



# BrookNotes

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## BWH Park Improvement Plan

On Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, The Brookwood Hills Park Planning Committee and landscape architecture firm HGOR hosted the second of three visioning meetings for the Brookwood Hills Park master plan. The meeting was held at the Rich Auditorium at Piedmont Hospital and was attended by several dozen BWHCC park members.

Todd Fuller and Jennifer Buchanan of HGOR began the meeting by providing a recap of the initial (February 15<sup>th</sup>) design meeting, which prioritized and confirmed the goals of the five year park plan. Todd and Jennifer also re-capped the ideas of proposed improvements that community members posted to the Park master plan's *Pinterest* page.

Bob Hughes of HGOR walked community members through three proposed master plan concepts, which represented varying levels of development vision for the park master plan.

The lowest- impact master plan concept, titled “The Face Lift” kept park elements in much the same location as they are currently, but made substantial improvements to park connectivity, social spaces, drainage, and facilities management.

The second master plan concept, titled “The Shift”, sought to re-locate current park programmatic elements into more ideal function locations. The playground areas were shifted into the southeastern corner of the park, which is an area that currently consists of lawn that is too shady to adequately grow turf, and a basketball court. In this location the playground would benefit from shade, improved layout efficiency, and an increased visual connectivity to the pool area, as well as the opportunity to incorporate the hill into a slide feature. The lawn area was proposed to shift closer to

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## Happy Easter!

Brookwood Hills is a very special place to live especially for children! Harvey Ross, a resident of Woodcrest Ave. & preschool teacher at Trinity, certainly knows how to get young ones excited about upcoming holidays and specials events. Every year, she recruits young BWH residents to help out with her decorations. As you can see from this picture, Easter is on it's way!

A special shout out to Harvey and her helpers: Edee Moorman, Amelia Dierdorff, Julia Dierdorff, Graham Lee, Will Moorman and Mary Bowes Dierdorff for their enthusiasm in capturing the festive spirit of Brookwood Hills.

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BrookNotes welcomes articles, artwork, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of BrookNotes is **Friday, May 16th**.

Submissions may be dropped off at **102 Wakefield Dr.** or e-mailed to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com).

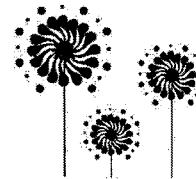
## Mark Your Calendar!



### BWH Park Improvement Plan

### HGOR Presentation of Master Plan with Design Sketches

Saturday, May 3rd at 2:00 p.m.  
Rich Auditorium in the 77 Building  
Piedmont Hospital



### Brookwood Hills Garden Club Spring Soirée

Saturday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m.  
Brookwood Hills Park

### Brookwood Hills Security

<b>Security Signs at the BWH Entrances</b>	A security incident has occurred in the neighborhood. Call the BWH Security Info Hotline for details.
<b>BWH Security Information Hotline</b>	(404) 325-5114
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<b>BWH Security Chair</b>	<a href="mailto:security@brookwoodhills.com">security@brookwoodhills.com</a> (657) 229-4728 (text or call)

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wards the previous playground location, which is a preferable location in terms of drainage, airflow, and natural sunlight. "The Shift" also proposed major improvements to connectivity, social spaces, and facility management, and in general sought to improve the visual connectivity of the park to the pool.

The highest-impact master plan concept, title "The Ideal Backyard" incorporated all of the improvements delineated in "The Shift", however it also proposed major improvements for social opportunities along the west edge (Parkdale Way) of the park. Proposed improvements included pavilion overlook, outdoor kitchen / grilling area, outdoor fireplace, and stone terrace.

HGOR and community members spent several hours discussing aspects of each of the plans and raised a number of issues / questions that HGOR will explore in refining to a final master plan. Discussions revolved around:

Finding the "right size" for social space (daily use vs. event use)

- Exploring the opportunity for a pavilion overlook in the park corner adjacent to the proposed playground area, and additional improvement of the relationship between pool area and the park
- Ensuring that larger drainage issue is addressed (park flooding resulting from clogged inlets on Parkdale Way)
- Maintenance access / trash service for the pool area (ensuring it doesn't affect adjacent park uses)
- Providing connectivity from the nature trail down to the basketball courts
- Natural Turf vs. Synthetic Turf
- Cost of maintenance / upkeep

HGOR will be assimilating the comments from design meeting #2, and will be revising the concepts into a refined master plan vision. The next design meeting will be held on May 03 at the Rich Auditorium at Piedmont Hospital, from 2:00-4:00 pm.

