109-mile route from South Carolina to Santa Cruz, California. The trip is expected to take 80 days from coast to coast with rides up to 116 miles a day. While most of the time will be spent riding, the trip also includes 17 days where the group volunteers at build sites.

King is a senior dual degree student studying physics at Vassar and engineering at Dartmouth. In order to participate each rider has to raise \$4500. You can donate to Laurie's effort by visiting her blog: <http://bikeandbuild.org/rider/5897> or sending a check with Laurie King's name in the memo section to: Bike & Build, 6109 Ridge Ave, Bldg 2, Philadelphia, PA 19128. Good luck Laurie!

## Brookwood Hills Summer Tennis Clinics

Ms. Lee King will once again be conducting tennis clinics this summer. The clinics will run Monday through Friday for one hour and the price is \$90 per person, per week. For more information or to sign up, contact Lee directly: 404-261-8643 or [leekingtenpro@aol.com](mailto:leekingtenpro@aol.com).

Age/Skill Level	Dates	Time
3 & 4 Year Old	June 4—June 8	9:45 am - 11:00 am (1 <sup>st</sup> Session)
	June 4—June 8	11:00 am - 12:15 pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> Session)
	August 13—August 17	9:30 am - 10:30 am (1 <sup>st</sup> Session)
	August 13—August 17	10:30 am - 11:30 am (2 <sup>nd</sup> Session)
5 & 6 Year Old	June 18—June 22	9:45 am - 10:45 am (1 <sup>st</sup> Session)
	June 18—June 22	10:45 am - 11:45 am (2 <sup>nd</sup> Session)
	July 16—July 20	9:30 am - 10:30 am (1 <sup>st</sup> Session)
	July 16—July 20	10:30 am - 11:30 am (2 <sup>nd</sup> Session)
	August 6—August 10	9:30 am - 10:30 am (1 <sup>st</sup> Session)
	August 6—August 10	10:30 am - 11:30 am (2 <sup>nd</sup> Session)
7 & 8 Year Old	July 9—July 13	10:00 am - 11:00 am (1 <sup>st</sup> Session)
	July 9—July 13	11:00 am - 12:00 noon (2 <sup>nd</sup> Session)
	July 30—August 3	9:30 am - 10:30 am (1 <sup>st</sup> Session)
	July 30—August 3	10:30 am - 11:30 am (2 <sup>nd</sup> Session)
9 & 10 Year Old	June 25—June 29	9:00 am - 10:00 am
	July 23—July 27	9:30 am - 10:30 am (1 <sup>st</sup> Session)
Beginning Women	July 9—July 13	9:00 am - 10:00 am
Intermediate Women	June 25—June 29	10:00 am - 11:00 am
	July 23—July 27	10:30 am - 11:30am (2 <sup>nd</sup> Session)
Private Lessons	June 11—June 15	

## World Class Violist Hails from BWH

*By Kimberly Ferro*

World class violist Jennifer Stumm is the International Chair of Viola at the Royal College of Music, London and is internationally recognized for her tremendous talent. She is also the daughter of Sue and Richard Stumm of 21 Montclair and grew up in Brookwood Hills.

Born at Piedmont Hospital, Jennifer spent her childhood in three BWH homes and grew up playing in the park, taking swimming and diving lessons, and participating in pool activities and swim teams. She and her friends loved exploring the neighborhood trails and “the back 40 jungle”.



Jennifer graduated from Westminster where she was introduced to the sound of a viola in third grade. From there, she developed a passion for the viola that has evolved over time. Dr. Marilyn Seelman, who was a Georgia State professor of string instruments at that time, taught Jennifer all the way to college and beyond.

After high school, Jennifer attended the Curtis Institute of Music on a full fellowship and studied politics and astronomy at the University of Pennsylvania. She followed that with a Masters Degree in Music at Juilliard. At Juilliard, her European career was launched when Nobuko Imai, Europe’s best known violist, heard Jennifer play and invited her to Amsterdam to study with her for two years.

She is the winner of three major competitions: the Concert Artists Guild in 2006, where she took First Prize as the first viola soloist in nearly 60 years of the competition; and the William Primrose and Geneva Competitions in 2005. Also in 2005, she was honored with an award from the Vriendenkrans of Amsterdam’s Concertgebouw. Her interviews and concerts have also been heard by many of you on Atlanta Public Radio.

An invitation from the new ASO Concert Master, David Coucheron, took Jennifer to Norway for two different weeks last summer. A great proponent of chamber music, Jennifer regularly performs at prominent festivals such as Marlboro, Verbier, Spoleto, and Aldeburgh. Recently, she organized a “Jennifer Stumm and Friends” Concert for Brooklyn Friends of Chamber Music.

Orchestral highlights in 2011-12 included a concerto appearance with the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra performing Gabriela Lena Frank’s “La Liorona”. Jennifer played with ASYO for six years and was delighted to join them on a reunion PR campaign.

