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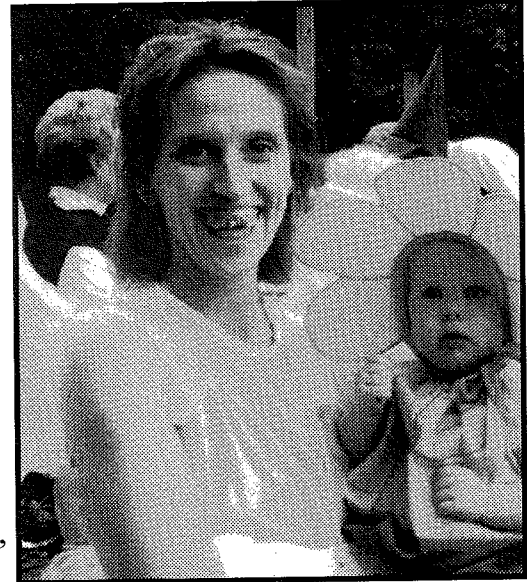
Ghosts, Goblins, and Fairies Spied Haunting the Park!



Mary (aka Julia Richardson) and her little lamb, Lucy.

All sorts of ghosts, goblins, and fairies, along with, among others, Cruella De-ville, Scooby Doo, and Raggedy Anne, displayed their costumes with pride at the annual BWH Halloween Party in the Park. After eating their fill of pizza, admiring their

friends' costumes, and parading around



Lovely Libby Simons shows off flowering Schuyлар.

the park to display their own designs, our youngest Brookwood Hills residents set off in search of candy and other treats.

Many thanks to Sarah Hagood and Specialty Homes for providing the delicious pizza; our neighborhood's Halloween party truly is a special neighborhood event. Special thanks also to Diane John and Lauren Monroe for organizing the party, as well as to the many, many other neighbors who volunteered their time to provide a wonderful family activity: Carolyn Agnue, JoEllyn Bass, Dana White, Lombard Puri, Lisa Barnhardt, Wendi Silliman, Kathy McCune, Allison Alarcon, Mary Stuart Bland, Katrina Newton, Amy Butler, Diane Light, Maribeth Quinley, Maureen Zent, Sandy Furrh, Micki Gambrell, and Tom Davis.

Please note: if you believe you left part or all of your costume at the park on Halloween, you may call Diane John at 404-870-0484 to see if it was retrieved. Rumor has it that Diane is harboring fairy wings and a wand, among other things



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Security Hotline – 404-325-5114

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Neighborhood Notes

Consider a gift to your neighbors this holiday season: Give us your recommendations on the best fix-it companies or people you have encountered, including plumbers, electricians, masonry companies, insect and/or varmit control, painters, landscapers, general contractors and any others.

Send your recommendations to Nicole Cook at the editor's address listed to the left and Brooknotes will publish a list of all submitted names in the December issue.

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Do you have a new neighbor?

Please let us know! BWH now has a Newcomer's Committee. Call us with your neighbor's name and address and we will provide them with a welcome gift and packet of information about the neighborhood. Please report new neighbors to Diane John at 404-870-0484.

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 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.

A Message from the President

I would like to start this message by thanking Steve McCollam and Hayes Wilson for their hard work ensuring a happy and safe season around the pool this summer. Their job as pool co-chairmen is an enormous responsibility, and they did an excellent job. In the next few weeks, we will begin the process of renegotiating our contract with Swim Atlanta and making preparations for next year's season.

Thanks go out also to Sarah Hagood for sponsoring the Halloween party at the park, and to Diane John and Lauren Monroe for organizing it. The candy, costumes and activities were wonderful. My son Jay started talking about Halloween at the beginning of September. For him, and for so many other children in the neighborhood, Halloween ranks right up there with Christmas and birthdays in the major celebration category. Community focused acts like Sarah's sponsorship of the party are what make Brookwood Hills such a special place.

