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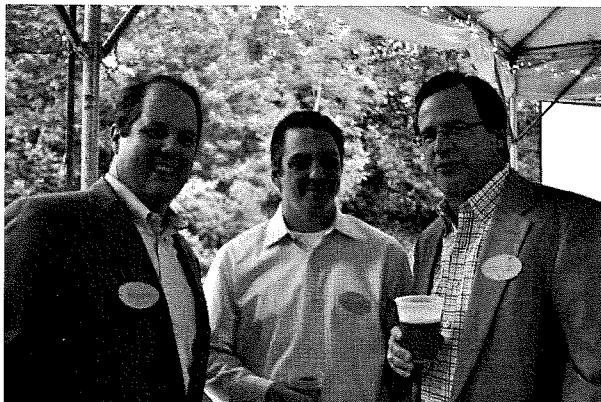
Garden Club Party Success: Nearly \$50,000 Raised for Neighborhood

by Kathleen Waldrop

The much anticipated return of the BWH Garden Club spring party on April 21 was a huge success and a fabulous gathering of friends. Over 250 neighbors celebrated "BWH's 90th Birthday Bash" at our lovely pool pavilion on a perfect spring evening.



Neighbors enjoyed socializing, food catered by Dennis Dean, Garden Club members & local restaurants, cocktails, a wide variety of auction items and dancing to the Uncle Mike Band. Even Meatloaf, the dog, enjoyed himself until he was escorted out of the party by David Gebhardt.



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Security Alert Signs

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**.



Corrections

In the April issue of BrookNotes, the BWH Garden Club sponsor appreciation section mis-referenced the name of one its sponsors. The appreciation of \$1000 Sponsors should have read: **Abrams | Davis | Mason | Long | Ilc.**

Also, in the last issue of Brooknotes, the profile article on Eva Walker, wardrobe therapist, mistakenly did not include her phone number. Eva Walker may be contacted for her services at 404-455-0609 at her email address: ward-robetherapy@evacolewalker.com.

It's Graduation Time!!



Send us news and pictures of your graduates so that we can celebrate them in the June and July issues of BrookNotes! You can email all submissions to the Brooknotes editors:

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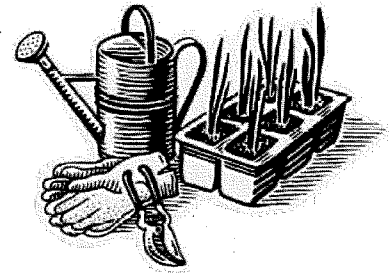
We look forward to hearing from you!

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Friday, June 8, 2012. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 144 Huntington.

Garden Club Party

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Our own neighborhood auctioneer, Hank Harris, once again led a lively auction with his skillful assistants - Fred Burke, Mike Nadal & Rich Perkey. The live auction raised over \$38,000 and silent auction items netted \$6,000 thanks to the many thoughtful neighbors, friends and businesses who donated generously. The Garden Club also appreciates the support of our many outstanding sponsors. Please support our sponsors and businesses when possible.



Many thanks to all neighbors!

**Thank you to the following BWH neighbors, friends and businesses that made our neighborhood fundraising efforts possible.
The Garden Club appreciates everyone's overwhelming support!**

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Northside Drive to Receive Major Upgrades

The Buckhead Council of Neighbors, of which Brookwood Hills is a member, alerted our representatives to extensive construction on Northside beginning this summer. Northside traffic will be significantly impacted during the construction, but once completed, it will be a significant improvement over the road today.

The proposed project consists of roadway and waterline improvements along Northside Drive/SR3/US41 from I-75 to just north of the Northside Drive/Northside Parkway intersection. The project has a total project length of 2.46 miles.

The roadway portion of the project from I-75 to Collier Road includes converting the existing reversible lane to a two-way left turn lane with an exclusive left turn lane onto Collier Road. In addition, a right turn lane will be installed for the northbound Northside Drive movement turning onto Collier Road eastbound.

From Collier Road north, the work includes converting the reversible lane to a two-way left turn lane until it connects to the existing 4-lane section.

Signal equipment and pedestrian accommodations will be upgraded at the intersections of Collier Road, Woodward Way, Peachtree Battle Avenue, West Wesley Road, and Arden Road. Also a water line main and sewer line main will be included in the contract for this project.

