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Acorn Auction A Success

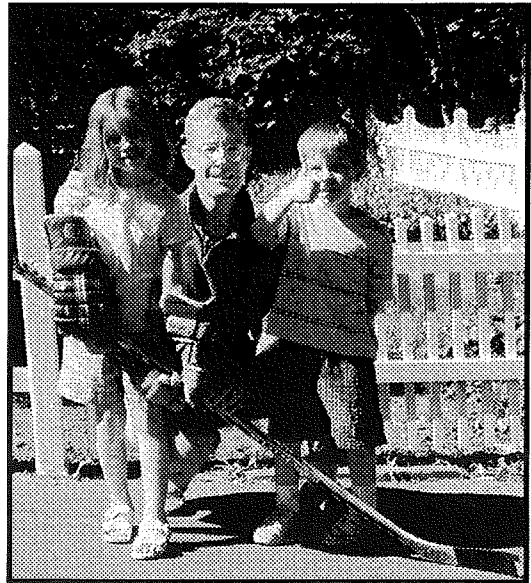
With the exception of a few early sprinkles, Mother Nature donated a beautiful evening for the Brookwood Hills Garden Club's Acorn Auction on April 29, 2000. The bi-annual event is held to raise funds for various neighborhood beautification projects. This year's Auction, co-chaired by Lombard Puri and Dana White, raised about \$34,000.

Mal Phillips once again delighted neighbors with his talents as the evening's auctioneer. He led and encouraged bids in a live auction of items ranging from a lottery ticket to the rental of Barbara and Chuck Slick's vacation home in Maine. Other live auction items included a hockey stick donated by Thrashers star and neighbor Patrick Stefan, an original painting by artist and neighbor Donna Mintz, catered dinners from various neighbors and also one by Princess Diana's butler. A golf outing and several other vacation homes were among the donations offered for our enjoyment.

A silent auction - which included more than 125 lots - gave guests the opportunity to support the Acorn Auction at all price levels. A dragonfly side table, several dinners at neighborhood restaurants, spa treatments, gardening pots and baskets, and several pieces of art were among the items up for bid.

Approximately \$24,500 of the auction proceeds derived from purchases made by neighborhood residents, while another \$7000 came from corporate sponsors, including at the Platinum level: Southeast Capital Partners, Inc.; Gold: Patti Junger (Coldwell Banker/Buckhead Brokers), Karen Mullinax (Harry Norman Realtors), Sarah Hagood (Specialty Homes, Inc.); Pewter: Peachtree-Palisades Building, Branch & Assoc. (Brookwood Village), Suntrust Bank (Pershing Point Branch); Bronze: William T. Baker Designs, A Cut Above, Inc., and Arboguard Tree Specialists. Neighborhood restaurants Toulouse and The Easy Way Out catered the fabulous dinner, and Toulouse contributed to the success of the evening by donating the appetizers and dessert.

Thanks to the efforts of everyone involved, the 2000 Acorn Auction was a tremendous success. The last auction raised \$30,000 and over half of the proceeds were used for the Brookwood Hills Reforestation Program. Monies raised at this year's auction will again support various beautification projects in the neighborhood. Many thanks for your support!



Michael White, with children Caroline and Jimmy, proudly displays the hockey stick he bid on and won at the 2000 Acorn Auction.



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A Message from the President:

I believe most of you would agree with me that events like the concert in the park and the garden club auction are what make our neighborhood special. Good food, good music, a good cause, fun, family, friends are the ingredients of a successful event. They were abundant at both functions. Our thanks go out to the many people that worked so hard on these events.

I was very distressed to learn about the fire at Cindy and Bill Withrow's home. I'm sure the members of Board and everyone in the neighborhood join me in expressing our sympathy for the Withrow's loss and our desire to support them in whatever way we can as they rebuild.

The work of the Board of Directors continues. Here's a brief update:

The pool is ready to open to members on Memorial Day weekend. The swim team has already tested the water. I hope everyone has their bathing suits and towels ready!

We won the property tax appeal on our lot on Huntington. This will save us several thousand dollars in taxes over the next few years.

We also had our insurance premiums re-bid, and we expect to save over \$5,000 per year.

Rob Pitts, the President of the City Council, spoke to the Board at our May meeting. Mr. Pitts addressed a variety of issues, including City infrastructure, education, and public safety. Several board members said that they were impressed by his grasp of the issues, the reasonableness of his positions, and his initiative in reaching out directly to the communities in Atlanta. He made a point of saying that his door is open to us and wants to hear our issues and concerns.