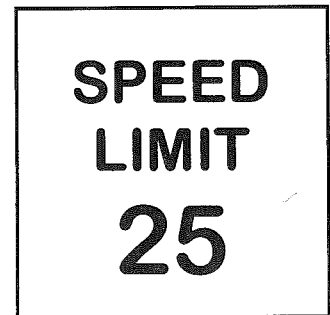
The work of the board continues. A brief summary is as follows:

Traffic Plan: As most of you know from the last issue of Brooknotes, the traffic plan was voted down by the neighborhood. While the decision was clearly the choice of the majority, there are many in the neighborhood who are disappointed, including me. I am disappointed because so many people have expressed a desire to feel safer in the neighborhood. As the father of two small children, I have often felt the same way. We want to feel safer, and yet there appear to be very few, if any, traffic calming measures that are acceptable both to a majority of the residents in the neighborhood and to the City of Atlanta, which has the ultimate decision making authority with respect to our streets.

The board will continue to look for acceptable ways to address the problem. As noted in your ballot materials, the City approved an all-way stop at the intersection of Brighton and Wakefield owing to sight-distance problems regardless of the outcome of the vote, and the board will move forward on that stop. We plan to approach the City about revisiting our request for additional stop signs, as they appear to be the most acceptable traffic calming measure from the neighborhood's standpoint. I would discourage you, however, from having any expectation that board will find an alternative plan. The Long-Range Planning Committee and the Traffic Planning Committee, the members of which I want to thank for their endless hours of work, have made an exhaustive review of traffic calming alternatives. At this point, there do not appear to be any other measures that are both acceptable and effective.

I will finish with a plea to everyone in the neighborhood to slow down. Don't just drive the speed limit: drive five mph slower than the speed limit! Talk to your neighbors and ask them to slow down. Talk to the young drivers in your family and tell them to slow down, or else. Talk to your yardmen, domestic workers, and contractors, and tell them to slow down. If you see a delivery truck speeding in the neighborhood, get the truck's number, note the time and date, and then call the company and report it. Awareness will also help.

Camden/New Camden Lot Subdivision: We have engaged a lawyer and an engineer to support us in opposing the subdivision of the lot at the intersection of Camden and New Camden. While this will be an expen-



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sive undertaking for the Club, we are concerned that any new construction on this site could have significant negative effects on residents in the immediate area and down stream on Clear Creek. It is our understanding that these negative effects would be the result of the addition of impervious surface to the lot, the moving of soil for construction of a driveway and foundation, the diversion of flood waters, the cutting of several mature trees, etc.

I would encourage each of you to communicate your position on this issue to Mr. Robert Gray and Mr. James Bailey of the Bureau of Planning, City of Atlanta, 55 Trinity Ave., Suite 3350, Atlanta, GA 30335.

Peachtree Creek Sewer Intercept Project: Our discussions with the City over this project continue. We hope to be able to influence the design and implementation of the project in such a way that it minimizes the negative impact on the property and its surroundings, especially middle and lower Camden. Although we have no guarantees from them, Norm Copeland and Dave Peters of the Department of Public Works have indicated a willingness to entertain several changes, including modifying the course of the line and the location of the staging area. We also hope to increase the proposed compensation for the easement and to receive compensation for the installation of a security fence. We plan to take every necessary step to protect the trees on the property (including forcing the City to comply with its own tree ordinance) in order to minimize the number of trees that are cut and in order to receive appropriate compensation for any trees that must be cut. As you can imagine, this is also a very expensive proposition for the Club. We believe, however, that it is in everyone's best interest. BWH resident Dan Bromstad is the point person on this effort, if you have any questions.

Variance Requests: We have had several variance requests over the last few months. This frequently is a painful process for homeowners; it is time consuming and often controversial. It is the board's responsibility to review all variance requests in Brookwood Hills and to recommend to the NPU and the BZA that those committees either approve or deny a variance request. The board has a committee -- the Architectural Review Committee ("ARC") -- that reviews all requests before they are presented to the board. If you are contemplating alterations to your home, please determine early in the process if a variance is necessary (the zoning restrictions are listed on the City of Atlanta's website under City Ordinances, and there are links from the brookwoodhills.com website). If a variance is necessary, call the Zoning Chairman, Leigh Furrh, to schedule a meeting with the ARC and the board as soon as possible (you will also need to get on the schedules of the Urban Design Commission, the NPU, and the BZA to line up all your approvals). Discuss your plans with your immediate neighbors on all sides. Ask your neighbors to sign a letter indicating their support of your plan and bring this letter to your meetings with the ARC and board. If a neighbor does not support you, inform them of the dates on which it will be reviewed by the ARC and the board and explain that they will have an opportunity to express their concerns at those meetings. Opposition by a neighbor does not necessarily mean that the board will recommend denial of the request. However, the board will defer consideration of a variance request until all the immediate neighbors have been given an opportunity to review and react to the plans. A neighbor's support of the plan should be in writing. We are in the process of finishing a brochure that gives you more details on the approval process, and we will distribute it to everyone once it is finished.

