



# BrookNotes

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## Who Has the Best Butt in Brookwood Hills?

*Contributed by Wendy Lewis, Brookwood Hills Friends*

Do you have the best butt in Brookwood Hills? If so, it's time to let the whole neighborhood check it out!



Benefiting



**Children's**  
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Presented by the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Brookwood Hills Friends, the inaugural Best Butt in Brookwood Hills BBQ competition is set for Saturday, June 21 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. This family-friendly event will raise funds for specialized care and equipment as well as cutting-edge research at CHOA.

In addition to some of the best BBQ in Atlanta cooked up by your very own neighbors, there will be adult beverages, kid-friendly fare, rides (including a mechanical pig!) and music. You will also have the chance to vote for your favorite team, giving them the title and bragging rights of "The Best Butt in Brookwood Hills."

So, how can you get involved?

- 1) **Be part of a competition team (limit of 12 teams).** Prepare and serve up your best BBQ to be voted on by event attendees. To register your competition team, contact Jennifer Lamson at 773-255-2823 or [jenniferlamson1126@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferlamson1126@yahoo.com).
- 2) **Sponsor the event.** Show your support though donating funds or items for the event. Please contact Wendy Lewis at 404-310-4954 or [wendylew1@gmail.com](mailto:wendylew1@gmail.com) for more details.
- 3) **Attend the event and vote!** Purchase tickets for food and rides at [www.choa.org/BBBWH](http://www.choa.org/BBBWH).

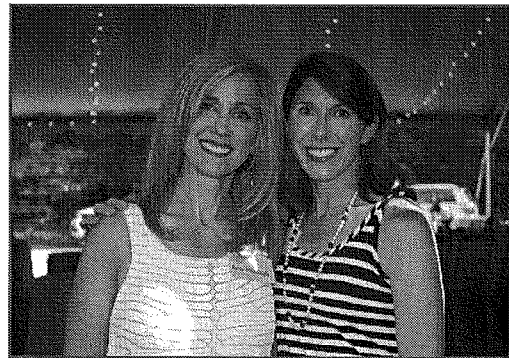
For additional information, please contact Eva Walker at [evangeline.walker@gmail.com](mailto:evangeline.walker@gmail.com) or 404-455-0609.

## Garden Club Spring Soirée: A Great Success!

*Contributed by Christy Payne, BWH Garden Club*

Thank you to all the BWH Neighbors & Sponsors that attended the BWH Garden Club Spring Soirée on Saturday, April 26! It was a beautiful night in the park, and the evening featured a catered menu, live music & a live auction.

Thanks to the generous support of the neighborhood, the BWH Garden Club raised \$48,000 from the party. A portion of the proceeds will go towards the construction of a new entrance to the neighborhood on Palisades Road, as well as various beautification projects within Brookwood Hills. *Continued on Page 4*



*Garden Club Spring Soirée Co-Chairs,  
Amy Mattingly & Christy Payne*

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Email content to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com) or drop off at 22 Woodcrest Ave.

## Mark Your Calendar!



### Best Butt in Brookwood Hills

Saturday, June 21, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.



### July 4th Parade, Cookout & Pool Fun

Details to follow in the June issue of *BrookNotes*.



### Tell us about your graduate!

We will highlight our neighborhood graduates in a future issue of *BrookNotes*. If there is a new graduate in your family, please send your announcement to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com) by June 20, 2014.

## Brookwood Hills Security

#### Security Signs at the BWH Entrances?

A security incident has occurred in the neighborhood. Call the BWH Security Info Hotline for details.