## March Madness on Lower Camden

*Contributed by Barry Wabler*

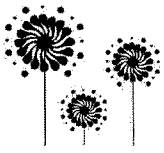


Lower Camden renewed a tradition of an NCAA Tournament Pool and the winner was Mary Cohen, followed by runner-up Lauren Monroe. In town square style, results were nailed to the Wabler's tree (don't tell the BWH Tree Committee) in an effort to move participants from sofas and recliners to a walk down the street. 18 neighbors participated representing the

Wablers, Monroes, Mulcahys, Millers and Cohens. Even Roxie - the Cohen's dog - filled out brackets and would have come in 1st had the Kentucky Wildcats won the title! Karen did not want to promote a gambling habit and we did want to support a worthy cause, and proceeds went to Camp Blue Skies - a camp for disabled adults for which Jacqueline Wabler is a volunteer and camp director.

The Wablers miss hearing the dribbles of basketballs in their driveway, where Monroes, Bakers, Barnharts and others once played. Katherine completed her senior season playing basketball for the Lady Belles of St. Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana. Barry went to the Memphis Regional to join his brother Tim, Athletics Director for the University of Dayton, as the Dayton Flyers played in the Sweet Sixteen for the first time in three decades. The Flyers reached the Elite Eight and, in so doing, upset some bracket selections. Karen's father played for the University of Georgia in the late 50's and when Karen reached a height of six feet in 8th grade, her math teacher and basketball coach asked her if she played basketball. She said "no, sir" and he said "you do now" and she was sent to the gym during class time to prepare for that night's game. She did well in math that year - ah, the good old days!

We look forward to another round of March Madness next year to celebrate a great sport, expand the number of neighbors participating and raise more money for Camp Blue Skies. Have a great spring!



**Brookwood Hills Garden  
Club  
Spring Soirée**

It's not too late to RSVP to the BWH Garden Club Spring Soiree in the Park on Saturday, April 26, 7:00 PM. Drop your check payable to BWH Garden Club, 210 Brighton Road. Tickets are \$60 / per person

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## BWH Spring Fling '13

*Contributors Katherine Dierdorff & Katy Fransen*

It was great to see so many families at the 2014 BWH Spring Fling! Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success.

One of the highlights of this year was the introduction of our new neighborhood local: Lusca. They provided many yummy treats. They are excited to see more BWH's faces when they open at the end of the month.

Other highlights included the egg hunt and face painting. The egg hunt was a lightening round of excitement with several searchers going off piste in search of more golden eggs. Special thanks to our young volunteers who hid 2000 eggs!! The hula hoop contest and putting greens attracted lots of play, although we had a hard time finding adults willing to show off their finesse even with the lure of \$500 gift cards from Catalyst Fitness and Masters' kit from Augusta.

A big thank you to everyone who brought a shoebox for the United Way campaign. We collected 25 boxes that will go to mothers and children in homeless shelters around Atlanta. Finally, a BIG thank you to our sponsor Patti Junger with Dorsey Alston Real Estate for making the Spring Fling possible.

A collage of pictures can be found on page 7 of this issue.

## Free Fab'rik BWH Young Entrepreneur: Hannah Granot

*Contributed by Hannah Granot*

My name is Hannah Granot. I have lived in Brookwood Hills my entire life. I am about to be 13 in May which means I am going to have my Bat Mitzvah. Along with studying Hebrew and the Torah, I am doing a mitzvah project. Mitzvah means good deed. My mitzvah project is organizing a clothing drive for the new nonprofit boutique Free Fabrik. The boutique line, Fabrik, has started a thrift store in midtown. All of their proceeds help support their mission which is to restore confidence in women who are in need. Many of the women are homeless. The store does this in several ways. They have a mentorship program where they take homeless women and teach them how to work and operate a boutique. They actually work in the store and build their resume and skills (along with their confidence). They also have free shopping sprees once a month for young women who are in need of clothing. In June, they are going to have a fashion show honoring many of these women.

How can you help? Please clean out your closets. They are in need of gently worn juniors and women's clothing (all sizes). I will have a collection bin on my front porch (24 Northwood Ave.) or you can email me and I will be glad to pick it up and drop off a receipt for your tax deductible donations.

My email is [hannahgranot@gmail.com](mailto:hannahgranot@gmail.com). You can also shop at their store at 1114 West Peachtree Street. Everyone is welcome. Thank you!