Next Year's Board: We are in the process of putting together next year's board. If you are interested in working on the board or if you know of someone who is, please contact Pamela Watson, VP/President-elect.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Regards,

Walter Bland

Brookwood Hills Tour of Homes – 165 in attendance!!

By Tina Price

On behalf of the Atlanta Preservation Center, we'd like to extend our appreciation to the following homeowners for allowing us to showcase their magnificent homes during our annual fall tour of homes:

Jerry & Elaine Luxemburger
Alex & Kay Summers
Forrest & Lorri McClain
Dina Woodruff (Wood too!)
Harry & Caroline Gilham
Paul & Dawne Raulet
Bob & Margy Pastor
Fred & Sara Jean Burke

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the residents (especially Colin) of the Brookwood Hills Community for supporting the tour and our efforts at the Atlanta Preservation Center. With our presenting sponsor, Harry Norman Realtors, represented by Marge Henson, we raised \$11,007 and managed to sign up 96 new members!!

Today Brookwood Hills is practically at the heart of metro-Atlanta, but when the development began in 1920, it was a suburban neighborhood. This quiet enclave just off Peachtree Street was laid out in the style of picturesque Druid Hills. The curving streets follow the natural contours of the land and provide a beautiful tree lined setting for houses in a range of Revival styles by some of Atlanta's most prominent 20th Century architectural firms. Many of the homes in Brookwood Hills are listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and most of the neighborhood is designated as a Conservation District by the City of Atlanta.

The \$11,007 will benefit the Atlanta Preservation Center, a not-for-profit membership-based organization, which promotes the preservation of Atlanta's historically, architecturally and culturally significant buildings, neighborhoods and landscapes. For more information or to purchase a Christmas membership gift, please call Carrie Griffin @ 404-876-2040.

Brookwood Place Updates . . .

The City is requiring the builders to close part of the sidewalk that runs along Brookwood Place for about 6 months. The sidewalk will be closed between 25th Street and Deering. The sidewalk on the west side of Peachtree will still be open.

Those of you who like to luxuriate will be pleased to learn that Spa Sydell has signed on as a future Brookwood Place tenant!



Raggedy Anne Ally Bellavia takes look-alike Meredith Williams by the hand at the Halloween Parade.



BWH Friends Poinsettia Sale Raises \$5,199!


BWH Friends would like to thank everyone who purchased poinsettias this year. Almost a third of the neighborhood supported our effort, and we collected \$5,199 to benefit Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

The pick up date will be Friday, December 1, at the home of Lora Fishman, 121 Huntington Road. The time will be announced closer to date. If this date is not convenient, special arrangements can be made by calling Lyn Boykin at 404-355-4354.

Special thanks to all the Friends Street Captains who distributed flyers, collected orders, and made this project run so smoothly: Renee Bellavia, Terri Comer, Avery Williams, Agnes Law, Emily McIntyre, Libby Simons, Kelley Berman, Laura Doman, Jill Perkey, Mindy Duryea, JoEllyn Bass, Carolyn Kreimer, and Carriane McCormack.

We appreciate the neighborhood's generous support of the sale, and hope you enjoy your poinsettias this holiday season.

The next BWH Friends meeting will be held December 12, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Lyn Boykin, 61 Montclair.



Security Pool Bonus Request

It's that time again: time to open your hearts and wallets for our Brookwood Hills Security Patrolmen!

Barry and his men patrol our neighborhood on a daily and nightly basis, keeping our neighborhood as safe as possible. Everyone will agree that BWH is one the safest neighborhoods in Atlanta, and all the credit goes to our patrolmen -- who without question do a fantastic and sometimes thankless job.

Last year we had about a 35 percent participation rate from the residents in BWH. Let's *all* try and contribute this year. Contributions should be made out to the BWH Community Club, and can be mailed or dropped off at the Jackson residence, 211 Brighton Rd.

