



BROOKNOTES

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Scrumptious Garden Club Auction Set

It's almost here a gala evening featuring a Mediterranean Feast prepared by members of the Brookwood Hills Garden Club. The Acorn Auction will be held Friday, April 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Katie Bollman, 84 Wakefield Drive.

Jill Siegel and her committees have been busy planning a sumptuous feast of Mediterranean fare during the silent auction and preceding the live auction, to be conducted by Mal Phillips. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on use of vacation homes, sports tickets, services, and many treasures.

Invitations for the entire neighborhood will be delivered soon. Reservations will be accepted on a first come basis, as space is limited. The \$15 per person admission fee includes the fabulous feast and beverages.

Donations of unwanted treasures will be greatly appreciated (see inserted flyer in this issue of Brooknotes). Contact Donations Chair, Sandra Player, at 352-9253.

The big winner of the evening will be our neighborhood, with proceeds from the event going toward the replacement of trees and the improvement of areas surrounding the park and pool. (See the related article later in this issue.)

It's Renewal Time

All renewal letters for membership in the Brookwood Hills Civic Association and Community Club have been mailed. If you have not received one, that means that either the Post Office has misplaced it, you are new to the neighborhood, or you were not a member last year. In any case, please call Kathy Bernhardt, Membership Chair, 874-5067 or 874-5069, so that we can get an application to you.

Membership for Brookwood Hills residents is in two categories. There is an "A" membership which entitles you to use of the pool in the summer, and the tennis courts and park year-round. It also covers the cost of the security, tree maintenance, and taxes on the common areas, Association expenses which benefit all residents. This year "A" membership entails a one-time \$600 initiation fee, plus a \$495 annual fee. There is also available a "B" membership for residents who do not plan to use the pool or tennis courts. The "B" membership fee is \$180 and helps to underwrite all the neighborhood amenities supported by the Association.

The last two issues of Brooknotes contained articles outlining how much the Association does to maintain the quality of life (and property values!) of our wonderful neighborhood. We are aiming for 100% membership participation this year. If you are not already a member, help make this goal a reality by calling Kathy today.

Easter Bunny To Visit Park

Grab your baskets and come to the park! The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Sunday, March 27th, in the park. As in previous years, the hunt will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. All neighborhood children are invited. The younger children will hunt in a separate area reserved especially for them.

Patti Junger of Buckhead Brokers Realtors has generously offered to sponsor this popular event. If you are interested in helping, please call Sarah Ellen Love, 874-4036.

Hello & Good-bye

The new owners of 27 Wakefield Drive, formerly owned by Gaye and Zac Antonio, are Richard Cohan, Larkin Preston, and their son, eight month old Rafe.

Elizabeth and Sheffield Hale have bought 47 Brighton Road from Hal and Nan Clarke. They bring with them their three boys -- Sheffield (4), Thomas (2), and John (4 months).

Meanwhile Nan Clarke and the four Clarke children are spending the remainder of the school year at Hal's parents' home in Ansley Park. They can be reached at 874-1817. After June 15th they will join Hal in Charlotte, where their new address will be 919 Harvard Place, Charlotte, NC 28207. Their new phone number will be 704-376-7571.

On February 28th Sarah Ellen & Jimmy Love welcomed into the world Francis McIntire ("Frank") Love, who joined siblings Erskine, Margy and Walter in making a family of six.

Pool Jobs Available

The following jobs will be available this summer at the pool: 3 Assistant Managers, 8 Full-time Lifeguards, 4 Part-time Lifeguards, 1 Diving Coach, 2 Assistant Swim Coaches, 1 Concession Stand Manager, 4 Concession Stand Assistants. Hours range from 12 to 40 hours per week. Salaries range from \$4.25 per hour and up. Full-time employees will be expected to work from late May through Labor Day, with vacation time negotiated in advance of employment. If you would like an application for one of these jobs, contact Jim Porter at 355-8876 by March 25th. The Brookwood Hills Community Club is an equal opportunity employer.