The Long-Range Planning Committee continues its work. We are moving forward into the design phase of the project and will report to the neighborhood as we make progress. Please refer to Susan Connell's article for an update on the traffic portion of the plan. We still have work to do to finalize the plan, including approvals from the City and the Board.

Finally – Speed Humps: I have received several letters and e-mails on the issue of speed humps. I reported to both the Board and the Long-Range Planning Committee on where people stand on the issue. I will make a final report to

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Easter Egg Hunt an Eggstravaganza

By Peggy Hatcher

Despite threatening weather for several days preceding this year's annual Brookwood Hills Easter Egg Hunt, on April 15 the sky cleared, and neighborhood children were able to enjoy a beautiful afternoon of egg hunting and Easter bunny viewing. Brookwood Hills park was filled with candy and the coveted colored eggs. Finders of the gold, silver, and red eggs won special prizes. (Although the 4-&-Unders needed hints from announcer extraordinaire Nicole Cook, all the colored eggs were eventually located.) Winners of this year's egg hunt were as follows:

4 & Under

gold – Lucy Hatcher

silver – Theodore Davis

red – Carter Watson

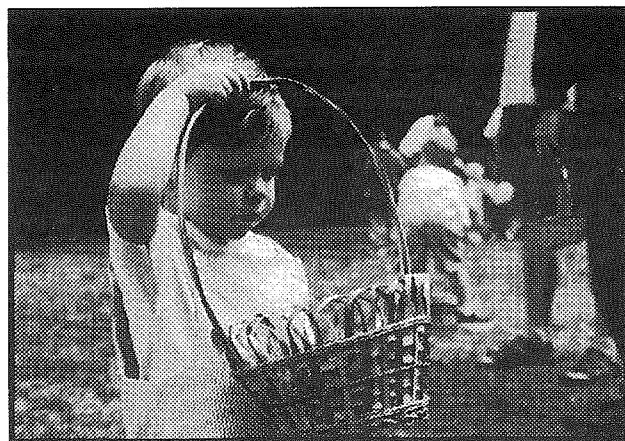
5 & Over

gold – Elizabeth Grice

silver – Jeff Oser

red – Jacqueline Wabler

Egg Hunt 2000 was sponsored by Patti Junger, Coldwell Banker's 1999 Agent of the year. Brookwood Hills thanks our good neighbor for her support of this special event. Thanks as well to the following people for their help: Meghan Feeley (a most awesome Easter bunny), Maureen Zent, Diane John, Kem Lee, Nicole Cook, and Libby Simons.



Alexander Silliman checks out his gatherings.



The youngst egg hunters line up for the start .

Photographs by Kem Lee

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the Board at the June meeting. If you have not communicated with me regarding your position on speed humps, I encourage you to do so immediately. Send an e-mail or a note stating your position to me at the address below. No telephone calls please.

Best Regards to you all!

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BHW TRAFFIC PLAN

By Susan Connell

As most of you know, the Long Range Planning Committee is hard at work with Dames & Moore (a nationally prominent traffic engineering specialist) to make traffic safety for everyone in Brookwood Hills an integral part of our neighborhood Master Plan. Dames & Moore were apprised of the pod findings, anecdotal stories, letters received, and the general concerns that many of you expressed. Last Tuesday, they presented us with a proposed traffic plan that is comprehensive, proactive, and one that can be implemented in stages.

The plan is comprehensive—seriously addressing the problem of speeding and pedestrian safety, and treating the neighborhood as a whole with solutions that do not divert traffic from one street to another. The plan is proactive in that we will use a toolbox of proven traffic calming devices—stop signs, surface changes, raised intersections, narrowing of entrances, pedestrian crosswalks, traffic tables and traffic circles—until we have achieved our goal of making traffic safety in Brookwood Hills a reality.

In order to find the best solution for Brookwood Hills, we will continue to consult with Dames & Moore as we *implement the calming devices in steps* (progressing from the simplest to the more complex), retaking speed measurements along the way. This method will help us monitor the impact of the steps and allow us to determine if the more aggressive steps are necessary. We believe this is a systematic way of addressing the problem.

Our designers at Hughes, Good, O'Leary & Ryan are currently fine-tuning the traffic plan so that it will be in keeping with the historic character of the neighborhood. Once the plan is finalized, we will meet with the City to seek the appropriate approvals. Then we will bring the plan to the neighborhood for final consideration.

