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Party Raises \$11,500 for Children's Healthcare

By **Caroline Wilbert**, wife of a BrookNotes Co-editor

Despite the theme "Recession Blues," the mood was upbeat, and plenty of money was raised at this year's Friends' cocktail party. The proceeds from the event – \$11,500—go to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The event is put on every other year by the Brookwood Hills Friends of Children's Healthcare group. More than 100 neighborhood folks attended this year's party, held at the beautiful home of Sharon and Mark Williams. The band Olde Dog kept parties' on the dance floor well past midnight. Other highlights included:

Great Eats: All the food was donated by local restaurants, including Black Bear Tavern, Central City Tavern, Vita, Fresh Market, Chick-fil-A and The Taco Stand. The decorated cakes were donated by Sugar Bear Sweets, the company of Heidi Leithleiter. (Heidi also coordinated all the food donations for the evening). Peachtree Road Liquor gave a generous discount on alcohol.

Silent Auction and Raffle: 26 donors contributed to the silent auction and raffle. Party-goers enjoyed bidding on everything from children's photography sessions to personalized stationery to a week in a vacation home. (*See list of sponsors on Page 5.*)

Volunteers: Kelley Berman, Friends chair and corporate sponsorships; Burch Hanson and Caroline Tolleson, party chairs; Heidi Leithleiter, food/beverages/band; Kelly Jenkins, invitations and RSVPs; Mary Paige Adams, invitations (assembly and delivery coordination); Liz Davies, silent auction; Kellam Mattie, volunteer coordination; Molly Jackson, decorations and rentals; Cara Mulcahy, decorations; Sharon and Mark Williams, party hosts; and many others who secured sponsors, cleaned up, prepared food, and staffed registration and silent auction tables.

Rare March Snowstorm Blankets Buckhead

By **Tony Wilbert**, BrookNotes Co-editor

March came in like a lion in the form of a snowstorm, complete with thunder. Much of Georgia was covered in snow Sunday March 1, with Atlanta getting about 2 inches.

The snow blanketed the streets and houses of Brookwood Hills, as shown here in this photo of the home of Roland and Diane John on Northwood Avenue. The snow didn't stick around long, but it there was enough of it for several BWH's residents to make snowmen and women. Peter Kotchen of Northwood Avenue built a snowman that survived a couple days before going the way of Frosty the Snowman.

Atlanta Public Schools closed March 2 due to the snowstorm, though many parents wondered why. No snow could be seen on the streets by Monday morning.

The snow did stop the city of Atlanta from picking up trash as scheduled. City workers, however, were crafty enough to stop by every Herbie Curbie and affix a notice that the trash could not be picked up due to the inclement weather.



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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 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.

Atlanta History Center Adds BWH Legacy Project

By Elaine Luxemburger

The Brookwood Hills Legacy Project has been added to the collection of the Atlanta History Center. A project of the Legacy Ladies, the Legacy Project is an effort to document the history of the houses and the people who have lived here during the 87 years of this neighborhood's existence. In addition past presidents of the Brookwood Hills Community Club have written about the events and situations that occurred during their times in office.

If you were not a part of this project and you would like to be, please contact me and ask for a form to tell what you know about your house and the people who have lived there. You do not have to do research or have any unusual knowledge about these questions; just what you know about your house and family is enough.

If you'd prefer, I will interview you and write up the information if you do not want to do it yourself. What could be easier! So please contact Elaine within the next month, by the end of April, which will be the last date to be included. My phone number is 404-874-0634.

Sgt. Baxter Thanks BWH Residents

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the generous 2008 bonus I received. With a wife, and two small children at home, along with currently being furloughed, and a worsening budget picture being painted for the city of Atlanta, I cannot begin to express how much this means to my family. I will continue to protect and serve the residents of Brookwood Hills, and I truly appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely, **Sergeant Jeff Baxter** and family.

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is April 9, 2009. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 200 Camden Road.

Act Now to Report Water Meter Problems

The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods is alerting residents of its member neighborhoods that they have the opportunity to register problems with the new water-usage automatic meter readers (AMRs). But, you have to act quickly. Forms will be submitted to the city April 9. Here's what's up.

SITUATION: The contractor employed by the Department of Watershed Management for recent meter installations may have installed a mismatching register (dial) for the underlying water meter size. This mismatch may have resulted in a higher reading than the actual water volume flowing through the meter.