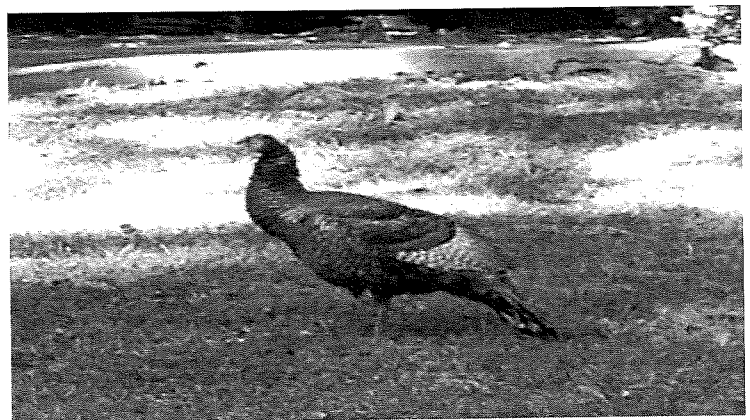
This project is anticipated to improve the safety and efficiency of Northside Drive by removal of the reversible lane, installation of a turn lane at Collier Road, providing pedestrian accommodations throughout the corridor and installation of the City of Atlanta waterline to avoid multiple projects in the area.

Timeline:

Construction is scheduled to begin July 2012 and is expected to run for 18- 24 months (through spring/summer 2014). Lane closures will be in effect weekdays and weekends, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. The Georgia Department of Transportation encourages residents to avoid this section of Northside Drive during construction hours.

Our Exotic Roaming Neighbor

Following the wild turkey sighting referenced in the April issue of BrookNotes Mike and Alison Jones of 30 Northwood submitted this picture of our exotic roaming neighbor in their backyard in April.



Neighborhood Security Update

Snake Safety

Last summer, snakes became news as Atlanta and the Buckhead area, specifically, saw a spike in snake bite cases. And now with recent Copperhead sightings in Collier Hills and Brookwood Hills, it is important to be aware of how to prevent and treat snake bites.

Preventing snake bites:

- Do not try to handle any snake.
- Stay away from tall grass and piles of leaves when possible.
- Avoid climbing on rocks or piles of wood where a snake may be hiding.
- Be aware that snakes tend to be active at night and in warm weather.
- Wear boots and long pants when working outdoors.
- Wear leather gloves when handling brush and debris.



If you are bitten, follow these first aid tips – they can save your life:

- Seek medical attention as soon as possible (dial 911 or call local Emergency Medical Services).
- Try to remember the color and shape of the snake, which can help with treatment of the snake bite.
- Keep still and calm. This can slow down the spread of venom.
- Apply first aid if you cannot get to the hospital right away.
- Lay or sit down with the bite below the level of the heart.
- Wash the bite with soap and water.
- Cover the bite with a clean, dry dressing.

For more information, including specific treatment to avoid in the event of a snake bite visit:
<http://www.healthwatchmd.com/2011/07/snake-bites-on-the-rise/>

Car Security

During the busy summer pool season, it is important to keep in mind that with additional cars and people around we are more likely to attract attention from potential thieves. Nation-wide recommends the following to prevent car break-ins:

- Lock your doors—Simply locking the doors will deter those who might just be waiting around for an easy target.
- Keep it tidy—Almost any worthless personal item that's visible from the outside -- even an empty shopping bag -- could be seen as a valuable or a carrier of valuables.
- Conceal all the evidence—stow your electronics and accessories well out of sight-or better yet, bring it with you.
- Stash before -- not after -- you park—Get in the habit of putting shopping bags in the trunk right when you return to the vehicle, rather than after you park at the next place.
- Completely close windows and sunroofs

Watershed Restaurant Coming to The Brookwood



According to a promotional email issued by the restaurant, Watershed restaurant is scheduled to open in its new location in late May. The new Smith Hanes-designed 175-seat space is located at The Brookwood on Peachtree Road in the heart of our historic Brookwood Hills neighborhood.

The restaurant will serve the “same inspired cuisine of acclaimed Chef Joe Truex, with a modern sensibility reflective of the new location and the culinary diversity of the South. The new location will offer private dining, a patio, an expanded bar

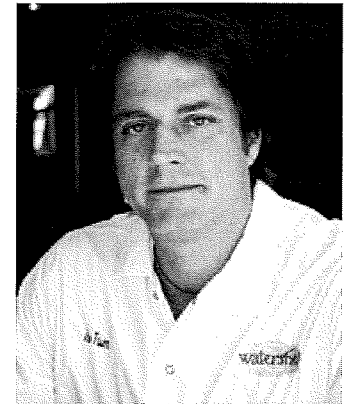
area and a plenty of parking.”

Julia LeRoy, a “self-proclaimed Francophile with a taste for local ingredients, seasonal flavors, whole-food nourishment and the healing power of food is joining the Watershed team as chef de cuisine. Chef Truex, along with LeRoy, will expand on Watershed’s Southern-inspired cuisine with flavors from the Georgia Coast to the Louisiana Bayou and everything in between including the diverse ethnic flavors found throughout the South.”

The restaurant is moving its celebrated Fried Chicken Night from Tuesday to Wednesday nights and will be open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday as well as for Sunday Brunch.