Thank you for your support of our continued efforts.

Landscaping Reminders

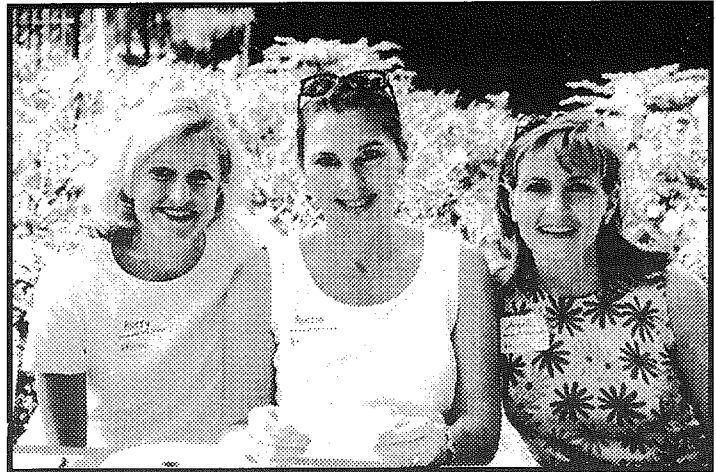
Just a few landscaping reminders: All our trees – big and small – benefit from watering this time of year, even the old street trees. A soaker hose works best. Also, please do not hang signs on the street trees – they're fragile enough as is. Finally, please do not allow yard trimmings to be placed where they might fall into the storm sewers. Thanks!

BWH Friends Organized Successful Symphony in the Park Fundraiser

By Libby Simons



Members of the Atlanta Concert Band play their clarinets for the benefit of Children's Healthcare.



BWH Friends organizers Avery Williams, Pamela Watson, and Angela Bakke distribute barbeque dinner tickets.

Photographs by Kem Lee

What a great time! On May 7, BWH Friends hosted a "Symphony in the Park." It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon as 375 neighbors, young and old, walked to the park to listen to the Atlanta Concert Band, eat barbecue, visit with friends, and raise money for Children's Healthcare, the newly merged entity of Egleston and Scottish Rite Hospitals. The weather was perfect as the band, a 50-piece brass, woodwind, and percussion ensemble, played light classical tunes under the basketball goals. Low Country, as always, provided a delicious buffet (the brownies were compliments of your Friends volunteers). The kids played, danced, and swung the night away, as the adults sat back on their blankets, enjoyed the music, and mingled with neighbors. It was one of those events that make you glad you live in BWH. Most importantly, Friends raised almost \$3000 for Children's Healthcare.

Many thanks to all our neighbors who came out to support Children's Healthcare, and to all the Friends volunteers who helped make this a successful and fun event. Special thanks to Clark Landers for working tirelessly to get the park in tiptop shape, and to Avery Williams and Pamela Watson for spearheading the event and organizing the volunteers. A great time was had by all.

Word of Mouth

Want to get in shape? An excellent, low-impact aerobics class for members of the Piedmont Health & Fitness Center is actively recruiting new participants. The class meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. and offers both cardio and strength training. The class is targeted at the beginner to intermediate range — All are welcome. Questions? Call Sandie McGibbon at 404/853-1655. Results guaranteed (by Sandie)!

Newcomer's Committee

By Diane John

Do you have a new neighbor? Please let us know! BWH now has a Newcomer's Committee. Call us with your neighbor's name and address and we will provide them with a welcome gift and packet of information about the neighborhood. Please report new neighbors to Diane John at 404-870-0484.

New Neighbors Party

Sunday May 21st

BWH Pool 4-6 p.m.

The Board of Directors will host a party on Sunday May 21st to welcome all those folks who have moved into our little oasis off Peachtree during the last two years. Please come join us poolside for some fun, new friends, wine, and hors d'oeuvres. Please call Diane John at 404-870-0484 or Jean O'Halloran at 404-352-0802 with any questions.

Brookwood Boys Go Canoeing

By Xavier Duralde

On April 16, 2000 seventeen members of Brookwood Boys braved the gurgling waters of the Chestatee River on a six-mile canoe trip. It was an extremely enjoyable outing for everyone, and we managed to survive with only three capsizings.

This has been one of the most successful years for the Brookwood Boys with a number of enjoyable outings, including a trip to a Braves game, hiking Stone Mountain, an overnight trip to Lake Rabun, ice skating, IMAX, and this canoe trip. Our final outing for the year will be a campout in the Brookwood Hills park on May 20, 2000. If you are interested in attending the campout, please contact Michael Holleman at 404-351-5100. We are looking forward to an excellent turnout for this traditional end of the year event.