BACKGROUND: The city has 2 sizes of water meters (5/8" and 3/4"); however, the newly installed AMRs only have the register dial mechanism calibrated for a 3/4" meter. The contractor was supposed to change out any 5/8" meters found with a completely new unit (3/4" meter under a 3/4" calibrated register dial). That did not happen in some cases and those residents are seeing a spike in the water usage amount on their bills. (Example: my usage amount doubled with the very first bill I received after the new AMR was installed).

ACTION REQUESTED: Peachtree Hills had new AMRs installed during the last few months of 2008 and into 2009. If you have noticed an unusual increase in the water amount usage - measured in CCFs indicated on your water bill - since your new AMR was installed, please complete the "E-FORM" [address below] on the Peachtree Hills website.

We're trying to proactively capture certain information so that we can submit a listing of addresses to appropriate parties at the Dept of Watershed Management. This will allow them to target those residences first when they research how many homes may be impacted.

Interestingly, when we discovered the problem at my address, the Field Engineer Manager had not heard of this issue previously in over 100,000 units installed. Nonetheless, we've now found at least 2, possibly 3 addresses, within Peachtree Hills for whom this is a problem. We're hoping that this process of collecting names/addresses will help the city be more responsive.

Visit:

http://www.peachtreehills.org/eform_detail.asp?id=20&name=Issues+w%2FAutomatic+Water+Meter+Readers and complete the form. We'll collect all the responses and submit a list of addresses to the city for their follow-up.

PLEASE NOTE: your street number is in separate field from the street name (allows us to sort by street).

Please submit your form today. The final list will be sent to City Hall on 9th April.

*Next meeting April 9
BCN meets on the second Thursday of every month*

*6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in Room 2311 at
Peachtree Presbyterian Church
3434 Roswell Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30305.*

Lee King Announces 2009 Tennis Clinic Schedule

BROOKWOOD HILLS SUMMER TENNIS CLINICS 2009

Ms. Lee King will once again be conducting Junior Tennis Clinics, Woman's Intermediate Clinics and Women's Beginning Clinics. The clinics will run Monday through Friday for one hour each. (with the exception of the first week which will be Monday – Thursday for one hour and fifteen minutes) The price per person is \$90 per week. Please call Lee directly to sign up or if you have any questions: **404-261-8643**; leekingtenpro@aol.com The schedule is as follows:

<u>3 and 4 year old</u>	<u>June 1st – June 4th</u>	<u>9:45 am – 11:00 am</u> (1 st Session)
<u>3 and 4 year old</u>	<u>June 1st – June 4th</u>	<u>11:00 am – 12:15 pm</u> (2 nd Session)
<u>5 and 6 year old</u>	<u>June 8th – June 12th</u>	<u>9:45 am – 10:45 am</u> (1 st Session)
<u>5 and 6 year old</u>	<u>June 8th – June 12th</u>	<u>10:45 am – 11:45 am</u> (2 nd Session)
<u>Beginning Women</u>	<u>June 15th – June 19th</u>	<u>9:00 am – 10:00 am</u>
<u>7 and 8 year old</u>	<u>June 15th – June 19th</u>	<u>10:00 am – 11:00 am</u> (1 st Session)
<u>7 and 8 year old</u>	<u>June 15th – June 19th</u>	<u>11:00 am – 12:00 noon</u> (2 nd Session)
<u>9 and 10 year old</u>	<u>June 22nd – June 26th</u>	<u>9:00 am – 10:00 am</u>
<u>Intermediate Women</u>	<u>June 22nd – June 26th</u>	<u>10:00 am – 11:00 am</u>
<u>3 and 4 year old</u>	<u>June 29th – July 3rd</u>	<u>9:30 am – 10:30 am</u> (1 st Session)
<u>3 and 4 year old</u>	<u>June 29th – July 3rd</u>	<u>10:30 am – 11:30 am</u> (2 nd Session)
<u>5 and 6 year old</u>	<u>July 6th – 10th</u>	<u>9:30 am – 10:30 am</u> (1 st Session)
<u>5 and 6 year old</u>	<u>July 6th – July 10th</u>	<u>10:30 am – 11:30 am</u> (2 nd Session)
<u>7 and 8 year old</u>	<u>July 13th – July 17th</u>	<u>9:30 am – 10:30 am</u>
<u>Beginning Women</u>	<u>July 13 – July 17th</u>	<u>10:30 am – 11:30 am</u>
<u>9 and 10 year old</u>	<u>July 20th – July 24th</u>	<u>9:30 am – 10:30 am</u>
<u>Intermediate Women</u>	<u>July 20th – July 24th</u>	<u>10:30 am – 11:30am</u>
<u>7 and 8 year old</u>	<u>July 27th – July 31st</u>	<u>9:30 am – 10:30 am</u> (1 st Session)
<u>7 and 8 year old</u>	<u>July 27th – July 31st</u>	<u>10:30 am – 11:30 am</u> (2 nd Session)
<u>5 and 6 year old</u>	<u>August 3rd – August 7th</u>	<u>9:30 am – 10:30 am</u> (1 st Session)
<u>5 and 6 year old</u>	<u>August 3rd – August 7th</u>	<u>10:30 am – 11:30 am</u> (2 nd Session)
<u>3 and 4 year old</u>	<u>August 10th – August 14th</u>	<u>9:30 am – 10:30 am</u> (1 st Session)
<u>3 and 4 year old</u>	<u>August 10th – August 14th</u>	<u>10:30 am – 11:30 am</u> (2 nd Session)



