

BROOKNOTES

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The Graduates of 1997



Karen Bernhardt, daughter of Kathy and Ken Bernhardt 232 Parkdale Way, was graduated from Westminster and will attend Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

Chet Burgess, son of Bonnie and Chet Burgess 4 Montclair, was graduated from Westminster and plans to attend the University of Southern California

Shirah Caughman, daughter of Alison and Wright Caughman 200 Camden, was graduated from Westminster and plans attend Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Daniel Epstein, son of David and Diane Epstein 29 Camden Road, is graduating cum laude with honors from the Lovett School where he a members of the National Honor Society and a National Merit Scholarship finalist. He plans to attend The University of Virginia.

Kate Irvin, daughter of Jan and Mac Irvin 40 Brighton, was graduated from Westminster and plans to attend Middlebury College in Vermont.

Jenni Junger, daughter of Patti and Phil Junger 60 Palisades, will graduate from Marist High School. Jenni was recruited by the University of Pennsylvania to row crew for Penn..

Michele Junger, daughter of Patti and Phil Junger 60 Palisades, will graduate from Marist High School and will attend the University of Virginia.

Bailey McCallum, son of Mimi and Robert McCallum 122 Brighton, was graduated from Westminster and plans to attend Williams College in Massachusetts..

Meghan O'Connor McDonogh, daughter of Karen O'Connor 255 Huntington and Allen McDonogh 18 Northwood, will graduate from Paideia and plans to attend Syracuse University where she will play soccer.

Jennifer Stumm, daughter of Sue and Dick Stumm 21 Montclair, was graduated from Westminster. Although she was offered a full scholarship to the Julliard School of Music, Jennifer has chosen to study viola at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

Robert D. Withers, son of Bibbie and Dennis Withers 369 Camden, will graudate from Marist and plans to attend Boston College.

Elizabeth Woodall, daughter of Nancy and Tim Woodall 118 Brighton, will graduate from The Lovett School and plans to attend Wake Forest University.



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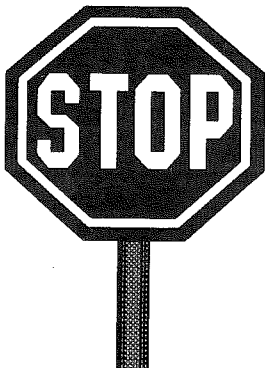
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President's Corner

By Betsy Crosby, BWH President

When Hank Harris dropped off the neighborhood files on my doorstep in the dark of night last February, I spent an evening combing through the boxes. It made such interesting reading that I never got past the first inch of paper. Immediately it became clear that we needed someone to organize the files in a more accessible form. When Francis Ann Ferguson stopped me on my walk one day to say she'd be happy to do anything to help, I knew I'd found my victim. She has spent quite a few hours pouring over our files and is close to completing her task. Although she has a good many of the minutes from 1968 forward, they are incomplete.

If you are a packrat and have copies of minutes of Brookwood Board of Directors meetings from any date after 1968 please call Francis Ann at 876-2734. If you would like to donate them or any other Brookwood documents to our archives, please drop them off at Francis Ann's home at 115 Huntington. (Please leave them on the porch by her kitchen door). Many thanks to Francis Ann for undertaking this Herculean task. And if our readers know what happened to the files before 1968, please let us know!

Among the documents we uncovered is the very comprehensive bound survey of Brookwood Hills conducted in 1967. The purpose of the survey was not just to define the character of Brookwood Hills and inventory its existing conditions, but also to propose courses of action to protect, improve and develop the community. Recognizing that Brookwood incorporates the major assets of urban and suburban development, the survey pointed out that maintaining the delicate balance between these paradoxical assets was a demanding but essential task. Thirty years later this is still our challenge.