About The Chef

Chef Joe Truex, a native Southerner, has introduced his unique style of Southern cuisine to Watershed’s menu since he became Executive Chef and Partner in 2010. His classic approach to cooking transforms traditional Southern dishes into something distinctive and exciting. His cooking refreshes our ideas about how creative and delicious Southern food can be. Chef Truex has a keen understanding of the connection between food and wine and brings his passion for wine to the Southern table.



Chef Joe Truex currently lives in Decatur, Georgia. He grew up in the small town of Mansura, Louisiana, attended Louisiana State University, and began his culinary training in New Orleans at Fairmont Hotel in 1986. A graduate of The Culinary Institute of America in New York (class of '89), he worked at the original Le Cirque under Chef Daniel Boulud, and continued his training overseas in Basel, Switzerland and back in the states in Las Vegas and New York City.

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BrookNotes Looking for Neighbor Stories

- Know of an interesting neighbor that we could feature in an upcoming BrookNotes?
- Send us your story ideas—we would love to hear from you!

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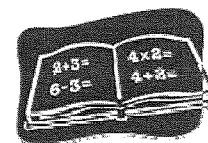
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Keeping Math Skills Sharp Over the Summer

Editor's Note: The following article "Ask the Teacher" appeared in the May 2012 issue of Atlanta Parent magazine and features the response of Brookwood Hills neighbor, Jane Nagle of Palisades Road, who is a Math Specialist at The Westminster Schools

How can my child keep his math skills sharp over the summer break?

Summer vacation provides a needed break for all. But if children don't engage in continuous learning activities over the summer, they will inevitably forget some math skills. Regular practice with computation, problem-solving and basic math facts will maintain and strengthen the mathematical gains made over the school year. To prevent summer "brain drain," parents can easily incorporate the "Three P's" into daily activities: Play, Projects and Practice.



- **Play:** Many games and puzzles involve some math and encourage logical and strategic thinking. Tap children to serve as scorekeeper or banker in games like Monopoly. Other board games include Othello, Battleship, Mancala and Connect Four. Two fantastic visual spatial games are Blokus and SET. Find a free, daily SET puzzle at set-game.com. Math websites: funbrain.com, aplusmath.com, mathplayground.com, trafficjam.com, coolmath4kids.com, and puzzles.com
- **Projects:** Look for ways to discover the math in recipes, gardening, shopping budgets and sports statistics. Open a lemonade stand or take on a small construction or sewing project. Let your child be the one to calculate mileage and costs for a trip, or to chart the rise in gasoline prices.
- **Practice:** My favorite math workbook designed for summer practice is the Summer Math Skills Sharpener, which can be ordered online at summerskills.com. Most students should use the book for their current grade level, which will provide a review of topics just completed. To incorporate technology and an approach tailored to your child's specific needs, visit IXL Math online. This is a helpful math site that incorporates the math skills learned in a particular grade. Sign up for a monthly membership at ixl.com.

You have probably heard the recent buzz about Khan Academy, an online collection of video tutorials that teach a variety of subjects, including math. Click on khanacademy.org and select one of the mini-lectures on thousands of different topics.

As you work math into your summer routine, keep it fun, light and interactive for the whole family. Remember, your child is on vacation!

....more restaurant news....

• Restaurant: The Optimist

• **What:** Ford Fry's (JCT & No. 246) latest venture focuses on summer-friendly seafood and oysters. The restaurant is reported to have "towering ceilings, exposed beams, subway tiles and metal light fixtures" for a rustic marina look.

• **When:** Slated to officially open May 21.

• **Where:** 914 Howell Mill Road, www.theoptimist.com

Pool & Pavilion Closings: Swim & Dive Meets

Neighbors are reminded that the pool and pool pavilion will not be open to general membership during swim and dive meets.

For these dates, the pool and pavilion will be closed from 4:00PM—Closing:

Tuesday, May 22 - Swim meet
Tuesday, May 29 - Swim meet
Wednesday, May 30 - Dive meet
Tuesday, June 5 - Swim meet
Wednesday, June 6 - Dive meet
Monday, June 18 - Dive meet
Tuesday, June 19 - Swim meet

C L A S S I F I E D S

Babysitting: Virginia Davis is a rising 8th grader at The Paideia School and a neighbor at 122 Huntington Rd. She is available to babysit/petsit during the months of June and July. She is trained and certified to babysit by the YMCA. References available. Contact Virginia at 404-724-0959.

CALENDAR

- **Wednesday, May 23, Pool Open—Full Summer Hours, 10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.**
- **Monday, June 4, BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:15 p.m., at the home of Katherine & Tom Dierdorff, 22 Woodcrest.**
- **Wednesday, July 4, BWHCC Annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic, 11:45 a.m.—1:30 p.m, BWH Park.**

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