Help Fight the "Recession Blues"

Saturday, March 21th

Home of Sharon and Mark Williams, 47 Brighton Road

Brookwood Hills Friends, Benefiting, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Recession Stopper Sponsor

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C L A S S I F I E D S

WANNA SHARE A NANNY?: We have a great nanny taking care of our 1-year-old daughter. However, she is not that busy and is fully capable of taking care of more than one child. Please call me at **404-375-7540** or email me at ctkotchen@gmail.com if you are interested in sharing a nanny certain days of the week. Thanks, Catherine Kotchen.

COME CHECK OUT THESE COOL PRODUCTS. Brookwood Hills neighbor, Kelly Jenkins, is hosting a trunk show for her line SepiaPress stationery (www.sepiapress.com) along with her friend Anna Muir, who represents Stella and Dot Jewelry (www.stelladot.com/annamuir). Please join us April 16th from either 9:30 a.m.-12 noon or 5-7 p.m. or both!, at 331 Camden Road. Stella and Dot Jewelry is an adorable and affordable jewelry line that is only available through home shows. SepiaPress is custom stationery and gift enclosures with prices starting at \$20. Hope to see you!

BABY-SITTERS AVAILABLE. Helen Harris just completed her freshman year at the University of Georgia. She is available and looking to baby-sit mornings, afternoons, or nights from May 11 until June 1, and nights after June 1st. I have baby-sat for a couple families in the neighborhood for the past five years. Feel free to e-mail me at hrh48@uga.edu or call **(404) 626-0991**. Bailey Palmer, a 13-year-old girl also is available to baby-sit. She seeks baby-sitting jobs on the weekends. Bailey has completed the American Red Cross baby-sitter's training, and says she's great with kids! Please contact her at **404-351-4526** or 1bailey1@gmail.com.

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO HANG YOUR FLATSCREEN? Kathy and Ken Bernhardt recently had some work done on our home entertainment system. They recommend **Emerson Hancock**, a full service EST (Electronic Systems Technician) who is proficient with many types of electronics devices including Home Audio, Home Theater, Whole House Audio/Video, WiFi networking, CCTV, Access Control, Remote Access, Remote Programming, and Telecommunications. He specializes in Structured Wiring (Residential and Commercial) and in-Home Entertainment System Design and Installation. Emerson can be reached at Ecustominstall@gmail.com or **404-713-7017**.

DEPENDABLE HOUSEKEEPER AVAILABLE. Sandra Player would like to recommend the woman who cleans her home, **Geneva Fletcher**. She is dependable, trustworthy, pleasant and a great cleaner. She is available Mondays, Tuesdays and every other Thursdays. \$15/hour.(678)913-8478.Call Sandra for a recommendation. (404) 352-9253.

REFERENCES REQUESTED. Mary Lynn Eckl needs references of companies that fabricate and install wrought-iron fences. Please call her at **404-351-9876**.

IN-HOUSE TUTORING AVAILABLE. Academic tutoring for Pre-K through 6th grade (all subjects) is available in your home. Strengthening, enrichment, Orton-Gillingham program, SSAT/standardized test prep, and special projects offered. 30+ years of independent school and tutoring experience. Positive, nurturing approach to learning. **Contact Sandy D'Arconte @ 404-371-9996** or pronto331@comcast.net. Also, please feel free to contact Jill Perkey for a reference, at 404-603-3499.

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