One disadvantage of living so close to Peachtree Street is the way we bring into the neighborhood the aggressive driving techniques we've developed to survive the traffic congestion that surrounds us. Obviously, traffic has gotten much worse and much faster since 1967, but even then residents responding to the survey stated that "non-resident parking and speeding is a problem." One survey respondent said that the neighborhood "needs speed breaks." Leafing through the minute books for the last thirty years, the topic of speeding residents is a recurrent agenda item. Obviously, this is an entrenched problem with no easy solution. Self-monitoring does not appear to have been effective.

You may have heard that pedestrian safety is a new focus of Mayor Campbell's administration. Spurred to action by our councilman Lee Morris, the City has agreed to install speed humps in selected neighborhoods to reduce traffic speed. Before you fling down your *Brooknotes* in disgust, let me explain the difference between speed *humps* and speed *bumps*. Speed bumps are the axle-bending devices that are the bane of carpool drivers traversing the campuses of Westminster and Lovett. They can only be installed on private property and jolt the driver at any speed higher than 5 mph. Although they may vary in width, they are generally at least 5" high and fairly narrow.

Speed humps, on the other hand, are 22 feet long, about the length of a car. By law, the hump must be 4" or lower. Cars can roll over speed humps comfortably at 20 to 25 mph. At 30 mph, the driver will experience a distinct jolt. The City has already received 160 requests from neighborhoods for speed humps and will be surveying the topography for the next month to see whether a certain site is suitable. Huntington Road is apparently scheduled to be reviewed in this first batch. By mid-June, the City will begin reviewing its second batch of requests which will include the other streets in our neighborhood.

BIRDS OF BWH

Marc Delesalle



A Red-headed Woodpecker holding an acorn

One of the perils of being married to the editor of Brookwood Notes is that you may be asked to contribute to its production. Having successfully dodged the bullet for several months, I was presented with an ultimatum, write an article or else. The choice was easy and I am glad to share with all of you one of my great passions: birds. First a little bit of trivia related to birds. How many species of birds exist in the world and in North America? You will be amazed that there are in excess of 9,700 species of birds in the world. Over 800 of these species nest in North America and 200 of these which can be seen at various time around our wonderful city.

Here in BWH, birds come in many sizes, shapes, and colours. One of the largest is the Sandhill Crane which can be seen flying overhead during spring and fall migration. Sandhill Cranes are large gray birds that fly in a goose like V-formation. At the other end of the scale is the tiny Carolina Wren which can be heard singing "tea kettle, tea kettle, tea kettle" most

mornings throughout the year and is easily spotted darting about from shrub to tree all over in the neighborhood. Undoubtedly, one of the most spectacular species that can be readily found in Brookwood Hills is the Red-headed Woodpecker (see picture). This dazzling bird has a bright red head with a spectacular combination of black and white feathers. Then there are the twenty plus species of warblers, small brightly coloured birds with exotic names, which can be seen around Atlanta during spring and fall migration. Birders keep track of all the birds they have seen on their "life list". So far, I have counted about 30 different species in the neighborhood of which half are permanent residents. Since moving here two years ago, I have spotted four different species of woodpeckers : Red-headed, Red-billed, Downy, and Flicker. These noisy avians are year-round residents and are usually found climbing the trunks of our great oak trees. My most recent siting of the Red-Headed Woodpecker was last week at the corner of Palisades and Northwood. I have also identified five species of warblers: Black and White, Yellow Rumped, Cape May, Blackpoll, Black-throated Green, Orange Crowned. Warblers are most often seen flitting from tree top to tree top during the months of April, May, September and October. While they are considered by many birders to be one of the most exciting species of birds because of their brilliant colours, their tiny size and constant motion make them quite a challenge to identify.

Bird watching requires minimal equipment, to get started all you need is a pair of binoculars, a birding guide, and perhaps a good dose of patience. Serious "birders" (as distinct from bird watchers) will sometimes carry a tripod and telescope for long distance viewing. The Peterson series of Field Guides are quite good. Roger Tory Peterson revolutionized birding with his systematic method of identifying birds and these books can be found at most nature stores. If you want to see more birds close to home, a bird feeder will help attract some common backyard birds and allow you to become familiar with their calls, shapes, and flight patterns.

