



# BrookNotes

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## Mexican Fiesta Fun for New and Old Neighbors

*By Wendy Granot and Stephanie Brown*



*Anne & Sam Donaldson, Alan Joel, and Shannon Cox pose for the camera while the mariachi band plays below.*



Hills neighbors, both new and old. Many guests at the party have lived in the neighborhood for well over twenty-five years. Their presence always reminds us of what a special place we live in. We all love hearing their stories of "the old days." The festive evening celebrated the pride and love we all have for our community and the amazing people who live in it. *(Thank you to Deborah Gebhardt for providing the photos.)*

On Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> Brookwood Hills residents gathered at the pool pavilion to meet their new neighbors and visit with old ones. This annual party is just one of our many special Brookwood Hills traditions. The Mexican fiesta included a wonderful buffet catered by Chef Deborah VanTrece. A traditional mariachi band entertained the guests as they mingled and enjoyed their margaritas. Brightly colored paper flowers and piñatas decorated the pavilion.

Thank you to our generous sponsors, Alan Joel and Dan Granot Real Estate. Alan and Dan recently merged their commercial real estate firms, offering a combined forty-five plus years of real estate experience. Their firm specializes in office leasing, management and sales. Alan started the Brookwood Hills swim team in 1979 and has continued to play an active role in its success. Dan and his family have lived in the neighborhood for almost ten years.

The party was attended by over one hundred fifty Brookwood



*Beverly Stacy is greeted by Dan Granot at the new neighbor party.*



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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 at 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 cell phone number for the neighborhood security patrol is **404-242-3321**.

## Pool Update

The pool has re-opened for the summer season and there is more than ever going on. Memorial Day will offer the traditional cook-out starting at 11:00 a.m. "until whenever the food runs out." There will also be organized pool games from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The popular Friday Night Poolside Cook-outs, prepared by Deborah VanTrece, will return starting May 28th. Details are still being worked out, but they will alternate between hamburger/hot dog-type cook-outs and more upscale fare. Stay tuned for more info.

Neighbors living near the pool will want to take a look at the calendar on page 6. It lists this summer's four "home" swim meets, when the streets around the pool can get congested with lots of extra vehicles.

And here is the *hot news flash* that you may not have heard yet. Many of you know that Wakefield neighbors Priscilla and Linton Hopkins raised award-winning Chef Linton Hopkins Jr. right here in Brookwood Hills. Linton and his wife Gina are members of the club and Linton has generously volunteered his services to improve the menu of the concession stand. No, that doesn't mean we'll be serving the chef's signature dishes from Restaurant Eugene and Holman and Finch. But it *does* mean that the quality of the concession stand fare has changed. Want a hot dog? No problem. Only now it will be made with quality beef and served on an H&F Bread Co. bun. That's just a sampling of what is to come, and prices will even remain the same. Come check it out and let us know what you think!

*BrookNotes* welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Wednesday, June 9th, 2010. Submissions may be e-mailed to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com) or dropped off at 144 Huntington Road.

## BWHCC Discount Card Available

*By Ramsay Battin*

The Brookwood Hills Community Club (BWHCC) is pleased to announce the creation of a Brookwood Hills "Privilege Card" that provides BWHCC members with discounts of up to 20% at 18 businesses located around our neighborhood. These businesses recognize the importance of Brookwood Hills and are pleased to provide a special incentive to BWHCC members. We encourage everyone to support these businesses, as having a vital ecosystem of retailers, restaurants and service providers within a short distance of the neighborhood helps to make Brookwood Hills such a special place to live.

Over the coming weeks, we will be distributing the Privilege Cards to current BWHCC members (2 cards per household). These cards will be valid through June 30th, 2011, and must be presented to the businesses at the time of purchase.

Listed below is the current roster of participating businesses with their special offers. This list with more detailed information will also be posted and updated on the Brookwood Hills website, so be sure to check it periodically for any updates.

