

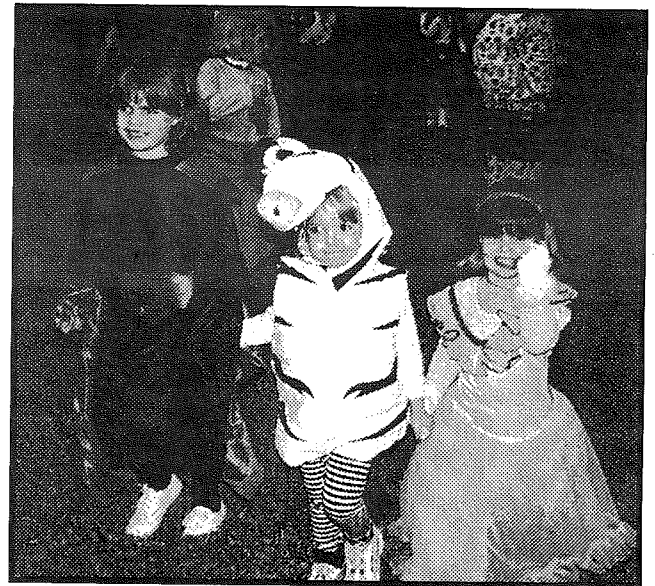


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Halloween Haunts Despite Drizzle



Elena Duralde, Devon Simons, Sarah Hagood, Caitlin Weems and Katie McCune enjoying the Halloween festivities at the park. Lydia & Isabelle Potts with Taylor Morris look like they are ready to lead the parade.

The threat of rain did nothing to deter eager witches, ghosts and goblins from converging on Brookwood Hills park on Friday, October 31st for the annual Halloween Parade. Costumed creatures of all shapes, sizes and ages enjoyed pizza and drinks generously provided by this year's sponsor Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes, Inc. We also want to thank Sarah for her wonderful pumpkin patch which furnished many of the jack-o-lanterns aglow that night. Our hard-working park chairman Harvey Ross did a great job organizing the event with the help of many neighborhood volunteers including: Diana Sears, Sandra Player, Diane Kellum, Micki Gambrell, Mary Heisel, Shawn Weinman, Jill Perkey, Elizabeth Nadal, Cary Weems, Karla Morris, and Diane Epstein. Once tummies were full, Mal Phillips choralled the crowd for the annual Halloween parade. The children then spread out in all directions to ring door bells and try to beat the rain home.



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JCC Property Update

by Nick Sears, Zoning Chair

On numerous occasions this summer representatives of the Brookwood Hills Community Club met with Post Properties to discuss the development of the Jewish Community Center property. By October, the BWHCC and Post Properties were very close to reaching an agreement over the density, quality of construction, setbacks and other aspects of the proposed development. In fact, the BWHCC was enthusiastic over the project and felt it would be an attractive and solid anchor for the southern boundary of the neighborhood. Unfortunately, about two weeks ago Post Properties informed the neighborhood that it was dropping its option to acquire the property. In explanation Post cited, among other things, the cost of the development, the high price of the land and uncertainty over the availability of sewer facilities. According to a recent newspaper article announcing Post's decision not to buy the property, the purchase price for the land was to have been \$6.8 million.

Since Post's decision to pass on the property, several well known apartment developers have notified the Community Club of their intention to attempt to acquire and develop the property. In all cases, they have provided assurances that they would work with the Community Club to come up with a development plan acceptable to the neighborhood.

Park Gets Clean-up



Bob Pastor looks ready to do some playful pruning with wife Margy at the fall park clean-up on November 8th.

Middle Camden Block Party

by Alison Caughman

On October 3rd, a beautiful, warm Indian Summer Sunday afternoon, Middle Camden held its first block party in recent memory. It was a great opportunity for old and new neighbors to get together over a potluck dinner. It also gave everyone a chance to bid farewell to twenty-five year Brookwood Hills residents Felton and Julie Jenkins, who have sold their house to Middle Camden neighbors Jennifer and Larry Coates. Julie and Felton are building a new home near their farm in Madison. FYI, their new address is 888 Dixie Avenue, Madison Georgia, 30650.

Everyone had a terrific time at the party and departed promising to make it an annual event.



Virginia Robb, Doug and Susan Connell at the dedication of Felix Robb's memorial bench on New Camden.