One of my future projects is to start a checklist of the birds of Brookwood Hills to identify which birds can be spotted here and during what time of year. I would welcome help from any and all neighbors in assembling the list. Please do not hesitate to call me at 249-9544 if you think you have seen a rare or unusual bird. As a result of my seven years of birding, I have learned a tremendous amount about the environment and the fragile ecosystem that supports us all. Whether you simply enjoy listening to the dove's song in the afternoon or you are an avid birder with your own life list, all would probably agree that birds add to the beauty and charm of our neighborhood.

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Once the City determines whether our topography would permit the installation of speed humps, they will hold a neighborhood meeting to distribute a petition for approval of our residents. We must have approval of 75% of the residents of any street in which a speed hump will be located. If other residents must use that street to enter and exit the neighborhood, they must also approve the speed hump by 75%.

Once neighborhood approval is secured, the board must vote to pay the \$1000 installation fee per hump. The first installation of speed humps is going on right now on Hanover West Drive between Bohler Road and Hyde Manor. I suggest that you take a minute in the next few weeks to drive over there and decide for yourself whether these speed humps can help this persistent problem.

Other measures discussed at the last Board meeting included asking city and neighborhood police to ticket speeders, and/or erecting warning signs. Whether a sign such as "Little Kids Play Here" or "Think Fast, Drive Slow" would be effective in the long run, only time will tell. Each of our entrances currently have signs announcing "Caution, Watch for Children," which most of us have ignored throughout the years. We already have a proliferation of signs and speed humps would bring additional signage.

We'd love to have your input --should we erect warning signs, and should they be in addition to speed humps, or as an alternative? If you favor signs, perhaps you can suggest an attention-grabbing slogan. Drop off your suggestions and comments in the neighborhood mailbox at 77 Wakefield by the pool entrance. We will be discussing this topic once again at the next Board meeting, which is open to all Community Club members. The next meeting is on **June 2 at 7:15 p.m.** at the home of **Harry and Caroline Gilham, 106 Camden Road.** Please call the Gilhams at 355-0245 to let them know you are coming.

Finally, let me assure you that I have made repeated phone calls to get the storm drain on Montclair fixed, the street sign erected at Parkdale and Wakefield, and the gravel removed from the street corners at the top of Brighton and Camden. (Many thanks to good neighbor Jim Moynihan for scraping the gravel to the side at Camden and Montclair.) As usual, bureaucratic assurances have not produced results. I have also discovered that, contrary to popular belief, our streets are not scheduled to be repaved at this time. I have submitted a request to be scheduled for 1998. We will be bringing these issues up with the City representative assigned to our NPU, along with a request for more frequent pick-up of yard trimmings, and a request for a clean-out of storm sewer drains. If you have other issues concerning City services you would like us to address at that time, please call me at 351-8821.

BWH Diary

Dear Diary,

It was a glorious spring day. The white dogwoods made BWH look like it was ready to host a wedding, and Barbara Croft was conducting an archaeological dig on the swale along Parkdale. Barbara had heard her neighbor Carl Fackler tell of the Civil War artifacts he had uncovered in his yard, and she was hoping that the newly recessed spot in the swale would yield similar bounty.

Armed with her trusty broken trowel, Barbara dug and dug. Was it a bunker? Was it a canon? Should she call the Atlanta History Center? Not just yet. But if you ever need proof that BWH had sunken trash cans, just ask Barbara Croft.

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BWH Diary is a new, experimental column. We are looking for diary entries from any and all BWH residents with an anecdotal tale of life in our verdant niche of Atlanta.