I would also like to forward a friendly reminder from Barry that the frequency of automobile break-ins tends to rise in Atlanta during the holiday season. These incidents most often are break-ins of cars parked on the street, so please try and park in your driveway, keep outside lights on at night, and always remember to lock your car doors, with items like packages, purses, cell phones, and briefcases out of site.

If you do have a security-related issue to report, please call the BWH Security Information Line at 404-325-5114.

Thank you in advance for your support of Barry and his men,
Rick Jackson, Security Chair

News from E. Rivers Elementary

Thanks to all the interested parents who attended our Prospective Parent Open House and tours of the school! The evening was fun and informative, and prospective parents seemed to enjoy seeing E. Rivers students in action during the tours the next morning. E. Rivers is a great place, and we are pleased that so many of you came to meet our principal, teachers, and parents, and to see our school.

E. Rivers' P.T.A. will be selling Bob's Famous North Carolina Fraser Firs this year! Plan on making our sale a success by purchasing your Christmas tree, wreaths, and garland at E. Rivers. We'd love to see you start your holidays in good spirit at the sale on Friday, December 1 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm and on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 to 4:00 pm. For more information, contact Sheri Foah at 404-355-0501.

Our annual production of *The Nutcracker* promises to be a great success! The students are already excited about the show, December 14 at 6:30 pm, and are trying to guess who will play the important part of the Nutcracker. Each student in the school will have a part in the production. It's a wonderful experience for both the participants and the audience!

If you are interested in finding out more about E. Rivers, feel free to contact me at Lizzy@bignet.net or 404-350-9000. I can answer questions about E. Rivers, provide you with names of parents in your own neighborhood to contact, and schedule individual tours of the school.

Sincerely,
Liz Jacobs.

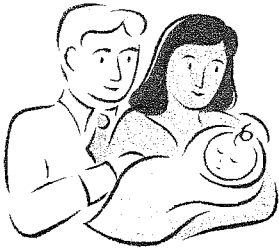
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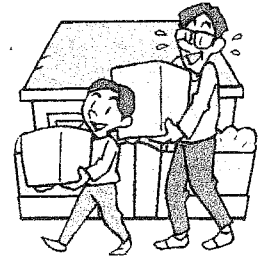
The next **BWH Board Meeting** will be **Monday, December 4, at 7:15 pm** at the home of Taylor and Avery Williams, 185 Huntington. All members are welcome. Please call the Taylors at 404-815-8006 if you plan to attend.

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New Faces By Sarah and Patti



Leonardo "Leo" Welf, a native Atlantan who went to school with some of our other Brookwood Hills neighbors, recently purchased 171-173 Huntington Road. Welcome to the neighborhood!

Belinda, Rob, Callan, and Hannah Donovan, of 80 Huntington Road, welcomed Maren Grace to the family on October 25. Maren made her official debut at the Halloween party in the park, and appears to be the first Donovan daughter to have inherited her father's brunette hair coloring.

Katharine Kelley and Chad Riedel, 18 Camden, welcomed Andrew Wilkes Riedel, their first, on Nov. 4. Andrew promptly began showing his parents exactly who rules the house: look for lights on at 3:00 a.m.

CLASSIFIEDS

Tutor Available: Jennifer Hughes is certified teacher with 5+ years experience. \$40 per hour. Available M-F afternoons. Call direct 404-355-4067, or call Lisa Jackson, 211 Brighton, for reference 404-350-3389.

Rental wanted: Nonsmoking, professional, mature, quiet male seeks carriage house or apartment to rent. Will pay \$900-\$1,200/month for a six-month to yearlong lease. Call Chester Jacinto, Director of Public Relations, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, directly at 404-869-1453, or call Carla Fackler, 80 Palisades, 404-873-2299, for reference.

Brookwood Park Condo for rent: Midrise, 5th floor, 130 26th Street, N.W. 1 bedroom w/ bonus room, full or partially furnished, gated entry and garden area, pool – tennis – jogging track on 6 acres of properties. Available for immediate occupancy. \$975/month includes utilities. Call Kimberly Wilson, 404-876-4618.

Brookwood Place Condo for rent: 2 bedroom/2 bath. 1st floor. Large patio. View of fountain and putting green. Partially furnished. Amenities include formal furnishings/music room/library/bar/media room. Pool. Gym. 24-hr concierge. Available for immediate occupancy. \$2100/month. Call Kimberly Wilson, 404-876-4618.

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