



# BrookNotes

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## Brookwood Alliance Formed

By Alison Caughman with Joe Gardner

In 2006 it became apparent to then-Brookwood Hills Community Club President Benning Grice that there was a void along Peachtree Road. To the south the Midtown Alliance had organized a highly successful effort to create a "blueprint" for the area that is now being realized. To the North the Buckhead Alliance was well on its way to transforming the look and feel of the Buckhead Business District. Benning realized that the stretch of Peachtree from Deering Road to Peachtree Creek was being developed without a similar group to speak for the adjacent neighborhoods and their 1,300 households. Thus was born the "Brookwood Alliance," a 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation with representation from the civic associations of Ardmore Park, Brookwood, Brookwood Hills, Collier Hills, Collier Hills North, and Loring Heights. Brookwood Hills Board Member Joe Gardner is the current Alliance Chair. Joe is a highly respected Atlanta architect and a past president of the Georgia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

The mission of the Brookwood Alliance is to preserve and enhance the unique identity and character of the Brookwood Community through coordinated activities of the member neighborhoods in collaboration with institutional and commercial neighbors as well as with the many government and regulatory bodies that have the power to make decisions impacting us all. The vision of the Brookwood Alliance is the fostering of a healthy and livable Brookwood Community as a "calmer oasis" between the more intensely developed communities to our north and south. The Alliance seeks area-specific planning restrictions guided by principles which promote a diversity of land uses:

- Strictly preserved single family residential neighborhoods
- Open green spaces
- Low- to mid-rise mixed-use structures built for multi-family housing, retail and commercial business purposes
- Major institutions such as Piedmont Hospital and the Shepherd Center.

The Brookwood segment of the Peachtree Corridor can shine as a walkable village, with pedestrian-friendly streets, buildings and services, and attractive, landscaped streetscapes enhanced by a variety of green and open public spaces.

The Brookwood Alliance Board meets monthly. To learn more about its work, contact Joe Gardner at 404-352-2949 or at [jgardner@gsstj.com](mailto:jgardner@gsstj.com).



## BROOKNOTES

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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.

## The Pool Season is Here!

It's time to resurrect those bathing suits because the Brookwood Hills pool has re-opened for business. The Adult Swim program is 7 am to 9 am every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday through September 13th. The swim and dive teams have resumed practices. And best of all, the sewer issues have been resolved.

The official pool opening day for the general community club membership was set for Friday, May 16th. Because most of the lifeguards are still in school, the pool will operate from 4 pm until 9 pm until May 23rd. Beginning Saturday May 24th the regular hours of operation will be 10 am to 9 pm Monday through Saturday and noon to 9 pm Sunday.

The pool is being managed this year by Sweetwater Pool Management. The pool manager is John Copeland; the concession stand manager is Bryant Johnson. The concession stand menu will include the usual fare of hot dogs, pizza, yogurt, fruit, frozen treats, popcorn and soft pretzels. Specialty items will also include homemade children's and adult sandwiches, salads, Chic-fil-A sandwiches and on high volume occasions grilled burgers and grilled chicken sandwiches.

The 6 pm to 8 pm Friday night cookouts will feature different caterers, the first of which will be Shane's BBQ providing dinner on May 23rd. We also are planning to bring back Friday Night Movies for the kids.

There is an open BWH Board position for a Pool Committee Co-Chair. For more information call Hayes Wilson at 404-876-4618.

*BrookNotes* welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is June 4th, 2008. Submissions may be e-mailed to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com) or dropped off at 200 Camden Road.

## New Faces

By Patti and Sarah



- Please welcome Mark and Laurie Bird to 64 Montclair Drive. The Birds have relocated from Jacksonville, Florida. Both are UGA graduates; their children, 9 year old Ansley and 7 year old Lawton, attend Woodward Academy.
- John Morrison and Mark Skillan, new neighbors at 102 Wakefield Drive, are not new to Atlanta. They come to Brookwood Hills from another terrific neighborhood, Kingswood.
- Laurie Simpson and Jamie Cirincione are living at 24 Wakefield Drive, having relocated from Chicago. Both attorneys, Laurie works with Invesco and Jamie is clerking for Judge Stan Birch with the U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit.

