

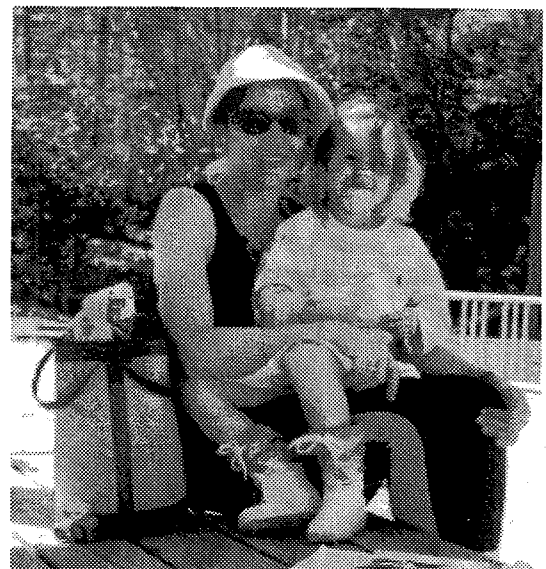


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The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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SIGNS OF SPRING IN BWH



Clockwise, 1-r: (1) blooms on Montclair; (2) Lombard and Thomas Puri at the park; (3) Jake and Katie McCune with Carlos and Elena Duralde, Mom (Mary Barrett) holding new puppy Max and Devon Simons just off the school bus on Huntington Road; (4) Laranne and Ellie Oser soaking up the sun.



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Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is April 18, 1997. Submissions should be in writing and should be dropped off at Deirdre Stiles' house at 23 Northwood Ave.

Word of Mouth

Frank Bellavia of 74 Montclair forwarded the following warning regarding Nolan Rabern Roofing and Metal Co., "Consumers Beware: Word has it that Scott Bolles is currently representing himself as an employee of Nolan Rabern Specialized Roofing & Metal Co., Inc. Please be advised that Nolan Rabern is still in business and doing his own work."

Word of Mouth is a great way let to neighbors know about your good/bad experiences with painters, contractors, or any other service provider. Just drop your comments in the Brooknotes box at 23 Northwood and spread the word

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Let's All Do Our Share

by Betsy Crosby

Are you a freeloader? In this community of upstanding citizens, nearly twenty percent of our neighbors are simply not pulling their own weight. A little over eighty percent of the households annually pay dues to the Brookwood Hills Community Club, either as an "A" or "B" member. The rest are relying on this eighty percent to keep Brookwood Hills a safe, attractive, and intact neighborhood.

Chances are, those twenty percent don't even know they are freeloading. It is commonly assumed that only those neighbors who use the pool or tennis facilities need to join the Community Club. Here's what's wrong with that analysis.

Membership in the Community Club pays not just for direct benefits, but indirect ones as well. "A" category members receive, in exchange for an annual fee of \$495 per year, a security patrol by off-duty policemen and privileges at the pool, the tennis court and the park. "B" category members receive, in exchange for their dues of \$180 a year, the security patrol and privileges to use the park. Those are the direct benefits.

Yet it is the indirect benefits that have drawn us to this neighborhood and keep us here. Dues provide the Community Club with funds to purchase border properties, such as the wooded property surrounding Clear Creek, purchased in the 1980s from the railway. Dues help pay maintenance expenses on those properties, as well as property taxes each year. Such properties protect us from encroachment and help protect us from crime.

Dues finance efforts by the Community Club to confront zoning and traffic issues. Brookwood Hills is respected as a potential adversary by both developers and City Hall because of our fierce defense of our borders. One of the most important Community Club victories was the opposition of a West Peachtree Street extension in 1974 that would have connected Peachtree with Piedmont and ultimately with Buford Highway through the Clear Creek property behind Huntington Rd. The threat of litigation by the Community Club is viewed as a big stick in our various negotiations with outsiders.