#### BWH Security Information Hotline

(404) 325-5114

#### Neighborhood Patrol Cell Phone

(404) 242-3321

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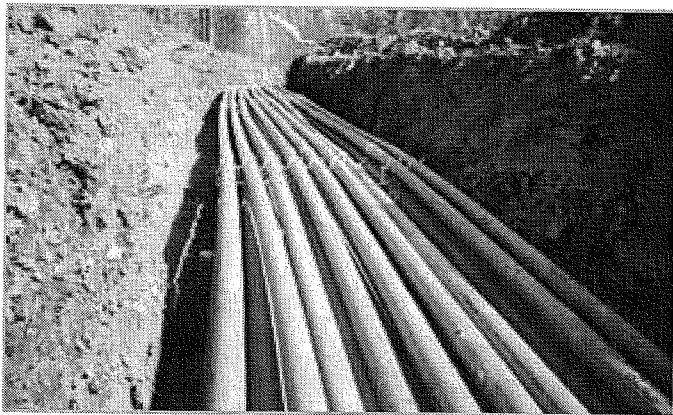
## Burying Utility Lines in Brookwood Hills?

By Ramsay Battin, Beautification Chair

When I agreed this past December to take on the role as the BWHCC Beautification Chair, I reviewed the various beautification projects that neighbors have suggested to me over the years. The one potential project that has both captured my imagination and made me shudder in fear was burying the utility lines in Brookwood Hills.

The undeniable draw of the project is that it would be completely transformative to the neighborhood. Removing the utility lines would allow our wonderful architecture to shine even more than it already does. Our existing trees could flourish without the hardcore, one-size-fits-all pruning of Georgia Power's contractors. We would be free to plant different types of trees, more than the relatively small list of tree species that Georgia Power allows under utility lines. Finally, it would eliminate one of the main causes of power outages – tree limbs falling on the wires.

At the same time, the idea of burying utility lines gives me major heartburn. While new underground drilling technologies enable an undergrounding project to go forward without tearing up existing infrastructure (sidewalks, driveways, streets, existing trees), it is still a massive, complex and expensive project. Georgia Power provides no direct financial assistance to bury utility lines, and there is no financing vehicle for neighborhoods to self-finance the project. This adds to the complexity and cost hurdles.



*Burying power lines can preserve electrical service during thunderstorms and other severe weather.*

As I've watched the Beltline project unfold over the past several years, I find the project similar to a potential neighborhood utility line burial project. They're both massive, complex and extremely expensive – and at the same time, potentially transformative if completed. The

approach Beltline authorities have taken to that project seems applicable to a utility line project. The Beltline project is a long-term effort where parts of the whole are completed in phases as financing becomes available.



*Atlanta Beltline Eastside Trail 10K (Source: beltline.org)*

While the Beltline authorities have undertaken various attempts to unlock big sources of financing, they've also green-lit much smaller pieces of the whole, like the two-mile Eastside Trail near Piedmont Park. These prominent projects can serve to validate the larger goal's merit.

I have formed a utility line burial committee (currently comprised of Merrell Thompson, Jim Moyihan and me). Over the coming weeks, we will reach out to neighbors to see what interest and appetite they have for a utility line burial project. Galvanizing 100% of the neighborhood to support this project is likely impossible (though we will see!). There will always be people who are selling their homes, who just had a baby, who are thinking about their retirement income, about to undertake an expensive home renovation, etc. If we can find pockets of interest – whether an entire street or just a subsection of a street (e.g. Lower Camden) – it would be a way to get us started. It goes without saying: this project won't get done unless we get started!

Our committee spent considerable time with Georgia Power over the past four months learning about this process. In the next BrookNotes, we'll share what we've learned relative to costs and logistics. There are several smaller, less expensive steps that individuals can take to bury at least some of our wires.

If you'd like to join our committee or pass along your thoughts on the project, please feel free to email me at [rb@eastsidepartners.com](mailto:rb@eastsidepartners.com). Please keep an eye out for a web-based survey to gauge interest in the project.