Business	Discount		Business	Discount
Ansley Park Playhouse	20%		Joli Kobe	15% (M-F), 20% (Sat)
Baroni	10%		Mama Fu's	15%
Black Bear Tavern	20% (Tues only)		Peachtree Cleaners	15%
Bluefin	10% (dinner only; no take-		Sage	20% (excludes other discounts)
Buckhead Custom Frames	15%		Shell Service Station	10% (excludes fuel)
Café Intermezzo	20% (M-F till 9 pm)		Starfish	10%
El Azteca	15%		The Cleaners	10%
Fresh4U	10%		Thirsty Dog Tavern	10%
Jimmy John's	10%		Viking Store	10% (retail); 15% (classes)

To the extent BWHCC members patronize other businesses that aren't on this list, we encourage you to ask those businesses whether they would consider joining the program. If they would, please contact Ramsay Battin at [pbattin@mba1998.hbs.edu](mailto:pbattin@mba1998.hbs.edu) and we'll be sure to follow up with them.

### It's Not Too Late To Join

And if you are not yet a 2010 member of the Brookwood Hills Community Club, it is not too late to join to support your neighborhood, to take advantage of these great discounts, and to enjoy Linton Hopkins-inspired fare at the pool concession stand (see article on facing page). Contact Membership Chair David Adams at [David.Adams@wcsr.com](mailto:David.Adams@wcsr.com) today!

## An Exciting, New Neighborhood Amenity

*By Bo Heiner*

On April 10<sup>th</sup> the Beltline, PATH Foundation and the Brookwood Alliance culminated several years of collaboration to formally open a new trail in Ardmore/Collier Park. This trail is part of the City of Atlanta Beltline project and was designed and constructed by the PATH Foundation. Mayor Kasim Reed attended the event as did Brookwood Alliance President and Brookwood Hills neighbor Joe Gardner.

The first segment of the Atlanta BeltLine Trail in Northwest Atlanta is the 150<sup>th</sup> mile of greenway trail PATH has built in Georgia. The one mile-long trail through Tanyard Park and along the southern border of Bobby Jones Golf Course includes three bridges and an underpass at Collier Road connecting Ardmore Park and Tanyard Park to Colonial Homes.

The trail was built using several innovative construction techniques that minimized the impact to existing trees. With guidance from Spence Rosenfeld at Arboguard, PATH crews created "bridges" over tree roots using fabric and gravel before the concrete trail was installed. In addition, use of heavy equipment was limited to areas where damage to tree roots was not an issue.

Proximity of the trail to Tanyard Creek resulted in the need for a stream bank variance from the state of Georgia in several locations. The design team created a trail segment whereby the trail slopes away from the creek, encouraging rain water to collect in a pervious concrete drain along the edge of the trail and filter under the trail through a bed of gravel before it enters the creek. The system allows water to soak into the ground under the trail and percolate through the gravel prior to reaching the creek.

The structural slab beneath Collier Road was carved out of the slope area between the abutment and the first bridge pier. The tunnel not only gets people safely under a busy street, it also enhances the ability for water to flow under the bridge during major storm events. The tunnel surface spans hand-excavated tree roots, which saved the trees adjacent to the Collier Road bridge from having to be removed. The PATH design and build team learned many useful techniques while building this trail that we will utilize on future trail projects.

So if you are looking for a new jogging or walking route or a place for your kids to safely ride a bike, here's how you get there. Just cross Peachtree Road at Palisades. Walk one block north and turn left onto 28<sup>th</sup> Street. At the end of 28<sup>th</sup> Street (3 blocks), turn right onto Ardmore Road. Ardmore Park will be on your left and there you will find the entrance to the trail. Turning left onto the trail will take you a short distance to 26<sup>th</sup> Street, close to I-75. Turning right onto the trail will take you all the way to Colonial Homes. Don't be surprised by the one spot where the paved trail briefly becomes a dirt path while crossing underneath a train trestle. How to make the paved connection is still being worked out, but you should have no difficulty finding the short path between the two paved trails and continuing on your way.

*Editor's Note: Brookwood Hills neighbor Bo Heiner is a member of the PATH Foundation Board of Directors.*

## “Hidden Gardens of Brookwood Hills” Garden Tour

By Lisa Barnhart

On Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> approximately three hundred Brookwood Hills Residents, Community Club Members and guests took to the streets walking, riding bikes and riding in their cars to tour the “Hidden Gardens of Brookwood Hills”. This tour was hosted by the Brookwood Hills Garden Club in concert with the Legacy Ladies.