Dues finance the upkeep of our "town center"-- our pool, tennis courts and park. According to a May 15, 1995 article in Newsweek, what makes a neighborhood successful is a town center which serves as a "geographical reference point and a focus of civic life." This neighborhood would be merely a collection of pretty houses without our pool and our park. This is how we make friends out of our neighbors.

You don't have to swing a tennis racket or get your big toe wet to receive benefits from this "town center." Your property values reflect the benefit of having such a center in the neighborhood. The pool is often an influential factor in someone's decision to buy in Brookwood Hills. By contributing to the neighborhood's upkeep of this area, you protect your investment in your home.

If you are one of the freeloaders, whether intentional or not, please join the Community Club this year. If you are a "B" member, please consider upgrading your membership to category "A." Let's all support this neighborhood 100%. Membership applications are available from our membership chairmen, Diane Kellum (876-8976) and Janet Frederick (897-1440).

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB!

LOOK NO FURTHER THAN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD POOL

We are currently hiring for the concession stand assistants and lifeguards.

Concession stand employees must be 15 years old and lifeguards 16 years old. Lifeguards must be certified by pool opening. Part-time and full-time hours available in both positions.

Hourly pay rates: Concession stand \$5.00/hr

 Lifeguards \$6.00/hr

Contact the pool manager ,Margarita Nickell ,for an application now!

770-645-8392

Easter Egg Hunt At 3 pm

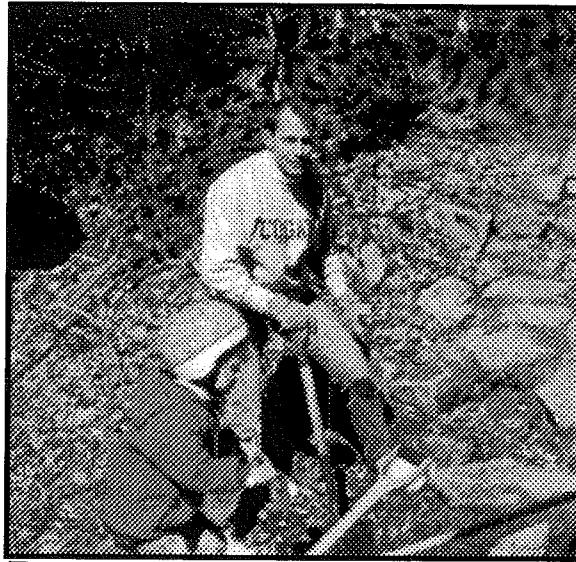
Please note that the time for the annual BWH Easter Egg Hunt was listed incorrectly in the last issue of Brooknotes. **The Hunt will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 23rd at the BWH park.** All neighborhood children are welcome. Pattie Junger is once again generously underwriting this fun-filled afternoon.

Volunteers Needed for Security Notices

2-3 adult volunteers are needed per street to deliver our BWH security notices. These very important notices are issued on an as needed basis to alert neighbors to any security issues that arise. If you would like help keep our neighborhood safe and informed please call Laranne Oser at 351-4825.

BWH Park Gets Spring Cleaning

by Deirdre Stiles



Rob Frederick on the job; Nicole rides by on her bike

Surprisingly cool weather on Saturday March 15th didn't slow down spring cleaning at BWH park. Frampton Simons and Micky Ross headed up the neighborhood clean-up crew which included Libby, little Frampton and Henry Simons; Betsy Crosby; Lomard and Thomas Puri; Patricia, Richard and Kalli Perano; Janet, Nicole, Andrew and Rob Frederick; Mike, Caroline and Jimmy White; new neighbor Lisa Ferno; Marc Potts; Hank, Helen and Caroline Harris; Betty Black; Katrina, Stephanie, Amanda, Natalie and Floyd

Newton; Nicole, Miles, Brian and Sara Cook; Rich and Connor Perkey; Martin and Luke Putney; Deirdre Stiles and Katie Ann Delesalle. Harvey Ross was home with a sick child and came for the second shift. By 12:30 p.m. almost all the tasks on Frampton's list were complete and almost all the donuts were gone. A big thank you to everyone who came and helped.