Snark Sightings & Snippets

by Lane Gormley

Remember that cats and dogs should have yearly vaccinations, to protect their health and ours. Cats are required by law to have a combination distemper/upper respiratory shot, a rabies vaccination, and a stool check. It is also advisable -- particularly for cats permitted to go outdoors and cats who live in multi-cat homes -- to vaccinate them against feline leukemia and feline infectious peritonitis. Unlike feline leukemia, FIPS is, by the way, always fatal.

Dogs should have a combination vaccination which protects against distemper, hepatitis, and some intestinal parasites like parvo, which often occur in puppies. They, too, must have a rabies vaccination. As we approach Spring and the tick season, there is also a vaccination against Lyme disease.

For those of you who are planning a trip and want to board your dog in a kennel, there is usually a kennel cough vaccination that they must have in order to stay there, as well as a stool check. So, if you and your dog are planning separate vacations, plan ahead.

Do you know where your pet is? It is often very difficult to keep up with a cat and to be sure that he is not a pest to neighbors. My cat used to frighten one of my neighbors regularly by staring into her den window at night. I tried very hard to stop him from doing this, with only limited success. Dogs, particularly large ones, must be kept on a leash and not allowed to wander freely around neighborhoods. A large brown dog on Northwood Avenue has done quite a lot of damage to lawns, digging holes while chasing chipmunks. All animals should be supervised to the extent that it is possible.

Do you have any pet stories or advice to share with us? If you do, send it to Snark Sightings & Snippets, 40 Northwood Avenue.

You're Welcome to Come

The next meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, March 28th, at 7:00, at the home of Sara Jean and Fred Burke, 30 Wakefield Drive. In order for them to have an idea of how many people to expect, if you would like to attend, please call Sara Jean or Fred at 355-6288. All members of the Community Club are welcome.

March Cultivations

by the Garden Club

"Regardless of any beautiful weather, do not plant seed in open ground now." So stated The Peachtree Garden Book, the first book edited by Brookwood Hills' own Edith Henderson. What's right for Edith is right for us too, but there is still a lot of other work to be done in the garden this month.

Vines should be planted now. Has anyone tried kiwi? Prune your ivy. Ready your roses for the season by pruning, fertilizing, and mulching. Balled and burlapped evergreens can still be planted. Now is the time to fertilize bulbs, azaleas, and camellias after they have bloomed. Also fertilize flowering shrubs and pyracantha.

For the uninitiated (author included), the numbers on the fertilizer bag give you the proportions of the nutrients in that particular combination. For example, 5-10-5 is five parts nitrogen for leaf and stem growth, ten parts phosphorus for bloom and fruit, and five parts potash for root growth. Make sure that you use the proper combination for the particular plant.

Many thanks to Flo Dawson for her caution about rats in the garden. It is certainly something for every city dweller to consider. Gardeners of yore worried about rats too -- remember the Bubonic Plague! Their solutions went right along with our modern concept of organic gardening. Rats do not like the smell of tar. Soak some old, thick rag strips in proprietary tar oil and put them about the garden. A sniff of these could send the rats scurrying across the street to your neighbors! Another solution is to grow valerian (*Valeriana Officinalis*), crown imperial (*Fritillaria Imperialis*), the milk spurge (*Euphorbia Lactea*), and the sea onion (*Scilla Maritima*). Rats do not like the smell of these plants either.

There is a lovely custom which seems a very pleasant way to increase the number of trees in this greening city. This is for a tree to be planted on the day a child is born. Each year the child and the tree share the same birthday. During the nineteenth century in Switzerland, a pear tree was planted for a girl and an apple tree for a boy. In Israel, cedar trees were planted on the birthday of a newborn boy. Since we have progressed a little (with the help of Betty Friedan, Susan Brownmiller, and many others) perhaps we could plant an oak for either sex.

Classifieds

For Rent: Garage efficiency apartment for one person available on Huntington Road. Excellent condition. \$350. 875-3362.

Part time job available. Flexible hours, excellent pay, office work, 3 hours 2-3 days per week. One block off Peachtree near Collier Road. Stock market Investment Analyst needs assistant with computer skills. Prepare research mailings, type letters on word processor, promote lodging reservations at Snow Resort, publish brochures, prepare/mail research papers, assemble seminar/stock market analysis reports. Apple/IBM available. 607-8080.