## Congratulations, Anne!

On April 5th The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation presented its Chairman's Award to Brighton Road neighbor Anne Hale "for her extraordinary efforts and significant contributions to preservation and the built environment in Georgia. This award is not given on an annual basis, but is reserved to be presented to individuals who the board feels are truly deserving of being recognized with top honors . . . for a lifetime of work and dedication to the field of historic preservation."

## Swim and Dive Team Schedules

The swim and dive teams are up and running for a great start to a fun summer, with over 200 members. You can hear the swimmers splashing Monday through Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am. The divers practice Monday through Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm and Fridays from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. A practice swim meet is scheduled for Thursday May 22nd and the regular home meets will be on three Tuesdays: May 27th, June 3rd and June 24th. The first home dive meet will take place Wednesday, May 28th, with 2 others to be scheduled in June. **Note that during home meets there will be many cars parked on the streets surrounding the pool.** It is still not too late to join the teams. For more information contact Joanne Fitzgerald (swimming) at [johnfitzgerald@bellsouth.net](mailto:johnfitzgerald@bellsouth.net) or Sheridan Watson (diving) at [patrickwatson@comcast.net](mailto:patrickwatson@comcast.net).

## Calling All Graduates

Each Spring *BrookNotes* traditionally congratulates neighborhood high school and college graduates. Please email or call in the following information on the special graduate(s) in your family: student name, parent name(s), street address, school graduating from, degree earned, and future plans. You're welcome to include any special honors as well. Send the information to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com) or call Alison Caughman at 404-355-7662.

## Brookwood Hills Neighbor Spotlight

By Lee Wilder

With this issue *BrookNotes* unveils a new feature, "Spotlight," in which Montclair neighbor Lee Wilder will periodically interview an interesting BWH resident. For this first "Spotlight" Lee interviewed Tim Stack. *BrookNotes* welcomes suggestions for future issues; send them to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com).

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Q: What exactly is your job title?

Tim: I am President and CEO of Piedmont Healthcare, which is the holding company for Piedmont Hospital, Piedmont Fayette Hospital, Piedmont Mountinside Hospital, Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Piedmont Heart Institute, Piedmont Physicians Group, Piedmont Clinic, and Piedmont Hospital Foundation.

Q: So the buck stops at your desk. Do you have a typical day?

Tim: There is no such thing as a typical day. Today I had a 7:30 am breakfast with a physician, met with the president of the Heart Institute, met with outside financial consultants, went to Rotary, met with a search firm reviewing two positions we are trying to fill, met with some folks from the Georgia Hospital Association and met with the CEO of one of our four Piedmont Hospitals. And tonight Mary and I have a business dinner. For the most part, this is an example of an average day in my life.

Q: What is your biggest challenge?

Tim: The biggest challenge is how to make sure our patients are cared for in a healing, compassionate environment.

Q: How do you define success?

Tim: Every day provides an opportunity to improve our services — enabling our physicians and employees to render exceptional care for our patients.

Q: When you were a little boy did you dream of hospital administration?

Tim: I wanted to be a history teacher and a football coach.

Q: So what happened?

Tim: I worked in the steel mills in Pittsburgh during the summers when I got old enough. The summer after my sophomore year of college the mill went on strike and I lost my job after two weeks. I worked in an ice cream factory for a few weeks but that got too boring. So I answered an ad in the paper and found a job at a Pittsburgh hospital in central supply. I worked on sterilizing equipment. I started to wonder how the hospital worked. I just got curious and talked with some of the administrators.

Q: And the rest is history?

Tim: I guess so. I got my undergraduate degree in economics and sociology and then earned my Masters in Hospital Administration from Medical College of Virginia.

Q: Did you ever have a chance to coach football?

Tim: No, but I did coach NYO baseball.

## (Brookwood Hills Neighbor Spotlight, cont.)

Q: How has hospital administration changed over the years?

Tim: The complexity of everything has increased dramatically from computerization to financial structures to medical techniques. I used a mimeograph machine to make copies when I started in the business and now Piedmont Hospital is one of the top 100 wired hospitals in America. Piedmont Healthcare is a billion dollar enterprise.

Q: Does Atlanta need Grady Hospital?

Tim: Absolutely! Grady is a great teaching hospital and a first class trauma center. Grady provides an important population with needed healthcare. If Grady is closed, there simply will not be enough hospital capacity to handle the needs of the city. Piedmont is full most of the time.

Q: How long have you been at Piedmont?

Tim: Seven years this December.

Q: And how did you pick Brookwood Hills?