## Brookwood Hills Summer Tennis Clinics 2014

### Private & Family Lessons

Ms. Lee King will once again be conducting tennis clinics this summer. The clinics will run Monday through Friday for one hour each.

The price per person is \$90 per week. Please call or e-mail Lee directly to sign up or if you have any questions: 404-261-8643; leekingtenpro@aol.com.

#### 3-and 4-year-olds

##### June

June 16 to June 20 9:45 am - 10:45 am Session 1

June 16 to June 20 10:45 am - 11:45 am Session 2

##### August

Aug 11 to Aug 15 9:30 am - 10:30 am Session 1

Aug 11 to Aug 15 10:30 am - 11:30 am Session 2

#### 5-and 6-year-olds

##### June

June 23 to June 27 9:45 am - 10:45 am

##### July

July 14 to July 18 10:00 am - 11:00 am

##### August

Aug 4 to Aug 8 9:30 am - 10:30 am Session 1

Aug 4 to Aug 8 10:30 am - 11:30 am Session 2

#### 7-and 8-year-olds

##### June

June 23 to June 27 10:45 am - 11:45 am

##### July/August

July 28 to Aug 1 9:30 am - 10:30 am

### Women's Clinics

#### 9-and 10-year-olds

##### July

July 7 to July 11 9:00 am - 10:00 am

#### 11- and 12-year-olds

##### July

July 21 to July 25 9:30 am - 10:30 am

#### Beginning Women

##### July

July 14 to July 18 9:00 am - 10:00 am

#### Intermediate Women

##### July

July 7 to July 11 10:00 am - 11:00 am

##### July/August

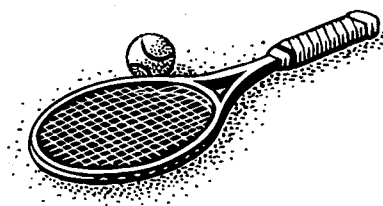
July 28 to Aug 1 10:30 am - 11:30 am

#### Private Lessons

##### June/July

July 30 to July 3rd 9:45 am - 10:45 am

July 30 to July 3rd 10:45 am - 11:45 am





## BWH Resident Mosquito Program

*Contributed by Court Parker*

If you listen closely, you can faintly hear the buzzing of the coming mosquito hordes. These blood-sucking bugs will descend on your home, backyard patio, and front porch, feast upon you, buzz in your ear while you sleep, and harass you while you sip mojitos in the shade. Destroy these menacing mosquitoes with an initial inspection and service every three weeks. As a neighborhood & resident of Brookwood Hills (309 Camden RD), I am able to offer a special set price for our neighbors and friends. Brookwood Hills Neighborhood Special Mosquito control treatments from Bug Busters April - October - \$39.99 per service. Service is every three weeks. Armed with the latest in bug detection equipment, Bug Busters will enter the perimeter of your abode, assess the pest threat level of your home and yard, and prescribe a comprehensive treatment plan.

This thorough servicing will reduce the number of enemy mosquito combatants in your home and yard. It's a great way to help ward off West Nile virus, as well as reduce bug swatting at your next barbecue.

Like Neighborhood Watch, the mosquito control program works best when the whole neighborhood participates. Share this deal with your neighbors!

There are 150 different species of mosquito in the United States.

Mosquitoes can transmit West Nile virus, encephalitis, malaria, and other diseases.

Plus, their bites really itch.

Given the popularity of all things vampire-related, it's strange that teenage girls don't adorn their walls with posters of blood-sucking mosquitoes. Are you on Team *Aedes albopictus* or Team *Aedes aegypti*? That's crazy. Team *Aedes albopictus* is way hotter

About Bug Busters Since 1984, Bug Busters has laid the smack down on pest, mosquito, termites, and wildlife. However, before you go thinking it's all doom and gloom, keep in mind Bug Busters is committed to the community and environment. Visit our website at [www.GABUGS.com](http://www.GABUGS.com)

## Announcements

Quin Waldrop age 17 and 11th grader at Pace Academy is available for babysitting and nannying this summer. She is an experienced driver and has CPR and Red Cross certification. Cell number: (404) 509-1347

CONGRATULATIONS to BWH resident Bailey Parker and E. River/Sutton Middle School alum who is at the top of her class at North Atlanta High School!

BABIES! Congratulation to Wendy and James Lewis and big brother Jett for their new addition Jax Lewis.

Congratulations to Kirsten & Bryan, Kenna, Barrett & Walker for the Walker's new addition Croft Walker.



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