

BROOKNOTES

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Sam "the pumpki" Ross, Sarah Hagood and Ben "Zorro" Ross at the Halloween party in the park.

Howling good weather on Saturday, October 31st brought out hoards of ghosts, goblins, space aliens, pretty princesses and all manner of costumed pizza munching trick-or-treaters. The park was packed with parents and children for an evening of neighborhood fun sponsored by neighbor Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes, Inc. Sarah makes Halloween a very special time of year in Brookwood Hills with her wonderful pumpkin patch and the Halloween Party.

Big kudos also go to Park Co-Chairman Harvey Ross. Harvey has served on the BWH Board of Directors for three years, making all the wonderful events we have each year at the park a reality. We have been very fortunate to have such a dedicated neighbor working on our behalf at the park.

Fortunately, Harvey had lots of help for the Halloween bash this year. Sarah Hagood and Beth Gaffney were down early setting up for the crowds of creatures. Sarah also took the clean-up shift along with Carey Weems. Many thanks go to all the volunteers: including, pizza servers Jean O'Halloran, Kimberly Wilson, Meg Campbell, Larre Holladay and Barbara Croft; drink helpers Kathy McCune,

Mary Barrett, Andrea Helfrich and Carey Weems; ticket sales Vicki Seagraves, Diana Sears, Celeste Porter and Karen Wabler. And thanks to the many neighbors who donated tables and chairs.

Oblivious to all the hard work that was going on, the kids had a great time running around the park resplendent in their Halloween attire. The Halloween party, and the many other neighborhood events throughout the year are part of what make Brookwood Hills the kind of community we all cherish.



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FROM THE EDITOR

I am delighted to be debuting a new column this month called *New Faces* by Sarah Hagood and Patti Junger. *New Faces* will announce new neighbors and new babies. With Patti and Sarah's help we hope to keep up with all the comings and goings in this great community. Brookwood Buzz won't disappear. We will keep Buzz for all other types of neighborhood news.

To get information into *New Faces*, please contact Sarah Hagood, Patti Junger or me, Deirdre Stiles (see the Staff box on this page for all my numbers). We will be working together to compile this column each month and we hope that our combined effort will ensure that we don't miss anyone.

And as always, if you have an idea for an article or column, please let me know. I appreciate your input very much.

Security Alert Signs

When you see the **Security Alert** signs posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the **Brookwood Hills Security Hotline 325-5114** for details concerning a recent security incident. These signs are the signal that an incident has occurred in the neighborhood and the information has been recorded on the hotline.



Grown-ups love Halloween, too. Volunteers Meg Campbell, Jean O'Halloran, and Kimberly Wilson pose with pizza.

AMBROSIA BEETLES AND ATLANTA'S URBAN TREES

by Jim Foote, ISA Certified Arborist, Arboguard Tree Specialists

There has been a dramatic increase in Ambrosia Beetle infestations in Atlanta since June of 1997. The arborists at Arboguard Tree Specialists initially noted increased infestations on construction or root damaged trees. Ambrosia Beetles now appear to be multiplying dramatically and attacking "weak trees".

"We have observed hundreds of trees affected with ambrosia beetles. Brookwood Hills, Peachtree Hills, Ansley, Buckhead, Brookhaven and other areas of Atlanta have observed this destructive pest. Sadly, the infestation is often fatal," said Chris Nasca, Technical Services Supervisor and ISA Certified Arborist with Arboguard Tree Specialists.

There are several theories in consideration for the cause of beetle infestations. One says that when a tree has a reduction in starches (stored reserves), the pests can sense it. If the pest is present and environmental conditions are favorable, the pest feeds and multiplies. Reasons for starch reductions are numerous: genetics, specifically age and species, mechanical/construction damage, environmental heat, wind, light and moisture, competition, insects, diseases (fungi) and microorganisms.

Starches are the "bank account" of the tree. Each time a tree responds to a stress stimulus it draws on this account. If the starch levels drop and the leaf surface and/or root system is unable to produce the energy to replace the loss, then the tree has a downward spiraling account. As in most living things, the genetic aging process can play a role. Many infested trees are (in a rather simplistically stated way) mature. The mature urban forest in Atlanta is aging in group clusters from trees planted fifty or more years ago.