New Camden's New Park

by Betsy Crosby

When beloved New Camden resident Felix Robb passed away in early June of this year, neighbor Susan Connell searched for a way to pay homage to his memory. Former neighbor Kitty Hawks suggested donating a bench in his name for the traffic circle at the end of New Camden. It was a great idea, but Susan was well aware that this bit of greenery had long been ignored by the City of Atlanta, its owner, and the Brookwood Hills Community Club, its sporadic caretaker. It was Susan's idea, enthusiastically endorsed by her surrounding neighbors, to see that the "park" be rejuvenated as an appropriate home for Mr. Robb's memorial bench.

What followed was a terrific example of a private citizen using her energy and persistence to coordinate public and private sectors for the good of the neighborhood. Susan found that the traffic circle could be adopted under the Adopt-a-Park Program sponsored by Park Pride Atlanta and the Atlanta Bureau of Parks. The City agreed to provide water to the island, an essential ingredient to the landscaping Susan and her landscape architect, Lance Underhill, proposed. Susan approached the Brookwood Hills Community Club, which agreed to pay \$1,500 of the nearly \$5,000 needed to renovate the island. The balance of the funds were quickly raised from the generous donations of past and present Brookwood Hills neighbors, well as other friends of the Robbs. Pam Helm and Mary Lynn Eckl helped in the collection efforts.

In the past twenty years, Felix and Virginia Robb had endeared themselves to their New Camden neighbors by their warmth, good humor and generosity. An enthusiastic bridge player, Virginia has long played a regular game with Susan, Nancy Kennedy and Kitty Hawks. Felix dubbed the group the "Cool Cats" and one Christmas presented each of them with a gold pin of a cat sitting on a quarter moon. The Cool Cats were sporting their pins on November 2, 1997 when neighbors gathered at Doug Connell's home to dedicate Felix's bench in the new "Camden Park." Present were Virginia Robb, daughter and son-in-law Steph and Art Gill, and the many neighbors who had made the

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Brookwood Girls Fall Fun



Lft to rt: Alissa, Mal and Annie Phillips, Helen Joel, Susanna Bramlett, Devon Simons, Holly and Alan Joel, Erin and Seve Moore, Austin and Rick Gitomer, and Jeff Bramlett's ear.

October 12th turned out to be the perfect day to head up to Bert's Berry Farm and Pumpkin Patch. The girls and their dads enjoyed a warm fall day bouncing on the hay ride, picking pumpkins and gourds and drinking fresh cider. They even got some early Halloween practice carving jack-o-lanterns. On hand for the fall fun were Helen, Holly and Alan Joel, Austin and Rick Gitomer, Alissa, Annie and Mal Phillips, Emily and Tom Clark, Susanna and Jeff Bramlett, Erin and Steve Moore, and Devon and Lon Simons.

Any girls in 1st through 5th grades and their dads or special friends are welcome to join. For more information please call Lon Simons 404-892-0820.

BW Boys Plan Bowling

On Sunday, November 23, the Brookwood Boys Club will be headed to Suburban Lanes in Decatur. All bowlers should meet in the park at 1:30 p.m. If you plan to attend please call Leigh Furrh at 873-7369 so that he can make sure that enough lanes have been reserved.

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transformation possible. After a toast to Felix, Nancy Kennedy offer the following tribute:

FELIX

by Nancy Kennedy

Some people collect silver and dishes
Others collect tadpoles and fishes
But the Felix we knew
Was ahead of the crew
'Cause he collected kisses from his Mrs.

Now, Virginia, I hope you don't mind
But he also was a man who could find
Friends in all kind of places
And bring smiles to their faces
Whether they were on top or in a bind.

There's a story of the little girl on the train
Who couldn't get Felix out of her brain
He had comforted her when she was small
Gave her his coat for a shawl
And for years she wrote him again and again.

There are stories like that galore
That are testaments to Felix and what's more
His kindness is renowned
And not a soul can be found
To match his goodness which came from the core.

It was years after we met him that we discovered
That with Presidents and notables he hovered
He never tooted his own horn
And he was never forlorn
Even as we waited for him to be recovered.

We dedicate this garden on Camden in the hope
That others will carry on the scope
Of his work for mankind
And that each one will find
Peace and harmony in the gentleness of its slope.

On your next walk through the neighborhood, take a minute to visit Camden Park and its new bench. It's a testament to Felix Robb and the many other good neighbors of Brookwood Hills.