Basketball Court Reopens

A new fence with a combination lock has been installed around the basketball court. The goals are now back up! For a number of years, there have been serious concerns regarding the unauthorized use (and abuse) of the basketball court. Hopefully, this fence, with a locked gate, will improve the situation. **ONLY** BWH Community Club members and their accompanied guests are permitted to use the court. No one is permitted to use the court after 10:00 p.m. If you see non-members using the court, please contact Board member Frampton Simons (355-5005) or another Board member or call the new Security Hotline (325-5114). A separate mailing with the confidential lock combination will be sent to Community Club members shortly. Please encourage any non-members who want to use the court to join the Community Club. If you have any questions or need the combination immediately, please call Frampton Simons at the above number.

BROOKWOOD BUZZ

A BIG SALUTE TO OUR BWH COLLEGE GRADUATES



Shannon Connell, daughter of Susan and Doug Connell 385 Camden Road will graduate with an MBA from the Amos Tuck School of Dartmouth College. After spending the summer in Europe including a 6 week language program in Seville, Spain, Shannon will join the San Francisco office of Andersen Consulting in their Strategic Services practice.

Travis Connell son of Susan and Doug Connell 385 Camden Road will graduate from Washington & Lee University with a degree in English. While at Washington & Lee, Travis established a comedy improv group called The General's Monkey. He plans to move to the West Coast to seek his fame and fortune in the entertainment industry.

On May 10th, **Alan Jenkins** graduated from Presbyterian College with a BA in Religion and Philosophy. After spending his 14th summer at Athens Y Camp as a Supervisor, he will work for one year with the Presbyterian Church USA's program of Reconciliation and Mission in Central America. Alan is the son of Julie and Felton Jenkins of 199 Camden Road.

Melissa Price, daughter of Nancy and Jeff Bramlett 18 Camden Road, graduated from Vanderbilt University on May 9th. She received a B.S. degree in Human and Organizational Development and is at home temporarily while she "contemplates" opportunities here in Atlanta or in Washington D.C.

Andy Wildman, son of Pat and Jim Wildman 31 Woodcrest, graduates from Rhodes College in May, 1997 with a major in International Studies. He captained the varsity soccer team two years, making two visits to the NCAA post-season tournament and was selected to the All-Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference First Team, the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Region First Team and the NSCAA/Umbro-Select All-Region First Team. Having finished his course work in December, he is living in Los Angeles, California and working for the L.A. Dodgers, the Galaxy (Pro soccer) and International Management Group (IMG), a sports agent company.

Bridget L. (Boo) Withers graduated from the University of Notre Dame on May 17, 1997 with a B.A. in English. Boo plans to return to Atlanta and pursue a career in public relations.

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Winning the award for the most melodious name, **Alessandra Marie Bellavia** was born on March 14, 1997. Her parents, **Frank** and **Renee**, welcomed her home to 74 Montclair. Named for her two grandmothers, Alessandra - "Allie" - is, according to her dad, the greatest, smartest, most advanced, athletic and beautiful baby.

Kim and **Hayes Wilson** of 63 Huntington also welcomed home their newest bundle of joy. **Mallory Hayes Wilson** was born on May 2, 1997 and she is already sleeping through the night. (Kim, what's the secret?) Big sister Taylor is thoroughly enjoying her new role and is a great help to all. Mallory is the 5th generation of Wilsons with the middle name Hayes.

Gettings to new neighbor **Ann Dibble**. Ann will be moving into 231 Huntington Road in mid-June and is planning to do some renovations to her new home. Ann moved to Atlanta in January to become the Director of Planned Giving at Georgia Tech. She formerly held the same position at Amherst College in Massachusetts. Ann grew up in South Carolina and is glad to be back in the sunny south.

Swimmers Take Your Mark...Get Set

Nancy Sample

Go! The race is on to sign up for the Brookwood Hills Swim and Dive Teams. Don't be left in the shallow end - mark your calendars now for a winning season at Brookwood.

