

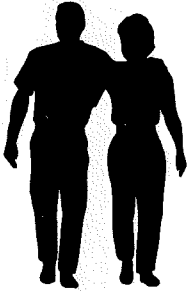


BROOKNOTES

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MAKING ATLANTA WALKABLE



There is a new kind of movement in Atlanta these days – walking. Now, walking is hardly news, especially in Brookwood Hills. We have dedicated groups of walkers out every morning, rain or shine, getting their daily exercise trekking up and down our hilly urban haven. And there is an almost steady stream of walkers and runners on Peachtree every day – though I’ve always wondered whether the benefits are outweighed by the inhalation of exhaust fumes.

So, what is front page news about walking? Well, it seems that the City wants to make it safe for us to walk not just for exercise in our neighborhood, but all around Atlanta. City Councilwoman Julia Emmons is heading the Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) that is mounting a major media campaign to raise public awareness of pedestrian safety. PAC is focused on the education of drivers and pedestrians, enforcement of existing laws, and physical improvements such as sidewalks and crosswalks. In a letter to Atlanta neighborhoods, Lee A. Kintzel, a member of PAC, makes it clear that they want to reach “individuals in our city’s neighborhoods with the message about what we can all do to protect pedestrians.”

The following information includes the State law concerning right of way, safety tips, common courtesies and “what pedestrians should know.” Becoming better educated pedestrians and drivers will help make Atlanta more walker friendly.

STATE LAW: Who has the right of way?

- ◆ Drivers must stop and stay stopped to allow a pedestrian who is on the same half of the road, plus a lane, to use the crosswalk.
- ◆ Drivers must stop behind the crosswalk, not on top of it.
- ◆ When turning left or right on a green light or at an intersection without a signal, drivers must yield the right of way to pedestrians.
- ◆ When emerging from a driveway or alley, drivers must stop prior to driving onto the sidewalk and must yield the right of way to pedestrians on the sidewalk.
- ◆ Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such vehicle.

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Easter Bunny Expected



The Easter Bunny is planning to visit Brookwood Hills park on **Sunday, March 28th**. The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will begin at **3:30 p.m.** Hunters of all ages are invited to come join the fun, with baskets in tow. This much anticipated neighborhood event is once again generously sponsored by neighbor **Patti Junger of Coldwell Banker Buckhead Brokers**. Don't miss this wonderful afternoon of family fun!

The park committee is looking for a megaphone to use as part of the day's festivities. If you have one you are willing to lend, please contact **Diane John at 404-870-0484**.



MEMBERSHIP DUES

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! BE SURE TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES BY **MARCH 31ST** TO AVOID A LATE FEE. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE A MEMBERSHIP PACKET, PLEASE CALL **JANET FREDERICK 404-897-1440** OR **JEAN O'HALLORAN 404-352-0802**.

WORD OF MOUTH

For top quality and reasonably priced fireplace repairs call **John McKibbin at the Atlanta Chimney Co.** He does excellent work repairing and refacing fireplaces. John's numbers are 404-638-0850, mobile 404-456-2616 or pager 770-462-3808. Neighbor reference **Mary O'Connor 404-874-2143**.

by Anne Sapp

Spring is in the air, and along with the warm weather comes spring cleaning and spring renovations. Many of the homes in our neighborhood are in an historic conservation district; therefore, our residents are aware of the unique challenges each of us face in planning a new project which is sensitive to the historic nature of our surroundings, but adaptive to the needs of modern lives and busy families. Our neighborhood is part of the Neighborhood Planning Unit E (NPU-E). The NPU makes recommendations to the City of Atlanta's zoning review board (ZRB) regarding the appropriateness of planned renovations which necessitate a variance. The NPU looks to each neighborhood board for comments regarding proposed improvements in their area. To assist our Board of Directors in making a recommendation to the NPU, the Board voted last month to form an Architectural Review Committee.

The purpose of the Architectural Review Committee is two-fold. First, to assist neighbors with understanding zoning and other city requirements in the early phases of planning a renovation project, and second, to review any projects requiring a variance prior to their presentation to the Board of Directors. We feel that this will not only give the board an opportunity to fully understand each project requiring a variance, but also give our residents a forum to receive comments and suggestions as to the compatibility of their project with their surrounding neighbors. We hope to have the members of the Architectural Review Committee selected by April. Therefore, if you are planning a spring project which will require any type of variance, please allow sufficient time to meet with the Architectural Review Committee prior to being on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting.

As a Board, it is our goal to treat each neighbor individually and fairly, and at the same time, balance maintaining the integrity of our neighborhood and preserving its historical significance. I am hopeful that the formation of the new Architectural Review Committee will help us better achieve this goal. Happy Renovating!

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Board is seeking individuals with a background in architecture, engineering or historic preservation willing to serve on the new Architectural Review Committee (ARC). If you are interested in being considered for ARC, please contact BWHCC President Anne Sapp at 404-892-5705 or Zoning Chairman Leigh Furrh at 404-873-7369.