Jennifer has been hailed as “outstanding “ by The Strad and by The Washington Post for her “opal-like beauty” and “phosphorescent energy” at her recital debut at Kennedy Center. Most recently, she was featured on the cover of the Winter 2011 issue of Symphony Magazine.

Thanks to Sara Jean Burke for flagging this story idea and to Sue Stumm for contributing to the article and helping us learn more about our impressive neighbors in Brookwood Hills! For more information on Jennifer and her career, visit: [www.jenniferstumm.com](http://www.jenniferstumm.com).

## Get and Share Information through BWH Group Email Lists!

By Lori Fiore



Have a painter to recommend? Seeking a wonderful nanny? Looking to sell a piece of furniture? Does your child want to promote her babysitting availability and services?

Launched in 2011, two listservs – BWH All Members and BWH Parents – were set up to post items similar to a classified section in the newspaper except all of the entries originate directly from and reach only the BWHCC community. BWH All Members is a general listserv focused on classified ads, topics for discussion, vendor referrals, etc. BWH Parents is a more specific listserv for parents to share information related to babysitters, nannies, services, events, etc. This is also a great way for teenagers in the neighborhood looking to reach a large parent base to promote their babysitting services.

Whether you are on the buy, sell or “FYI” side, the power of these listservs comes from you – the more postings there are, the more information there is for the neighborhood. The Virginia Highlands Civic Association has a similar listserv that has been wildly successful over the years because of its weekly, even daily, postings of relevant classified ads by its members. Services are bartered, items sold, and referrals shared each day across the VAHI neighborhood.

Ready to Start Sharing? If you would like to join one or both listservs, go to [www.brookwoodhills.com](http://www.brookwoodhills.com) and under the "About Us" menu you will see "BWH Group Email Lists", which has information and sign up instructions. You may also sign up by following these simple steps:

### **DEFINITION: LISTSERV**

The term LISTSERV has been used to refer to a few early electronic mailing list software applications, allowing a sender to send one email to the list, and then transparently sending it on to the addresses of the subscribers to the list.

1. Visit the URLs below to join one or both groups:

<b>BWH All Members</b>	<a href="http://groups.google.com/group/bwh-allmembers">http://groups.google.com/group/bwh-allmembers</a>
<b>BWH Parents</b>	<a href="http://groups.google.com/group/bwh-parents">http://groups.google.com/group/bwh-parents</a>

2. Click on "Apply for group membership." If you have a Google account set up, please log in accordingly. If you do not have a Google account yet, Google will ask you to set up an account using your email address (this can be any email address like Yahoo, Hotmail, work, etc.) and creating a password.
3. All BWHCC members will be approved once received. You will be notified by email, and you may begin immediately posting to this listserv.

We look forward to our listservs becoming an integral part of our BWHCC community. If you have any questions about the listservs or suggestions for improvement, please contact Lori Fiore at [loriannfiore@yahoo.com](mailto:loriannfiore@yahoo.com) or Peter Kotchen at [pkotchen@cgradvisors.com](mailto:pkotchen@cgradvisors.com).

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**Swimming Instruction:** Tanja & Matthias Blume recommend Infant Swimming Resource (ISR) and their ISR Instructor, Gina Torjak. Their son, Nias, now almost four years old, started ISR with Gina Torjak of Aqua Kids Swimming two years ago when he was only 21 months old. After only six weeks, he was able and confident in the water. He is now able to swim but, more importantly, if he accidentally fell into water he is prepared. ISR's Self-Rescue™ program offers survival swimming lessons for children 6 months to 6 years of age. You can find more information on Gina's website <http://www.aquakidsswimming.com> or you can reach her by email [g.torjak@infantswim.com](mailto:g.torjak@infantswim.com) or by phone, 404.395.3885. For more background on the ISR method visit: <http://www.infantswim.com/>.

## CALENDAR

- **Saturday, March 24, Kickstands for Kids, 10:00a.m.—3:00p.m., Brookwood Hills Park.**
- **Thursday, April 5, Brookwood Hills Ware Sip & See, 6:30p.m.—9:30p.m., Brookwood Hills Pool Pavilion.**
- **SAVE THE DATE!! Sunday, April 15, Annual Spring Fling, 3:00p.m.—6:00p.m., Brookwood Hills Park.**
- **Saturday, April 21, Acorn Auction, 7:00p.m.—10:00p.m., Brookwood Hills Pool Pavilion. Hosted by the Brookwood Hills Garden Club.**

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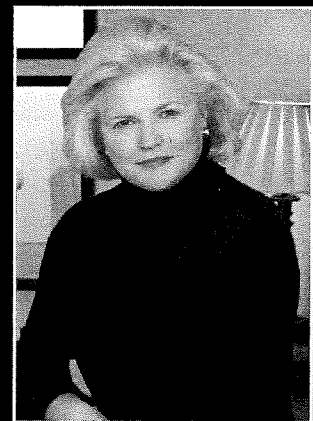
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