New Neighborhood Church. March 27th ChristChurch Presbyterian will be holding its first service behind Benihana Restaurant and Turtles Rhythm & Views, at 81 Peachtree Park Drive. Sunday School at 9:30, worship service at 10:30. Children's programs and nursery available. For more information, call Jim or Laura King, 351-8719, Jim or Millie Reed, 881-8547.

Wanted: Small 2 or 3 bedroom house or apartment to rent in Brookwood Hills. Have lived in neighborhood 15 years and have to move May 31st. Call Charlotte Tucker, 872-3435.

Wonderful housekeeper available on Tuesdays or Saturdays. Also can recommend a terrific handyman/office man/errand runner. Call Melanie Hardin, 881-9521.

Can recommend a reliable service man for plumbing, electrical, heating/ac, etc. Call Kimberly or Hayes Wilson, 876-4618.

Need help in selecting a computer? Having difficulty operating programs on your existing computer? Let our consultants help you and your family become computer experts! Experienced training and equipment discounts available for both Macintosh and PC systems. Call Mary B. O'Connor & Associates for a free consultation. 874-2862.

Brooknotes Schedule

The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes will be Friday, April 8th. Brooknotes submissions must be in writing and should be dropped off at Alison Caughman's house, 200 Camden Road. If you have any questions or problems regarding Brooknotes delivery, call Laura Inman at 352-5072.

Security Update

Several neighbors have asked why they don't seem to notice the police security patrols as often as they used to. The off-duty Atlanta City Police Officers hired by the Association to patrol our neighborhood ride in a variety of vehicles while on duty in Brookwood Hills. Our day patrolman usually rides in an unmarked jeep. The night patrol may be in an unmarked car or on the new, quieter motorcycles now used by the Atlanta police.

The nicer weather often brings security problems with it. Let's hope, though, that things will remain as quiet as they have been for the past six months. We have had one attempted break-in, which was thwarted by an observant neighbor calling 911. The other "problem" was a woman with a small child, begging for money. She worked our neighborhood for about two weeks, but has now moved on to new territory. Please refer such individuals to local agencies. People looking for work will also begin knocking on doors during the Spring and Summer. Please check their references carefully before hiring them.

The meter maids continue to ticket cars in the neighborhood. We are working with the city on some parking plans, but in the meantime, please observe the sign in front of your home and park in the correct direction for the traffic flow.

For more information, or if you have security concerns, call the Security Committee Chair, Sara Jean Burke at 355-6288.

Garden Club Benefits Us All

Nearly 56 years ago on April 29th, 1938, the Garden Club was formed to "work on the improvement of Brookwood Hills' newly acquired park property." Since then the Club has pursued that goal, raising money for many neighborhood projects from fund raisers ranging from a Southern fried chicken luncheon held during the 1941 Dogwood Festival, to the recent auctions.

One of the initial projects was the landscaping of the Brighton and Palisades entrance islands. This project has continued through the years, and the islands have undergone several renovations. After instigating a park renovation in the early Seventies, the Club has continued to give thousands of dollars and hundreds of "women hours" toward the beautification of the park. Starting in 1982, the Club spearheaded an ongoing study of our aging Water Oaks and contributed toward their replacement. Currently, the Club is responsible for planting and maintaining flowers and new shrubs in the pool area, as well as the entrance islands.

Approximately \$20,000 has been raised by the Brookwood Hills Garden Club's past four fund-raising events, which included the Tour of Homes, Auction, Progressive Dinner, and 50th Anniversary Gala. The proceeds were used mainly for replacement of trees and park improvements, including the arbor and play equipment. Last month the Garden Club funded the professional clean-up of the area surrounding the pool and tennis courts, and added plantings in this area.

With the auction scheduled for next month, the Garden Club is continuing its tradition of benefitting the neighborhood, while offering its members an opportunity to learn about the natural beauty that surrounds us.

The logo for Specialty Homes Inc. features the word "Specialty" in a large, elegant, cursive script. Below it, the word "Homes" is written in a smaller, similar cursive font. At the bottom, "Inc." is written in a simple, sans-serif font.

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