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Definitions

- ◆ In the crosswalk law, “half of the road” means all lanes traveling in the same direction.
- ◆ Crosswalk: the parallel lines that connect sidewalks on opposite sides of the street, whether or not they are marked by paint.
- ◆ The flashing “Don’t Walk” signal means that pedestrians who have already left the curb should continue walking. It does not mean that motorists have the right of way.

SAFETY TIPS

- ◆ When turning right on red, look to your passenger side before turning to make sure no one is walking in front of your car.
- ◆ Crosswalks exist on all four corners of most intersections in Georgia, whether or not they are marked by painted lines and warning lines.

COMMON COURTESIES

- ◆ Do not block sidewalks or sidewalk areas with garbage cans.
- ◆ Locate sprinklers to avoid spraying onto sidewalks.
- ◆ Trim plants, bushes, and vines that encroach on sidewalk space.
- ◆ Do not park on sidewalks or on the sidewalk area of driveways.

WHAT PEDESTRIANS SHOULD KNOW

Cross at Crosswalks:

- ◆ Drivers are required to stop and remain stopped for pedestrians in crosswalks.
- ◆ Turning vehicles are required to yield to pedestrians.
- ◆ Crosswalks exist on all four corners of most intersections in Georgia whether or not they are marked. Painted crosswalks sometimes exist at mid-block as well.

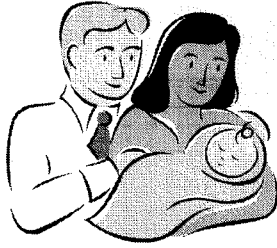
Use Pedestrians Signals:

- ◆ Pushing pedestrian activated buttons increases the amount of crosswalk time.
- ◆ Left turn arrows have been added to many intersections. Leaving the curb prior to the beginning of the “WALK” phase is likely to put you in conflict with turning vehicles.
- ◆ The flashing “don’t walk” or upraised hand warns pedestrians not to begin crossing, but those in the crosswalk should continue walking.

EFFECTIVE WALKING TIPS

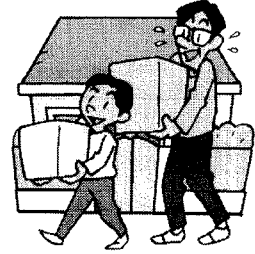
- ◆ On streets without sidewalks, don’t walk with your back to traffic.
- ◆ Stop at the edge of the roadway before crossing. Look left, right, then left again before entering the street.

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New Faces

By Sarah and Patti



330 Camden Road. **Ann and Jim Curry** moved in-town from Sandy Springs. They have two grown children; son **Nick** is a graduate student at Northwestern University and daughter **Kelley**, a Brown graduate, is married and living in Boston. Ann says they are “delighted to be the new old guys” in the neighborhood. Jim is a CPA specializing in mergers and acquisitions at Deloitte & Touche. Ann owns her own consulting firm, Coxe Curry & Associates, which specializes in fundraising for not-for-profit organizations.

22 Woodcrest Avenue. **Karen and David Carter** recently moved to Atlanta from Richmond, Virginia. Their daughter **Ali** is 16 years old and living abroad in Rennes, France for the year. **Jonathon** is 13 years old and a student at Pace Academy. Karen was a French teacher in Richmond. David is with the law firm Hunton & Williams. Interestingly, the Carter’s first experience with Brookwood Hills was in 1983 when David was clerking for an Atlanta firm for the summer during law school. He and Karen house-sat for different lawyers in the firm and one of the places they spent some time that summer was Brookwood Hills. David says it has definitely changed since 1983!

A double welcome to **Walter Davenport Stapleton Boykin** and **Samuel Marks Boykin IV** born to **Lyn and Sam Boykin** of 61 Montclair Drive. The boys were born February 21st at Piedmont Hospital. Daven was the first born and is named for Lyn’s brother. Sam is the bigger of the two and eats a lot. Mom is happy to have a baby nurse and both grandmothers not too far away.

27 Wakefield Road. A big thanks to Patti Junger for bringing **Dianne LaVanway** and her son **Mark Haise** to the neighborhood. They moved from Wildwood neighborhood on the westside of Atlanta. Dianne called Patti when it was time for a new house. Patti knew just the place – it was the only house they saw! Mark is 16 years old and a sophomore at Pace Academy. Dianne is President of Lyric Communications an intelligent networking company for the telecommunications industry. Dianne said that their dog Maggie is helping them meet new neighbors by running away regularly.

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- ◆ Do not assume that drivers will obey traffic signals.
- ◆ Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.
- ◆ If a driver is turning right on red without looking to the right, knock on the car window or blow a whistle.
- ◆ While crossing the street, look over your shoulder to watch for turning vehicles.
- ◆ Wear reflective or light colored clothing when walking at night, or carry a flashlight.