## Garden Club Spring Soirée

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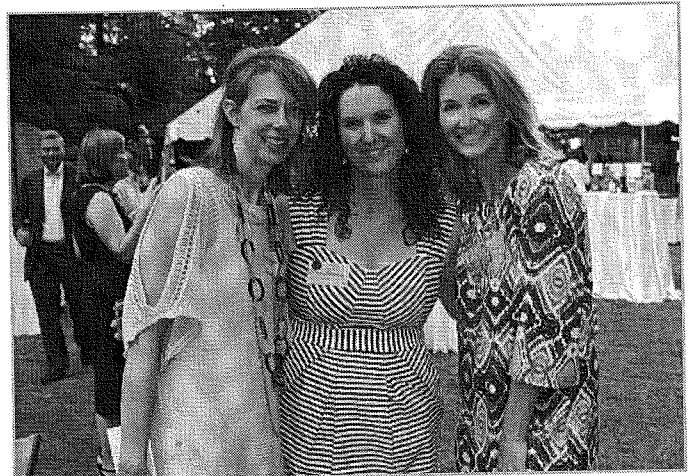
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*Mary Beth Jenkins, Christina Whitney & Lee Loughran*

## Garden Club Spring Soirée

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*Mark Williams, Andrew Whitney & Chris Payne*



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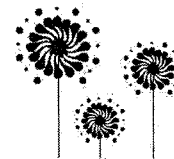
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Again, from the ladies of the BWH Garden Club, we thank you for your support as we continue to dedicate our efforts to the beautification of the cherished neighborhood that we all call home!



## Summer Water Safety

*Contributed by Mary Paige Adams to BrookNotes in May 2011, source: ModernMom.com 2010*

**Editor's Note:** For Brookwood Hills families with young children, our lives revolve around the pool during the summer. At the start of each pool season, BrookNotes will run pool safety information as a reminder to be vigilant when our children are in the water. Let's help each other out and keep an eye on any nearby kids, too. If you have concern about any person in the water, lend a hand and alert a lifeguard.

Think drowning involves screaming, gasping, and flailing? Think it's easy to notice someone drowning? Well, you're wrong. Drowning is a silent killer. There's no splashing, waving or calling for help of any kind. It's not like what you see on TV. Many people would not even notice another person drowning at just 30 yards away. Read on for tips on how to keep yourself and those you love safe from this silent killer whether at the beach or in your backyard pool.

### The Facts about this Silent Killer

The Instinctive Drowning Response, a term coined by Francesco A. Pia, Ph.D., is what people instinctively do to avoid suffocation when drowning. The responses to drowning are undramatic and surprisingly quiet. Drowning is the leading cause of injury death for young children ages one to four. Even scarier is that in a small but significant percentage of kids' drownings, an adult will have watched the whole process, not having a clue what was happening (Source: CDC).

### Doesn't Look Like What You'd Expect

Dr. Pia, in an article entitled "It Doesn't Look Like They're Drowning" featured in the Coast Guard's *On Scene Magazine* (Fall 2006), describes the typical drowning response as follows: "Except in rare circumstances, drowning people are physiologically unable to call out for help. The respiratory system was designed for breathing. Speech is the secondary or overlaid function. Breathing must be fulfilled before speech occurs. Drowning people's mouths alternately sink below and reappear above the surface of the water. The mouth of a drowning person is not above the surface of the water long enough to exhale, inhale, and call out for help. When the drowning person's mouth is above the surface, she exhales and inhales quickly as her mouth starts to sink below the surface of the water.

Drowning people cannot wave for help. Nature instinctively forces them to extend their arms laterally and press down on the water's surface. Pressing down on the surface of the water permits drowning people to leverage their bodies so they can lift their mouths out of the water to breathe. Throughout the Instinctive Drowning Response drowning people cannot voluntarily control their

arm movements. Physiologically, drowning people who are struggling on the surface of the water cannot stop drowning and perform voluntary movements such as waving for help, moving toward a rescuer or reaching out for a piece of rescue equipment. From beginning to end of the Instinctive Drowning Response people's bodies remain upright in the water with no evidence of a supporting kick. Unless rescued by a trained lifeguard, these drowning people can only struggle on the surface of the water from 20 to 60 seconds before submersion occurs."