Swim Team Schedule

June 12 - - Intrasquad Meet - HOME
June 19 - - Medlock Bridge - HOME
June 26 - - Winward - - - - - HOME
July 1 - - - - Hanover West - AWAY
July 10 - - - St. Ives - - - - - HOME
July 15 - - - Shakerag - - - - AWAY

Dive Team Schedule

June 18 - Dunwoody CC - AWAY
June 25 - Brookfield West - AWAY
July 2 - - St. Ives - - - - - HOME
July 9 - - Winward - - - - - HOME
July 14 - AAC - - - - - HOME

Over 140 swimmers and divers ages 6-18 have registered to be a part of our championship teams! Our own Chad Cook will be the Swim Team's head coach this year assisted by Matt Junger and Zibby Stokes. Leading our Diving Team once again are Sarah Ferguson and Karen Bernhardt.

If you haven't already "taken the plunge" to join our teams, please do it soon by calling Nancy Sample 350-7883 for more information. Our kids are counting on you to come down to the pool and cheer them on to victory this year!

RE-ELECT LEE MORRIS

**OUR 7 TH DISTRICT CITY
COUNCIL MEMBER AND
NEIGHBOR ADVOCATE**

*A fund raiser for Lee will be held
Sunday evening/night June 29th
at home of Alex and Kay
Summers, 60 Huntington Road.
Details will follow.*

**PLEASE MARK YOUR
CALENDARS AND PLAN TO
ATTEND**

New Neighbors Feted

A big thank you to Anne and Bradley Hale for graciously hosting the New Neighbors party in their beautifully renovated home at 61 Brighton. The annual event was held on Mother's Day, May 11th. New neighbors the opportunity had an opportunity to meet members of the BWH Board of Directors and each other. We would also like to thank Elaine Luxemburger for sharing her wealth of knowledge about BWH's history with the new residents. If you were unable to attend but would like information about joining the BWH Community Club, please contact Diane Kellum (876-8976) or Janet Frederick (897-1440).

ATTENTION JUNIOR JOURNALISTS

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Neighborhood Safety News

BWH BOARD FOCUSES ON SECURITY ISSUES AT MAY MEETING

BWH SECURITY HOTLINE

351-5114

by Walter Bland, Security Chairman 325

In order to improve communication, we are initiating a Brookwood Hills Security Hotline. We will be using the Hotline to keep you up to date on security problems in the neighborhood. You will also be able to leave information regarding any security problems that you want to report. We will put Security Alert signs at each of the three exits from the neighborhood when there are incidents that we believe you should be aware of; however, you should check the hotline on a regular basis. We will continue to issue written Security Alerts if there are particularly bad problems.

Remember: if you are the victim of a crime, vandalism, or harassment, or if you want to report a suspicious person you should call Atlanta City Police at 911.

You should then call the Brookwood Hills Security Hotline and leave the following information: your name, your address, your telephone number, the date, time and nature of the incident.

You may also use the Hotline to leave dates during which you will be out of town. This information will be passed on to Barry Miller and his men, who will check your house specifically during their rounds. You should not leave this information in the mail box at the community center.

All calls/information are kept strictly confidential. You may call the Hotline 24 hours a day.

Parking

Please do not park on the street! Barry and his men and the Atlanta City Police routinely check license plates of cars parked on the street looking for stolen vehicles and stolen tags. Parking your car on the street makes it difficult to spot suspicious persons in the neighborhood, since it is very easy to hide behind a car parked on the street. Even if it means a little inconvenience for you, please park in your driveways and not on the street.

All residents should have parking stickers on the left, rear bumper of their cars. These stickers help our security patrol officers distinguish vehicles of residents from all other vehicles. If you do not have a parking sticker, please call the Security Hotline, leave your name, address, and the number of stickers you need, and we will put them in your mailbox/mailslot.