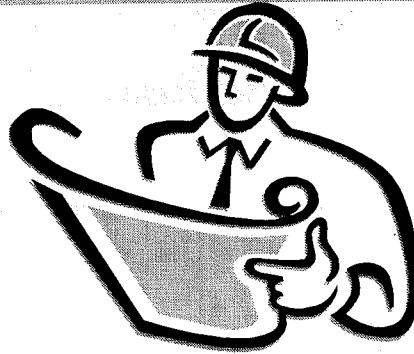
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Alex Summers

On February 22, 1999 the construction coordinating committee held its third meeting at the sales trailer for the BrookWood Place Condominiums. Present at the meeting were Kevin Curry, V-President Construction/Property Management for Selig Enterprises, Inc., Satish Lathi, of Southeast Capital Partners, Reggie Askew, Co-Project Manager for Turner Construction Co., and Nick Sears, Kelly Burnout, and Alex Summers from Brookwood Hills.

Kevin Curry presented the traffic plan approved by the City of Atlanta Traffic Engineering Dept. The plan calls for the reconfiguration of both intersections located at Twenty-fifth Street and Deering Road with the reconfiguration of the traffic signals and signs.

The Twenty-fifth Street intersection will be widened to accommodate the wider entrance and exit to the commercial and the condominium developments. Traffic entering the projects from Peachtree may turn left or right to enter. There will be no left



turn lane or delay signal to aid left turn traffic traveling south on Peachtree. Traffic exiting the projects may turn left, right or go straight into Twenty-fifth Street. As provided for in the covenants, the traffic effects of going straight on the Twenty-fifth Street neighborhood will be assessed after one year and any proposed changes to the traffic control at Twenty-fifth will be made then.

The intersection at Peachtree and Deering Road will be improved to provide for ingress and egress to the development by right turn, left turn, or by going straight from any direction. Both left turn lanes and left turn delay arrows will be provided for left turns into the development by traffic traveling south on Peachtree and into Deering Road by traffic traveling north on Peachtree.

The special exception to the zon-

ing regulations and permitting of the eight foot high opaque fence along the Huntington Road properties is under way, although it will still be several months before the installation of the fence will begin.

Selig Enterprises Inc. reported the following activities will be taking place in the next two months:

- Clean-up work of the debris from the earlier demolition of the lower gym will be completed by March 1st.
- Final phases of asbestos abatement in the remainder of the Jewish Community Center building will continue through the third week of March.
- Demolition of the remainder of the Jewish Community Center building will begin at the end of March and will continue until the middle of May.

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Brookwood Girls



On March 28th Brookwood Girls Club is headed to Cedar Creek Lanes (2749 Delk Rd. in Marietta) for some bowling fun. We will meet at 2:00 at the Brookwood Hills park. For more information please call Rick Gitomer 404-351-9832.

Brookwood Boys

Brookwood Boys are heading to American Adventures on Sunday, March 21st. We will meet at the park at 12:30 PM. The Fun Pass is \$13.99 per child and \$2.99 per parent. For more information, please contact Henry Kellum at 404-876-8976.

Basketball Tournament



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!
There are still places available for teams to participate in the three-on-three tournament.

MARCH 27th AND 28th. Please contact Frampton Simons at 404-355-5005 or Rob Donovan 404-817-7551 for more information.

SANDBOX REMINDER

Please remember to replace the green cover on the sandbox when it is not in use. This will help keep water and animals out of the sand so that it can be enjoyed by children.

**Thanks!
Park Committee**

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Turner Construction Co. reported the following activities scheduled for the next two months:

- Final demolition of the Jewish Community Center gymnasium (Moderate noise).
- Continuation of site grading and haul-off for the condominium and town house buildings (Moderate noise).
- Installation of temporary construction access road (Minimal noise).
- Continuation of the auger driven pile installation (Moderate noise).
- Initial mobilization of concrete and structural trades (Minimal noise).

Then next meeting of the group is scheduled for March 22, 1999 at 6:00 PM.

CLASSIFIEDS

Nanny Available. Geraldine is a wonderful nanny who is especially good with infants. She prefers to work in the afternoons, and is very familiar with Brookwood Hills. You may contact Geraldine directly at 404-378-0846 or call Catherine Simons at 404-351-6720 for a reference. Catherine also has names of several full time nannies.

Security Alert Signs

When you see the Security Alert sign posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the **Brookwood Hills Security Hotline 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.

Community Calendar

BWH Community Club Board Meeting will be held on **April 12th at 7:15 p.m.** at the home of Caroline and Harry Gilham 106 Camden. All members are welcome to attend. Please contact the Gilhams 404-355-0245 if you plan to attend.

Brookwood Boys. Sunday, March 21 at American Adventures. See page 7 for details. For information call Henry Kellum 404-876-8976.

Brookwood Girls. Sunday, March 28th at Cedar Creek Bowling Lanes. See page 7 for details. For information call Rick Gitomer 404-351-9832.

Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 28th at 3:30 pm. For details see page 2.

March Madness Basketball Tournament. March 27th and 28th. See page 7 for more details.

Membership Dues payable on or before March 31st. See page 2 for details.

Peachtree Christian Church Summer Camps. Open to Crawlers through 4 year olds. M-W-F, 9 am to 1 pm. Registration begins on April 13th at 10 am. For additional information, please call Leah Hess 404-876-5535.

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