It was a beautiful day to explore the quaint creations of our oh-so-talented gardener-neighbors. Over and over again you heard oohs and ahs over scenes that were a feast for the eyes. Who knew these gardens lay just beyond our view from the street? Thank you to the following neighbors who not only opened their homes and spectacular gardens to the neighborhood, but who so generously offered their time and hospitality to discuss and answer questions relating to their unique gardens.

- Bonnie and Chet Burgess – 4 Montclair Road
- Linda and Dean Copeland – 214 Camden Road
- Hunter and Becky Holliday – 185 Huntington Road
- Karen and Steve Klare – 101 Brighton Road
- Elizabeth and David Martin – 108 Wakefield Road
- Margaret and Ted Shirley – 78 Wakefield Road
- Esther and Jim Stokes – 129 Palisades Road

Special thanks as well to Alex Summers and Mitch Wickland for hosting the Clear Creek Preserve tour. They had worked hard making sure the trails were cleared and provided valuable information on future plans for this incredible green space to over forty persons interested in seeing first-hand our Clear Creek Nature Preserve.



### New Faces

On April 5th BWHCC President Mitch Wickland and his wife Elizabeth welcomed the arrival of 7 lb. 5 oz. and 19 inch long James David (“J.D.”) Wickland. Big brothers Wyly (4) and Mac (3) are a big help!

Vern Yip and Craig Koch are the proud parents of Gavin Joshua Manno Koch-Yip, born January 6th.

Matt and Caroline Tolleson are celebrating the May 5th arrival of their first child, son Matthew Gale Tolleson, Jr. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 7 oz. and 20.5 inches long.

Oops. *BrookNotes* misstated the birth date of Mim Aline Roedder, daughter of Alison and Chad Roedder, born **December 7th, 2009**.

## Calendar

- **Monday, May 17, BWH Book Club, 7:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, May 25, home swim meet vs Hanover West, late afternoon-evening**
- **Monday, May 31, Memorial Day Cook-out & Pool Games at the Pool, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, June 1, home swim meet vs Vermack, late afternoon-evening**
- **Thursday, June 3, swim team (8 & under) movie night, 6:30 p.m., Pool Pavilion**
- **Monday, June 7, BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:15 p.m., at the home of Lee & Gilda Morris, 230 Brighton Road**
- **Tuesday, June 8, swim team (9-12) movie night, 6:30 p.m., Pool Pavilion**
- **Tuesday, June 15, home swim meet vs Garden Hills, late afternoon-evening**
- **Tuesday, June 22, home swim meet vs Chastain, late afternoon-evening**

## Congratulations Graduates!

- Alison Barnhart, daughter of Steve & Lisa Barnhart of 310 Camden Road, will be graduating from Lovett this year. She had a wonderful experience serving as an intern in a coalition between The Georgia Aquarium and Lovett. Alison will be attending Florida State University in Tallahassee, and may possibly be seeking a degree in Marine Biology.
- Carolyn Harris, daughter of Hank & Linda Harris of 122 Brighton Road, will be graduating from The Westminster Schools. She is a member of the Cum Laude Society and is Captain of the women's Varsity Soccer Team. Carolyn will be attending the University of Virginia in the Fall.
- Ben Ross, son of Mickey & Harvey Ross of 16 Woodcrest Avenue, will be graduating from Pace Academy and will attend the University of Washington in Seattle. Ben wants to pursue a degree in computer science in the engineering school.
- Katherine Elise Wabler, daughter of Barry & Karen Wabler of 356 Camden Road, graduated from St. Pius X Catholic High School on May 15th. In the Fall, Katherine will attend St. Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana.
- Chris Caughman, son of Wright & Alison Caughman of 200 Camden Road, graduated from the Duke University College of Engineering, where he majored in Biomedical Engineering. Chris will be working at a cell biology lab at Emory University and hopes to begin medical school in the Fall of 2011.