Neighborhood Safety News

by Walter Bland, Security Chairman

Incidents Report

The following incidents have occurred recently:

- two incidents of vandalism in the neighborhood, one in which a large pumpkin was destroyed and one in which political signs were destroyed;
- a purse was stolen from a car on Huntington;
- a suspicious person was seen in a resident's yard on Camden very late at night during heavy rain. We believe this was a homeless person that has been hanging around or living in the neighborhood for some time. He is described as a tall, thin, black male who behaves as if he were drunk or on drugs. If you see this person you should call 911 immediately.

BWH Security Hotline
325-5114

Bonus for Security Patrol

At the close of each year, we ask the residents of Brookwood Hills to contribute to a bonus pool that will be distributed to the members of our security patrol team. The team has worked very hard this year to patrol our streets in their off-duty hours. They have made a very good effort to increase their visibility in the neighborhood, to respond to our requests, and to improve our security. Please show your support by contributing \$10 to the bonus pool (or whatever amount you can or want to). Please make your check payable to Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc. and mail it to the Security Chairman at 57 Northwood Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30309.

A Reminder

If you are the victim of a crime, vandalism or harassment, you should first call 911 and file a report with Atlanta City Police. You should then call the Security Hotline at 325-5114. Please leave your name, address, telephone number and the details of the incident, including what, where and when it happened.

You should also report any suspicious person or activity first to 911 and then to the Hotline. Give the dispatcher as much detailed information as possible including what the person looks like, where they are, and what they are doing. Explain to the dispatcher why the person appears to be a threat. Ask the dispatcher when you may expect a patrol car to come. If you see a suspicious person or suspicious activity, you may want to alert your neighbors and encourage them to call 911 as well.

You need to use good judgment. The streets in Brookwood Hills are public streets available for use by any law-abiding person. You should call 911 only if you believe there is a threat to your safety or security or to your neighbors. You should be clear in your mind about why you believe there is a threat, and you should be able to explain this to the people at 911 and to your neighbors.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the use of 911, please leave a message on the Hotline and the Security Chairman will return your call.

BROOKWOOD BUZZ

Nancy Field and **Michael Schulder** recently moved into 118 Brighton Rd. Michael is an executive producer with CNN and Nancy is an attorney who previously worked for Baker and Botts in Houston and NYC. They moved from NYC, which might explain why Michael is often seen walking to the Bread Market.

Kelly Cook daughter of **Button and Rod Cook** of 309 Camden Rd. was named by the Arkansas Letterman's Club as the 1997 recipient of the Lon Farrell Award. This award is presented to the graduating University of Arkansas athlete, male or female, with the highest cumulative grade point average. Kelly graduated with a 3.97 GPA. She ran cross country, track and swam for the U. of Arkansas. Congratulations to Kelly - that's an outstanding achievement.

Belinda, Rob and Callan Donovan welcomed a new baby girl, **Hannah Claire** on October 29th. She was so eager to arrive in time for the all the Halloween fun that she barely gave Mom and Dad a chance to arrive at Piedmont hospital - good thing Brookwood Hills is just across the street. All the Donovan's are delighted with their bundle of joy.

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Waldorf School Holiday Fair. Saturday November 22, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Preview Sale Friday evening 7:30 - 9:30. There will be one of a kind handmade toys and gifts, an artists market, delicious homemade lunches and goodies, festive hand crafts and even a puppet show. The Waldorf School of Atlanta is located at the Columbia Presbyterian Church by Columbia Seminary in Decatur. For more information please call 404-377-1315.

ADAC's Winter Wonderland of Design. Begins December 3rd at 5:00 p.m. All members of the community are invited to enjoy exquisite holiday vignettes created in the windows of ADAC's showrooms by a myriad of premier interior designers. Tickets for the Preview Party on December 3rd 5:00 til 8:00 p.m. are \$20. Tickets for the Extended Holiday Showcase are \$10 and the viewing is open December 4,5,8,9,10 &11. For more information please call 404-231-1720.

CLASSIFIEDS

Slipcover Maker(s) Needed.

Looking for someone to make inexpensive loose fitting slipcovers. Also, looking for someone able to make fine quality fitted slipcovers. Please call Mary Lynn Eckl 351-9876.

Fun Auto for Sale. 1987 White Volkswagen Cabriolet, with new black convertible top. 88,000 miles, great condition. \$3,000 or best offer. Call Pamela or David Watson 876-6918 if you want to test drive.

Bike found. Did you leave your bike in the bike rack at the pool this summer? If so, please call Harvey Ross at 897-1077.



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