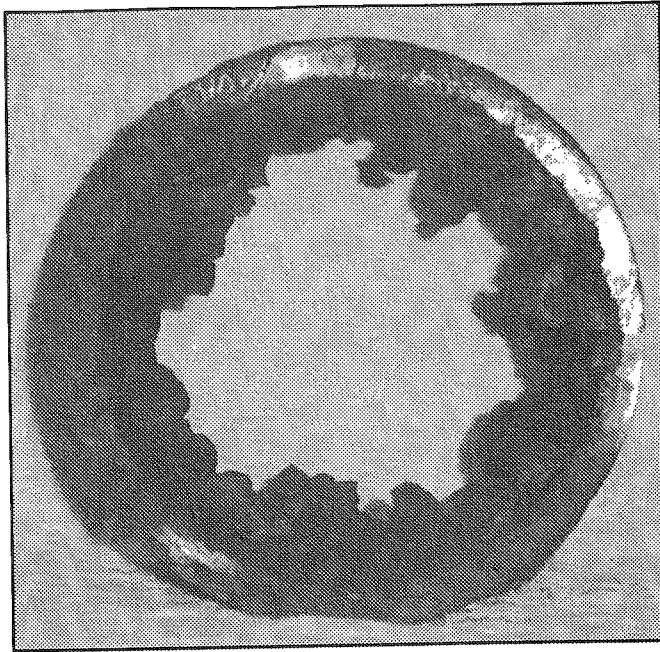
Ambrosia Beetles are from the family called shot hole borers and have several subspecies. The Asian Ambrosia appears most often. Sawdust appearing on the tree trunks and/or tubes of sawdust the diameter of pencil lead, 1/2" or longer are their most obvious sign. The adults and larvae do not feed on the tree. The beetles carry a fungi into the tree to grow for consumption. There may be several infestations/ generations per season. Once ambrosia beetles have infested a tree, odds are very low that systemic fungicides or insecticides will be effective in controlling the disorder.

If trees are in a stressed state, and most urban trees are, preventative measures can be taken to reduce the infestation and spread of the beetles. The trunks should be treated with an insecticide to help ward off infestation. Only materials labeled for borers and tree species should be used. Other efforts, such as proper watering, damage avoidance, proper fertilization, Biostimulants, and mulching must be employed to increase the odds of tree vigor. Avoid high nitrogen or quick release fertilizers on newly planted, stressed, or mature trees.

As with all tree related issues, it is important to remember that healthy trees are more naturally resistant to disease and pest infestation. A good program of watering, soil therapy, and pruning will help urban trees cope with the stress of life in Atlanta.

This article is provided to the Brookwood Hill Community by Jim Foote of Arboguard. Should you have any questions, please call Arboguard at 404-299-5555.

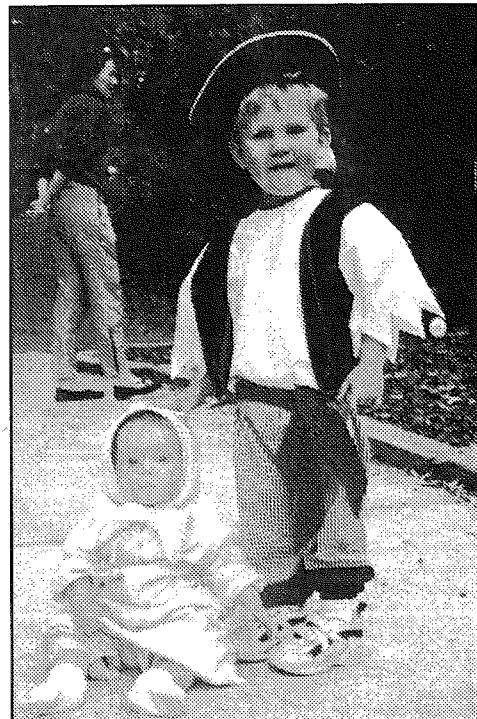
PIPE CLEANING PROJECT COMPLETE



The inconvenience is over, but how many of us truly understood just what condition our pipes were in? A concerned neighbor obtained a cross section of pipe and took this photo. This is actual pipe from our neighborhood, and it shows the degree of "tuberculation" and other accumulations that lead to many of our water problems. Our pipes were cleaned and lined with a special cement mortar lining. Cleaning and lining is an alternative to pipe replacement.