### Signs of Drowning

Watch for these signs the next time you're swimming with your kids or others:

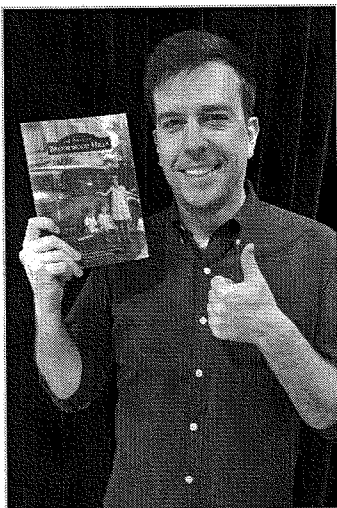
- Head low in the water, mouth at water level
- Head tilted back with open mouth
- Hair over forehead or eyes
- Eyes glassy, empty and unable to focus
- Eyes closed
- Hyperventilating or gasping
- Not using legs
- Body is vertical and upright
- Trying to swim in a certain direction but not making progress
- Trying to roll over on the back

### Stay Aware to Save a Life

Keep your eyes open for any oddities. Even when things seem ok, they may not be. A good way to be sure is to ask your kid or the person you're swimming with if he or she is all right. If they are rather still, do not answer or have a blank stare, then you may have less than 30 seconds to get to them!

As any parent knows, kids make noise in the water. If they are not making noise, find out why, and if needed, get them out of the water ASAP.

## BWH Book Gets a Thumbs Up from Ed Helms

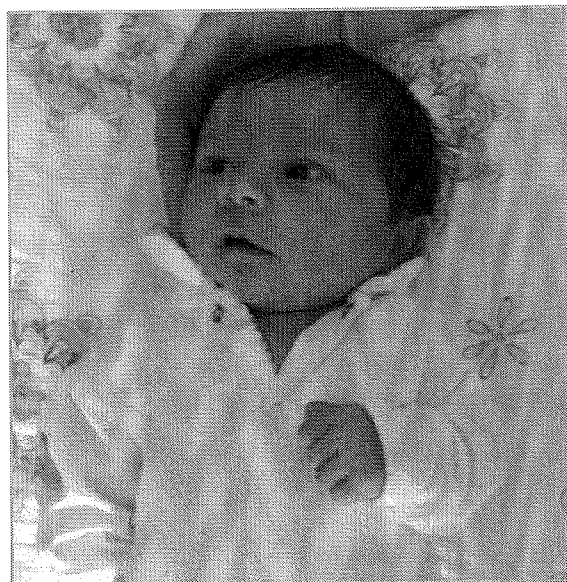


Movie and television star Ed Helms grew up on Lower Camden Road and wrote the foreword for the Brookwood Hills history book.

The book was written by neighbors Betsy Crosby and Elaine Luxemburger and published December 2013.

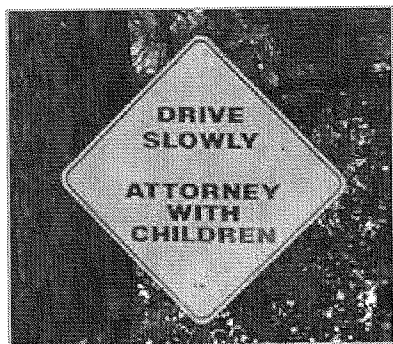
## New Arrivals in Brookwood Hills

Katie & Tyler Wolf of Huntington Road proudly announce their new addition: daughter **Baker Elizabeth Wolf** was born on April 25th!