Twice a year (fall and spring) the BWH Park Committee organizes a neighborhood clean-up day on a Saturday morning. There are jobs for every age and level of expertise. We all enjoy having our wonderful park and taking care of it is everyone's responsibility. It can be a lot of fun as well. If you have never made it to a park clean up, please plan to come in November. If you have been meaning to help but something always comes up - please make it a priority. Taking the time to care for our common property not only makes us feel more a part of the neighborhood, it sets an example for the little helpers who are learning to care for their park too.

CLASSIFIEDS

Cottage for rent - Seaside, Florida. Charming victorian cottage in Seaside Florida is available June 20th - 27th. Please call Esther and Jim Stokes for details 786-1809.

Wanted - a Double Jogger Stroller. Would like to buy a gently used double jogger stroller. If you have one or an idea where to look for one please call Mary O'Connor at 874-2143.

Office Space Available. 635 sq. ft. office space located at 1819 Peachtree Road (corner of Palisades). Immediately available for 12 - 15 month lease. Contact Barbara Thome at Central Pharmacy Services, Inc. Tel. 404-351-8366.

Wonderful Caregiver Available. Working mom has decided to stay home with three year old. This reliable nanny has been with us since our son was 8 weeks old. She is interested in full time position and would consider another family sharing her with us on a part time basis. For more information call Jill Perkey at 888-9501.

Executive Suite. 12x16 \$800/mo. All office amenities. Free parking. 2045 Peachtree Road (just south of Friday's). Contact: Henry Kellum home 876-8976 or office (404) 352-3922.

BROOKWOOD GIRLS ON A ROLL



Back row l-r: Kayla Tausche, Katie McCune, Elena Duralde, Helen Harris. Front row l-r: Susanna Bramlett, Emily Clark, Caroline Nadal, Carolyn Harris, Austin Gitomer, Laurie King

by Caroline Nadal

Brookwood Girls went to Cedar Creek Bowling Lanes on Sunday February 23rd. Only a few lucky people made a strike. A lot more people made spares. The girls all had a great time with their dads. Katie's dad, Mr. McCune, had the high game amongst all the dads.

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The next BW Girls outing will be to Stone Mountain on Sunday, March 23rd. We will assemble at the BWH park and plan to leave by 1:30. For more information please call Xavier Duralde at 874-7863.

BWH Neighbor finds "Room to Move" in Atlanta

What do you do if you love to dance but your talent leaves you standing in the wings instead of on center stage? Forget watching and wishing! If you are Patricia Perano, you accept a seat on the Board of Directors of an cutting edge dance company. Patricia who describes herself as a "wannabe" professional dancer knew long ago that a career in dance was not in her future. Instead she has found her niche in supporting small, avant garde dance companies. After moving to Atlanta in 1993, she began taking classes with Amy Gately director of Room to Move Dance. Amy quickly recognized that Patricia's talent lay in her enthusiasm and energy and asked her to serve on the Board of her innovative dance company. Patricia jumped at the opportunity to be a part of the performing arts community in Atlanta. She believes that "the arts are so important and small progressive dance companies have a very difficult time finding funding."



Fortunately, difficult does not mean impossible and thanks to funding provided by the Fulton County Arts Council and the Georgia Council for the Arts, Room to Move is able to produce one large show each year.

Patricia is especially excited about this year's production "Masque of the Red Death" a collaborative work of dance, theatre and performance art inspired by Edgar Allen Poe's gothic and timeless tale of a community blinded by greed and self indulgence. Those who know little of Poe's work need not fear. Several dramatic readings are synchronized with dance segments to lend clarity. Although written in 1842, Poe's work speaks poignantly to contemporary audiences in the age of a new "red death," AIDS. The production is choreographed by Amy Gately and directed by Kate Warner. Performances are Thursday - Saturday April 3 - 5 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday April 6 at 3:00 p.m. at the 14th St. Playhouse Secondstage. Tickets are \$12 with senior citizens, students and artists discount tickets available for \$10. For reservations please call 404-733-5000.