Brookwood Boys is open to all boys ages 6-9 who live in the neighborhood or are part of the BWH association. We do not meet over the summer, but will resume outings again this next fall. If you are interested, please contact Xavier Duralde at 404-874-7863.



Brookwood Boys brave the Chestatee. Front row, left to right: Parker Tuthill, Tom Kellum, Carlos Duralde, Christopher Porter, Ivan Duralde, Harrison Goudiss, Will Redd, Tom Clarke, Cole Furrh. Back row, left to right: Alan Tuthill, Henry Kellum, Xavier Duralde, Bill Porter, Steve Redd, Rob Goudiss, Tom Clarke, Leigh Furrh.



Opening Day Festivities Planned for BWH Pool

The Brookwood Hills pool will officially open Saturday May 27 at 10:00 a.m.
Kick off your Memorial Day Weekend by coming for a swim and enjoying the opening day festivities!

Huntington Road Street Party!

Sunday, June 11th
5-7 p.m.

Pack a picnic and come join
the neighborhood fun!

Children's bike parade,
games & more!
Details to follow...

Call Kathleen Waldrop at
404/815-7500 with questions
or to volunteer

WE NEED YOU

In town for the Fourth of July? Looking forward to the annual party in the park? We need volunteers to assist in this fun event. Unfortunately without volunteers the event will not be held. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Karen Mullinax 404-724-9545 or Diane John 404-870-0484.

CALENDAR

The next **BWH Board meeting** will be **Monday, June 5, at 7:15 p.m.** at the home of Carolynn Cooper and Pratap Mukharji, 38 Camden Road. All members are welcome. Please call the Cooper-Mukharji residence at 404-351-0555, if you plan to attend.

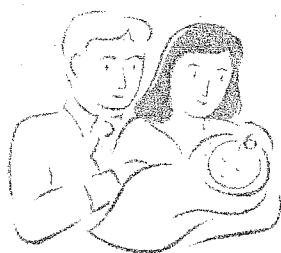
The **BWH Pool opens Saturday May 20 at 10:00 a.m.** Come join the festivities.

The **Brookwood Boys** will be holding their annual campout in the park on **Saturday, May 20.** See page 6.

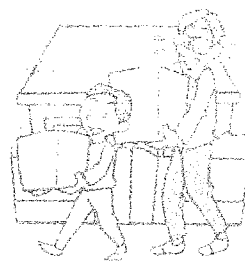
There will be a **new neighbor's party Sunday, May 21, 4-6 p.m.** at the BWH pool. See page 6.

The next **BWH Friends'** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m.** at Kem Lee's house, 82 Huntington Road. Come celebrate our symphony success at our last 99/00 meeting!

Huntington road Street Party will be held on **Sunday, June 11, from 5-7 p.m.**



New Faces By Sarah and Patti



Flo and Jack Dawson "Former Faces" at 17 Palisades will be the "New Faces" of 137 Huntington Road. Look for extensive renovations.

Lee, Trey, and big brother Joe welcomed baby sister **Katherine Armistead** to the family on March 1. She weighed in at 8lbs. 2 ozs. And everyone is doing great!

CLASSIFIEDS

Help Wanted at the BWH Pool. Neighborhood young adults who would like to be considered for a job as a lifeguard or in the snack bar for this summer should call Swim Atlanta at 770-992-7665.

Mother's Morning Out offered at 51 Camden Rd! Our amazing nanny, Kelly, would love one more child to play with at our house on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Please call Julie Heiner at 404-367-9213. Kelly is also available for babysitting 770-451-5627.

Lost/Missing Cat. Gray and white, average size, very playful. Please contact Rick Eaton 404-355-4442 or Marcia Abernathy 404-355-3321.

Need daytime babysitting? Our nanny will have two half-days per week available starting in June. She's terrific and experienced with all ages. Call Lee Loughran at 404-355-0767.

Found: Keys. Two small Honda keys that look like trunk or glove box keys were found in BWH park on 5/7. To claim, please call Sandy or Mindy Draper at 404-367-5472.

Wanted: Garage apartment. Mature professional returning to Atlanta seeks garage/carriage house apartment in BWH effective July/August of this year. Please contact Lee Wilder at 404-876-0716 (7 Monclair Dr.) or leedwilder@yahoo.com.

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