Solicitation

The Brookwood Hills Community Club Board has adopted the following position on door-to-door solicitation:

The residents of Brookwood Hills can improve their own security and that of the neighborhood as a whole by discouraging door-to-door solicitation of donations or purchases. While some solicitations are legitimate, others are clearly not legitimate. We believe that opening your door to a stranger, makes you vulnerable to bodily harm, robbery, or other crime. We also believe that presenting a unified front with respect to door-to-door solicitation will minimize the presence of undesirable persons in our neighborhood and will improve security for everyone.

If you or the members of your family desire to solicit from your neighbors, the Board would encourage you to contact your neighbors by phone, let them know who you are, what you want, and when they should expect you.

Crime Alert

Please be reminded that **residents are not to contact Barry Miller directly.** The reason for this is to ensure that the right people get the right information as soon as possible. We had a situation a couple of weeks ago where a resident contacted Barry directly about a suspicious person. We think that this person may have been responsible for a theft on Wakefield. Another resident did the right thing and called 911. The police were, however, slow to respond, and the person got away. If the police had received calls from two different residents, they may have been quicker to respond and the person might have been caught.

Crime Prevention Seminar

We will be coordinating with Ardmore Park and Collier Hills in sponsoring a crime prevention seminar. At the seminar, you and your family members will learn about what steps to take to reduce your chances of becoming the victim of a crime. The date and time will be announced soon. We hope to see you there!

BULLETIN BOARD

Brookwood Girls Campout in the Park

The next outing of BW Girls is the annual campout in the park on Saturday, May 31st with campers arriving around 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for food. Please rsvp to Lon Simons at 892-0802.

BWH Community Club Board Meeting

The next meeting of the BWH Community Club Board of Directors is Monday, June 2 at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Harry and Caroline Gilham, 106 Camden Road. All Community Club members are welcome. Please call the Gilhams at 355-0245 if you plan to attend.

Buckhead installs twenty 911 emergency phones

The Buckhead Coalition has arranged the installation of twenty emergency 911 cellular telephone call boxes throughout the main business core of Buckhead. The units which are free standing, solar-powered, weather-resistant, 24-hour operations, are free to the user and provide direct communication for police, fire and medical assistance. Although there is very little violent crime in Buckhead, "every crime should be prevented when possible", says Coalition Chairman A. B. Martin "and this approach is proactive to deter illegal acts". Co-sponsors of the program are Aaron Rents, Branch Properties, Taylor & Mathis and Wachovia Bank.

Word of Mouth

Produce man

He's back! Remember the produce man who was in the Shops of Buckhead strip center parking lot? Well, he has reappeared across the street at the blue truck in the parking lot of Palmer's and Roger's Cleaners.

Garage Construction

We have recently completed a new two-story, two car garage and have been extremely pleased with **Horizon Building Co.** (770-422-8183). Since they specialize in garage construction, they did everything from the plans to the finish work. Please call us if you have any questions - Nancy and Tim Woodall 355-2237.

CLASSIFIEDS

Work outdoors. Be your own boss. Improve your manual dexterity. Earn \$5/hour plus unlimited beverages for pulling weeds. Call Mrs. Long at 352-3464.

Cottage for rent - Seaside Florida. Best time of the year at a really great beach. Charming Victorian cottage available September 12-19. Call Kathy or Ken Bernhardt for details 897-5067.

102 Wakefield Drive. Our home is offered for sale because we are moving to 11 acres "in the country" in August. Completely renovated in 1993, 4 bedrooms, 2 full/2 half baths. Agents welcome, but not to list. Please call Mimi Sullivan at 352-8856 if interested.

Housesitter/Babysitter. Brookwood Hills resident available for housesitting and overnight babysitting. Please call Carolyn Withers 351-0683.

Leaving town? "Helping Hands for Hire" will pick up mail, paper, water plants or care for pets. Serving our BWH neighbors for 5 years call Virginia or James Porter 355-8876.

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