The newly restored pipes should last 35-40 years and at a much lower cost both economically and in terms of inconvenience. It was worth the trouble of driving over lines and slowing down for work crews!

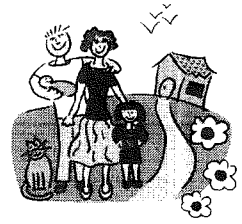
HALLOWEEN MONTAGE: Boo! Guess Who?





NEW FACES

by Sarah and Patti



53 Huntington Road.

Alice and Robbie Kamerschen are both attorneys. Robbie is with Troutman Sanders and Alice is a prosecutor in the Cobb County Solicitor's Office. They are both from Athens, Georgia. Robbie went to Stanford while Alice attended Vanderbilt. Both attended UTA law school. They have two cats Peanuts and Buffer.

121 Huntington Road.

Lora and Geoffrey Fishman are new to Brookwood Hills and newlyweds! Lora is a Vice-president with Wachovia in Private Banking. She hails from Johnson City, Tennessee. Geoffrey is a native Atlantan and is with Smith Barney as a First Vice-president.

122 Huntington Road.

Tom Davis and Maureen Zent and their one-year-old son Theodore moved into 122 Huntington Road in June. Tom is CEO of Principal Health Care of Georgia and Maureen is a freelance writer. Theodore's main occupation is strolling up and down Huntington and exploring every square inch of the Brookwood Hills Park.

62 Camden Road.

Shannon and Stan Dixon return to Brookwood Hills from Ansley Park with their new addition "Emma."

17 Camden Road.

Karen and Reed Welch are also new to Camden. Reed is from Colorado and is an Investment Banker in Corporate Finance with Donaldson, Lufkin, & Jenrette. Karen is from Ohio and is self employed as an Interior Designer. They have a Wheaton Terrier named Cloe.

27 Wakefield Drive.

Barbara and David Moate are caring for Larkin and Richard Cohan's home since their move to Short Hills, New Jersey.

33 Wakefield Drive.

Mindy and Sandy Draper and their baby daughter Isabelle are also new faces on Wakefield. Sandy is an Atlanta native while Mindy hails from New York. They have recently returned from California. Sandy is with Robinson Humphrey.

61 Montclair Drive.

Lynn and Sam Boykin along with their dog Harris have moved into the McGibbons former home. And, they are very excited to be expecting twins in the spring!

Let's welcome David Alexander Morris, born August 18, 1998, 8 pounds 6 ounces, 19 1/2 inches long. He is the son of Karla and David Morris of 225 Camden Road. Big sister Taylor is enjoying his company.

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MORE NEW FACES!

Diane and Roland John welcomed Isabelle Marguerite on Friday, November 6, 1998. She weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. According to Mom, she has a full head of black curly hair and resembles her daddy. Big brother Alexander is adjusting and is very curious. Although Isabelle has her days and nights a bit mixed up, she is nonetheless charming her parents and is "as perfect as can be."

Marion and Jonathan Ventulett are delighted to welcome their first child Nicholas Andrew to their home at 89 Huntington Road. Nicholas was born on August 23, 1998 and weighed in at a healthy 6 pounds 15 ounces. Marion is the owner of Cortex Hair Studio in Virginia Highlands and has recently opened Cortex Midtown Day Spa at 1121 Peachtree Walk. Johnathan is a portfolio manager with The Geneva Group.

Avery and Taylor Williams of 185 Huntington Road are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Kathryn Compton. Kathryn was born on August 22nd at Piedmont Hospital.

Deanna and Clark Landers along with big brother David welcome Elliot Anton to 222 Camden Road. Elliot was born on August 24th and according to Mom he's doing great.

CLASSIFIEDS

Housekeeping/Childcare available. We are moving out of town and wish Geraldine could come with us, but she can not. The children love her - she is wonderful with babies, nice and helpful. Please call Geraldine 404-378-0846. Call Lynne McAlevy for reference 404-872-6550.

Excellent Baby Nurse. Totally devoted to the comfort of the baby and willing to help around the house. Eva Boquet 773-734-0098. Call Lynne McAlevy for reference 404-872-6550.



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