*These are just a few of the Brookwood Hills students graduating this Spring. Please be sure to let us know about your son or daughter for inclusion in the June issue. Send an email to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com)*

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

**House/Pet/Babysitter.** Caroline White is a 16 year old rising Junior at Woodward Academy and has experience in all 3 areas with kids of all ages. She is also a Red Cross Babysitter and CPR Certified, and is here for almost all of the summer. For more information call 404/617-4477 or email [dressage12@gmail.com](mailto:dressage12@gmail.com).

**Garden Care.** Virginia Davis, 10 year old neighbor at 122 Huntington, will water and weed your garden while you are on vacation this summer. Please call 404/724-0959.

**Lakefront home for rent.** Lovely Lake Keowee 3-BR home for rent by the week or for week-ends. Easy commute from Atlanta. Pontoon boat also available. See the house online at [keoweeparadise.com](http://keoweeparadise.com) or call Ruth Isaac at 404-513-7171.

**New Neighborhood Dining Spot.** We have been to the Thirsty Dog Tavern (where Mick's was) on Bennett Street several times since it recently opened. It is a great place, very family friendly, good and broad range of family food at reasonable prices. AND they allow dogs on the patio. It's owned by Tony LaRocco, who owned Fratelli di Napoli and has a number of the favorite dishes from there on the menu. We'd encourage folks to support this great family restaurant in walking distance from the neighborhood. *Submitted by Lee Loughran.*

**Summer Babysitter.** Katherine Wabler, a recent high school graduate, is available from May 17th through August 17th for babysitting for neighborhood families. "I like to play sports and games with children and take them to the park or pool." Home phone: 404/367-9747. Cell phone: 404/839-0402.

**Two Running Strollers for Sale.** Both strollers are "Baby Jogger" strollers with 20" alloy wheels. The brand new ones sell for \$350 and up. One is newer than the other, but both make running or walking with your little ones easy!! Great for babies and children as old as 4 years. Red one: \$125. Blue one: \$75. Call Margaret Mertens at 404/323-0338.

**Cashiers Cottage for Rent.** It's time to escape to cool evening breezes, waterfalls, and hiking in the mountains! Our cozy Cashiers, NC cottage is for rent. It has 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, a stacked stone fireplace and a back deck with a view. To see photos, go to [HomeAway.com](http://HomeAway.com), Property ID#274424. Please call me if you have any questions. If you are interested, call me for availability and rates better than those posted online. Margaret Mertens 404/323-0338.

## Next BWH Book Club Meeting

The Brookwood Hills Book Club will discuss *Nine Lives: Mystery, Magic, Death, and Life in New Orleans* by Dan Baum on Monday, May 17th at 7:30 p.m. New members and visitors are always welcome. For more information please contact Maureen Zent at [mzent1@bellsouth.net](mailto:mzent1@bellsouth.net) or at 404/724-0959.

## Uncle Sam Wants You!



Don't miss the Annual Brookwood Hills  
Fourth of July Picnic and Parade  
Sponsored by Ledbetter Wanamaker Glass LLP

Sunday, July 4, 2010

Noon till 1:30

Brookwood Hills Park

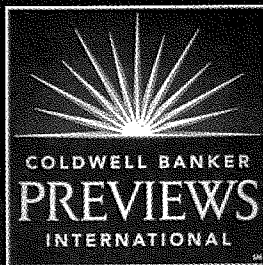
Bring your own decorated bike, wagon, etc. and join in our festive parade. Enjoy a delicious and free picnic as well as many fun games.

## Masters Swimming Resumes

The Georgia Masters Killer Whales swim team has returned to Brookwood Hills, and practices have begun! The Whales (and BWH Community Club members who are also members of United States Masters Swimming, Inc.) practice three times a week through September 11th. Practice times are:

- Tuesdays, 5:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.
- Thursdays, 5:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.
- Saturdays, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

If you are interested, contact Tim Storsteen at [tstorsteen@hotmail.com](mailto:tstorsteen@hotmail.com) or 404/307-1464.



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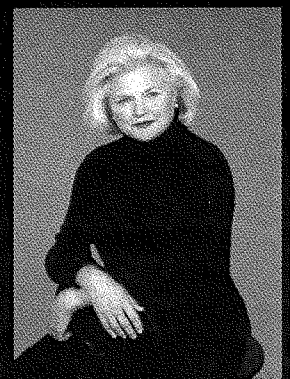
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