Great Gift Idea!!

Personalized Photo Calendar

Send 12 color or B&W photos and your "Dates to Remember" for an 11x17" calendar beginning with the month following the receipt of your order, or you may specify the month on which you would like your calendar to begin. Please specify on the back of each photo the month and year it's to be used. Your photos will be returned with your calendar. *No discs, negatives, slides, photos smaller than 2 1/2 x 3" or larger than 8 1/2 x 11", or copyrighted photos.* If there are certain holidays (most major holidays are already included), birthdays, anniversaries, or special occasions that you would like remembered please include a clearly printed list. *You may have up to 25 dates / each additional 10 is \$1.00 per calendar.* Allow 2-4 weeks for delivery.

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Calendar, single copy **\$22.00**

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or fax: 770/806-8861



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BROOKWOOD BUZZ TREE SURVEY

On December 6th, **Rachel Solomon Stack Jones** surprised big brother **Liam** and parents **Robin Sandler** and **Will Jones** by arriving six weeks early. She was born at Piedmont Hospital and mom reports that she doesn't like to sleep much. Happily, Liam loves being a big brother and it looks like Rachel may have beautiful auburn hair.

Diane and Roland John have a new baby boy **Alexander Bennett** at 226 Huntington Rd. Born March 5th at Piedmont Hospital, Alexander weighed 5 lbs 15 ounces and is the John's first baby and the first grandson in the family. Diane is taking off the next 5 months from her job at Coca Cola to be with Alexander. She reports that they are not getting a lot of sleep but they are very, very happy.

Allison and Richard Alarcon moved into 20 Northwood in February and are already in the middle of a big renovation. Allison hails from Eufaula, Alabama and is currently with Coca Cola where she first met Harvey Ross. Richard, a native of Atlanta, is with Ernst and Young. As it turns out, Allison already knew their new next door neighbors Mary and Dan O'Connor from her days working with Dan at King and Spalding. They have a beloved cat Peggy and are delighted to be on a street with lots of children. Allison enthusiastically believes that BWH is "the most wonderful neighborhood in Atlanta."

BULLETIN BOARD

BWH Monthly Board Meeting

The next meeting of the BWH Board of Directors will be on Monday, April 7th at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Deirdre Stiles and Marc Delesalle, 23 Northwood Avenue. Please call Deirdre at 249-9544 if you would like to attend. All Community Club members are welcome.

New BWH Girls Soccer Team Opens Season

A new BWH girls soccer team will start practicing and playing on Fridays beginning April 4th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. This "just for fun" team will be coached by our own Sarah Parker and is open to beginners 5 to 6 years old. There are no Saturday games. For more information please call Lisa Barnhart at 355-3707.

Peachtree Presbyterian Preschool's Annual Spring Fling

Mark your calendars now for Peachtree Presbyterian Preschool annual Spring Fling on Saturday May 3rd from 11 am to 3 pm. The fun filled family fair includes games, rides, shows and even some special attractions. There is always lots of delicious BB-Q from Low Country and a wonderful bake sale with lots of sweet treats. For more information please call the school at 404-842-5809.

Inman Park Spring Festival April 25-27

This annual neighborhood events includes live entertainment, five blocks of street market and 130 juried arts and crafts vendors. The 1997 tour of homes highlights 100 years of intown architecture in Atlanta's oldest suburb. The festival activities are free. House tour tickets are \$10 Friday April 25 and \$15 Saturday and Sunday April 26th and 27th. For information call 770-242-4895 or visit the home page at www.inmanpark.org

As you may have noticed over the past few months, the "street" trees in the neighborhood have been marked with numbered tags in conjunction with an extensive tree survey commissioned by the BWH Board of Directors. Conducted by Arboguard Tree Specialists, the survey reviewed the trees located between the sidewalk and the street in the older part of the neighborhood, as well as those bordering the street on Middle Camden, New Camden and Lower Brighton. Because these trees are within the public right of way, they technically belong to the city and cannot be removed without the permission of the City Arborist.