Tim: Mary, my wife, has loved Brookwood Hills since the moment we visited Atlanta. I made a big mistake and bought a house over five miles away. I was just afraid that Brookwood Hills was too close to work. Mary was right and I was wrong. We found a house under construction in Brookwood Hills and made the move to the corner of Montclair and Wakefield.

Q: Tell me about your family.

Tim: Mary volunteers at a day shelter. We have three sons. Tim is 28 and is a writer for *Entertainment Weekly* in New York. Ryan, 25, lives in LA and is a TV production assistant. Matt, 13, is a student at Woodward Academy.

Q: And Jackson?

Tim: Oh yes, Jackson may be one of the biggest dogs in the neighborhood. I promise, he is on a diet.

Q: What do you do in your free time?

Tim: I love to play golf and read. I usually read a couple of books a week. I love Jack Whyte's books — historical fiction.

*Interviewer's note: In the Brookwood Hills version of Six Degrees of Separation, Dr. Wright Caughman, Director of The Emory Clinic, also worked in a steel mill in his youth. In addition, both Mary Stack and I attended Camp Robin Hood in Chambersberg, Pennsylvania. We did not know each other at the time, perhaps because she was on the White Team and I was on the Green Team.*

Lee Wilder

### In Memorium

Longtime Huntington Road resident Lon Simons passed away on Tuesday, April 29th 2008. The neighborhood extends its condolences to Lon's wife Carol and daughter Devon.

## Spring Fling Fun

By Burch Hanson

Special thanks once again to our friend and neighbor Patti Junger with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage for hosting our 'Spring Fling' festivities in the park on Sunday, March 9th. With the beautiful weather on that day and the work of many neighbors, it made for a fabulous celebration to welcome an early Spring Season!

Shortly after the festivities began, the Easter Bunny came hopping into the park to kick off the party, as the DJ played festive music. As always, there were many eager and excited fans gathered in the park awaiting the big arrival. The Easter Bunny was accompanied by a close cousin, who entertained the children with face painting and balloon animals.

The afternoon events were kicked off with the egg hunt. The children were divided into three groups by age, and then eagerly set out on a quest for eggs filled with candy and toys. The children who found a "golden egg" in each category were presented with a gift certificate to either Baskin Robbins or Blockbuster. In center field, Janie Pearce and Scott Sizer both found a golden egg in the 0-3 year old hunt. David Gebhardt and Griffin Williams found a golden egg in the playground area in the 4-8 year old hunt. Up on the nature trail, Whit Blount found the well-hidden prize in the 9 and above hunt.

Next, we had our annual Hula Hoop contest in center field. Our esteemed winners for 2008 were Caroline Howe for the 4 and under group, Mattie Grice for the 5-8 year old group, Emma Dixon for the 9-12 group, and Savannah Lee for a multi-age group. The amazing Kem Lee took top honors again this year for the Adult contest.

Throughout the party many young artists participated in a Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest by creating artistic masterpieces around the track. The judges were faced with a most difficult task of selecting the winners as all of the art was truly spectacular. The First Place distinction went to the Dixon Family. Amelia Wanamaker won Second Place, and Greer Blount received Third Place honors.

We also had our traditional Scavenger Hunt, as families and groups of friends set off in search of hard to find items for everything from a pinecone to a 1980s penny in the park. The winning team with the most items found was the Loughran Family!

This day could not have happened without our wonderful group of volunteers. We would like to thank John and JT Mulcahy, Kellam Mattie, The McGibbon Family, Sarah Hagood, Virginia and Tom Davis, Mary Beth Jenkins, and Sarah and Andy Howe for graciously helping with set-up and clean-up. One of our egg hunt winners, David Gebhardt, also helped with cleaning up after the party. Special thanks to Caroline Wilbert, Dorothy Ruth Smith, Robin Minson and Christina Whitney for serving as our wonderful judges for the hula hoop and chalk contests, and also to Sarah Howe for running the Scavenger Hunt. Again, many thanks to our neighbor, Patti Junger for sponsoring the event.

Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you to everyone who attended this year's 'Spring Fling'. It is events like this that truly make our neighborhood special!

*Editor's note: Pictures from Spring Fling appeared in the April edition of BrookNotes.*

## Garden Club Party Nets \$30,000

By Kathleen Waldrop



Brian and Linda Stanley had the winning bid for a week's stay at the fabulous Irish country home of Christina and Mike McCarthy.