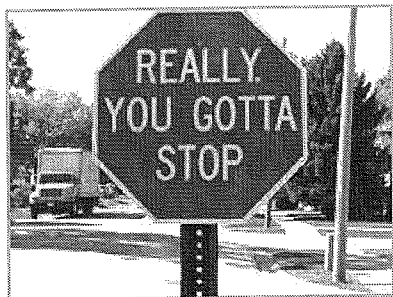


*Baker Elizabeth Wolf*

## Safe Driving Reminders

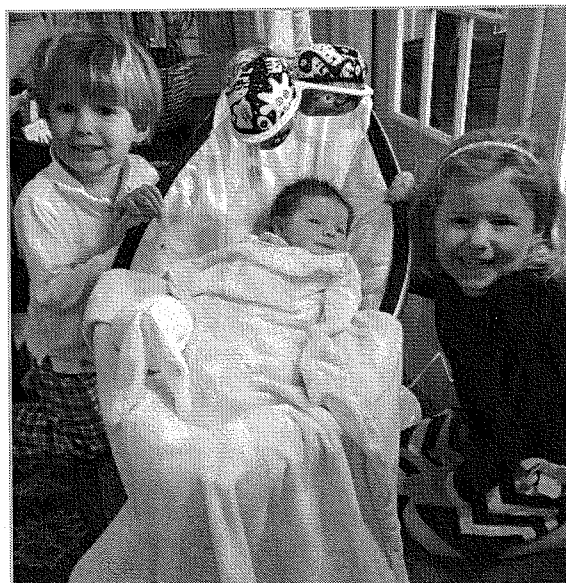


It is always important to drive slowly and carefully through our neighborhood, but it is critical during these summer months as kids are biking, scootering and playing near streets. Please also watch out for pedestrians as there is more foot traffic to and from the pool.



Please be advised that starting April 21st and continuing on, there is increased enforcement of the stop sign at the intersection of Brighton and Wakefield.

Mary Susan and John Wheeler welcomed new daughter **Elizabeth Dasher Wheeler** on March 12, 2014. She joins big sister Winifred and big brother Jack at the family's home on Woodcrest.



*Elizabeth Dasher Wheeler with Jack and Winifred*

## Summertime Babysitters

**Caroline Hollensbe** is available as a babysitter and/or as mother's helper. She is also available to take kids to the pool. She can be reached at 404-747-2666.

**Khaki Loughran**, rising 9th grader at Pace Academy and Palisades resident, is available for babysitting. Please email Khaki: [khakiloughran@gmail.com](mailto:khakiloughran@gmail.com).

**Emily Payne**, rising 8th grader at Pace Academy and Brighton Road resident, is available as a mother's helper &/or to babysit this summer. She is certified in Babysitter's Training by the American Red Cross. Please contact Emily at 404-539-4923 or [epayne@paceacademy.org](mailto:epayne@paceacademy.org).

**Frances Wilbert** is available as a babysitter and/or mothers' helper this summer. She is also available to take kids to the pool. Please email Frances: [franceswilbert@gmail.com](mailto:franceswilbert@gmail.com).

## Camp Superstar *Neighborhood Girls' Camp*

**Khaki Loughran** (rising 9th grader at Pace Academy and Palisades resident) and her friends are running their third annual Camp Superstar for girls ages 4 to 9 from July 28th through August 1st. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, please email Khaki: [khakiloughran@gmail.com](mailto:khakiloughran@gmail.com).

## Part-Time Nanny Available

Tina Shaw is available this fall after nearly 12 years caring for the Djuric family's three children. She can provide a reference from BWHCC member Michelle Djuric. Tina prefers to work 2 to 3 full days per week (not Fridays). Please call or text: 770-314-5082.

## Pressure Washing

**Ben Walker** is a freshman at UGA, and he has been pressure washing in our area for the past four summers. He pressure-washes patios, walkways, driveways, decks and more. BWH neighbor Karen Grice says Ben is a "great fellow with an unparalleled entrepreneurial spirit! He does a super job." Rates are \$40 and up. Call or text Ben at 404-509-9160 to schedule an appointment or to get additional references.

## Summertime Pet Sitter

**Morgan Payne**, rising 7th grader at Pace Academy and Brighton Road resident, is available as a pet sitter this summer. Please contact Morgan at 404-263-9616 or [mpayne@paceacademy.org](mailto:mpayne@paceacademy.org).

## Join the BWHCC Facebook Group

If you have a Facebook account and are interested, please click <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bwhcc/> and click Join.

### Why the new Facebook group?

In our previous Facebook page, all posts and pictures could be viewed by anyone. The new Facebook group is closed, which means that an administrator must grant you access to the group. Only BWHCC group members can see the posts and photos.

### How should I use the Facebook group?

The BWHCC Facebook group is a forum where members can share recommendations, make announcements and post pictures. Post all you want!

**Website, email, Facebook group....This is getting confusing!** Critical information will still come via email. In a future BrookNotes, we'll lay out the different means of communication and their uses.

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