The survey was conducted in light of some specific challenges that became apparent following Hurricane Opal. The Board views the survey as the first comprehensive step towards developing a management plan for our treasured street trees. Arboguard has provided us with critical information as to species, size, condition and site conflicts which the trees may be experiencing.

Arboguard's survey results were shared with both Rob Mason of the Georgia Forestry Commission and Jay Lowery, City Arborist. All three have concurred with the need to remove eight large trees because disease conditions render them potentially hazardous. The homeowners whose trees are slated for removal have been contacted by the Tree Committee of the Board.

Though all of our large trees are under tremendous stress due to their age, constricted environment and other urban pressures, we feel comfortable that we have received sound advice concerning this issue. If you would like further information as to the condition of your particular "street" tree, please contact the Tree Chairman, Celeste Porter at 355-8876 or Betsy Crosby at 351-8821. Thanks are due to the Garden Club whose highly successful auction funded this effort.

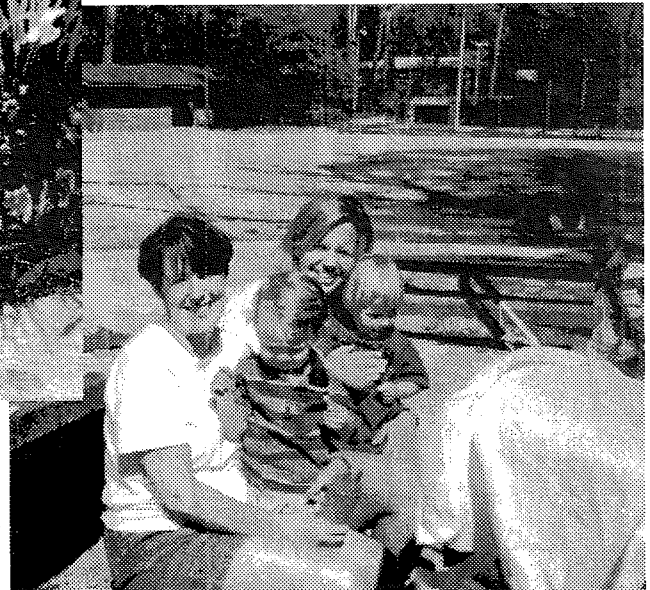
Garden Club Has New Officers

At the March 14th meeting of the BWH Garden Club, President Elizabeth St. John was a vision of spring for the "coronation" of the new Garden Club Officers. Before passing the trowel and a large garden hat-crown to incoming President Linda Harris, she handed out lovely tokens of appreciation to each of the retiring officers and committee members. Linda in turn presented Elizabeth with a beautiful book on container gardening, a bouquet of spring flowers and a little outdoor planter in the shape of a rabbit. Under Elizabeth's leadership and with the hard work of all it's members, the Garden Club's 1996 Acorn Auction raised thousands of dollars for use in replacing trees the neighborhood lost due to hurricane Opal. From maintaining the Brighton and Palisades entrance islands to cleaning up the pool area each year, the Garden Club continues to enhance and nurture the natural beauty of our neighborhood. We all reap the benefits of what these ladies sow.

President - Linda Harris **First Vice-President** - Allison Kehoe **Second Vice-President** - Harvey Ross
Recording Secretary Micki Gambrell **Corresponding Secretary** Katrina Newton **Treasurer** - Jan Irvin
Parliamentarian - Celeste Porter

Committee Chairmen are: **Beautification** - Betsy Robinson, **Membership** - Pat Wilson, **Publicity & Awards** - Kelli Potts, **Ways/ Means** - Linda Bankoff, **Yearbook** - Elizabeth St. John, **Youth Affairs** - Diane Epstein.

More March Montage



Clockwise: (1) Daffodils and pansies on Wakefield; (2) Millie Reed holds Harrison and Beth Gaffney cuddles Ellie while babies Brenden Gaffney and Margaret Reed snooze in the strollers;

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