The Brookwood Hills Garden Club celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 26<sup>th</sup> at our own lovely pool pavilion and tennis courts. Despite needed rain, over 200 neighbors and friends enjoyed food and beverages donated in part by local business such as Taurus, Toulouse, Sonora Catering, The Fresh Market, Vita, Café Intermezzo, Starbucks, Sweetwater Brewing, and the Peachtree Road Package Store. Taurus and Toulouse graciously provided their own chefs preparing specialty foods. Please support these businesses when possible.

Neighbors took part in lively bidding led by our own skillful auctioneer, Hank Harris, and his talented assistants, Fred

Burke and Carl Gambrell. Special thanks to the many thoughtful neighbors who donated unique auction and prize items. The auction raised over \$30,000 for neighborhood beautification and other projects that benefit the entire Brookwood Hills Community.

We were fortunate to have such generous sponsors endorsing the Brookwood Hills Garden Club. The business sponsors supporting this event were:

**Gold Oak:** Branch Properties; The Brookwood Condominium; Coldwell Banker/Patti Junger; Harry Norman/Karen Grice; Specialty Homes/Sarah Hagood; Peachtree Hills Place Continuous Care Residential Community **Silver Oak:** Peachtree Orthopedic Clinic; Arboguard Tree Specialists; Boak Landscaping, Inc.; Mike Ghee of G-force Restorations; Selig Enterprises **Bronze Oak:** Allgood Pest Solutions; Bennett Landscape & Design; Bowles Pest Control, Inc.; Cortex Hair Salon and Spa/Marion Ventulett, Owner; Downey Trees, Inc.; Nature Scapes, Inc.; New Life Landscaping; and Revival Construction.

Neighbors enjoyed dancing to the sounds of the Mike Veal Band. Kay Summers created a historic collection of Brookwood Hills' pictures dating back to the 1920's. Guests enjoyed a slide show presented by Hayes Wilson. If you have any notable photographs you wish to add, please contact either Kay Summers or Kathleen Waldrop.

We appreciate the neighbors joining with the Garden Club to celebrate 80 years of the Brookwood Hills community.



Celebrity Auctioneer Extraordinaire Hank Harris urges on the bidders while Party Chair Renee Richardson and Able Assistant Fred Burke look on.

### Oops

The March issue of *BrookNotes* had a typo in the phone number for the Lost & Found office at the airport. The correct number is 404-530-2100, ext. 0.

## CALENDAR

- Friday, May 16th — New Neighbor Party, 7:00 pm
- Friday, May 16th — Pool Opens, details page 2
- Thursday, May 22nd — Practice Swim Meet, details page 3
- Friday, May 23rd — First Friday Night Pool-side Dinner, details page 2
- Tuesday, May 27th — Home Swim Meet, details page 3
- Wednesday, May 28th — Home Dive Meet, details page 3
- Tuesday, June 3rd — Home Swim Meet, details page 3

## C L A S S I F I E D S

**Housekeepers Available.** I would like to recommend my friend Luzia Resende and her family for housework. They have been with me for over two years and I have found them reliable, trustworthy and conscientious. They are excellent cleaners. To get in touch with Luzia call 678/615-2222 (cell) or 678/334-7773. Her daughter Mara can be reached at 770/778-3001. Or you can contact me, Mickie McKenzie (55 Woodcrest) at 404/874-7855.

**Brooke's Pet-Sitting.** My name is Brooke Gentry. I am 12 years old and would love to take care of your pet while you are on vacation. I have a dog and 4 cats, and I foster kittens for the Humane Society, so I have lots of experience! 404/876-4480 (h); brookekgentry@comcast.net.

**Financial Assistant.** Looking for a bookkeeper, small business manager or personal assistant? Cannon Sayers of 27 Wakefield Drive, President of BBWolf, Inc. and lifetime Atlanta resident has been a Personal Finance Manager for small businesses, individuals and families in Atlanta for 7 years. Please give her and her staff a call if you are interested in getting your financial life in order. 404/808-1134; cannonsayers@yahoo.com.

**Pre-School Readiness Teacher.** Danielle Garrett, former Atlanta Speech School teacher, is available to work with your children this summer. Danielle specializes in pre-reading, reading, handwriting, cognitive skills and math skills, all presented in a fun and engaging way for children ages 3 to 7. For more information contact Clayton Howell at 770/330-3984 or contact Danielle Garrett directly at 404/541-6797.

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