



# BrookNotes

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## Halloween Party a Huge Treat!

Trick or treat? We hope you all agree that the annual Halloween party was a huge treat for our neighborhood.

The park was packed as ghosts, goblins, fairies, divas, princesses, super heroes and many more creatively costumed children and adults arrived to begin their Halloween festivities. Although no official count was taken, we believe a record attendance was present at this party, due in part to dads being home from work (on a Sunday) and the great support of our C membership.

Our party was kicked off with a professional DJ spinning spooky tunes such as "Monster Mash", "Thriller", and many, more.. Mellow Mushroom provided a great price on our "full moon" (pepperoni) and "mummy cheese" pizzas, which were completed with "graveyard crunch" (snack mix), "eyeballs", (fresh grapes), and "witches' brew" (water and lemonade). If you get a moment to stop in and thank Mellow Mushroom, please do. The pizzas were absolutely delicious, and they even delivered them and provided our paper goods!

We are pleased to thank our new sponsor for this event, Joe Noah of Noah & Associates. As many of you know, Joe is a C-Member and is the contractor who oversaw construction of our new pool and park pavilions. When asked to sponsor this party, Joe very quickly and willingly said "yes". Thank you, Joe!

This year, our costume contests had a fun twist. The disc jockey announced categories, and contestants in each category had to come forward to dance to a befitting song. Contestants got "points" for costume, attitude, and presentation of their character! If you didn't get a chance to watch these kids in action, you may have missed the most hilarious and memorable part of the evening! Judges of the contest, Pamela Watson, Kathleen Waldrop, and Karla Morris awarded prizes to the following:

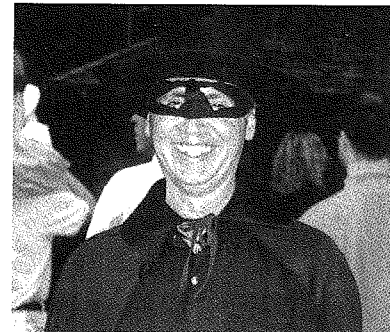
SPOOKIEST: Rachel Jones

BEST PRINCESS/ANGEL/FAIRY: Hannah Granot

BEST CLOWN/ANIMAL/CARTOON CHARACTER: Emma Dixon

BEST DIVA/CAT/COWGIRL/CHEERLEADER: Schyler Simons

MOST UNIQUE COSTUME: Parker Tuthill



Party Sponsor and C-Member—Joe Noah of Noah and Associates

Mellow Mushroom donated \$10 gift cards for each of our winners and one \$25 gift card for the most unique costume!

To complete our evening, the winners led our traditional costume parade around the park. Upon leaving the park, all of our children and even some adults received glow necklaces or bracelets to wear for fun and safety during trick-or-treating around the neighborhood.

As is always, a party in this neighborhood cannot be accomplished without the help of many. Our appreciation goes to the following neighbors who helped us invaluablely: Keith Jolly, Kevin Murphy, Rob Armstrong, Tom Davis, Taylor Williams, Mary Beth Quinley, Michelle Jones, Stan Dixon, Caroline Vroon, Pamela Watson, Kathleen Waldrop, Karla Morris, Lisa Jackson, Kathleen Waldrop, and Laureen Monroe. Thank you to everyone who helped us. If we missed your name, we apologize, as this was a fun-filled and exciting night for everyone!



## BROOKNOTES

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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 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.

## BWH Security Officer Bonus

Once again we will be collecting a bonus for our patrol officers. The officers work late night hours to help keep our neighborhood safe and their work often goes unnoticed and unrewarded. Please let them know how the families of Brookwood Hills value their ongoing efforts. Thank you in advance for your support.

Make checks payable to BWH Community Club.

Please mail or drop off checks to:

Lisa Barnhart

310 Camden Road

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Please call Lisa with questions at 404-355-3707.

Remember—crime tends to increase during the holiday season. Do not leave items visible in your cars (no matter where they are—at the mall, in your driveway, etc.), and be aware of your surroundings when out in the evenings.

## Midtown School of Performing Arts of First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta

Caroline Hooper, a former Brookwood Hills neighbor, wanted to make other neighbors aware of the excellent music program at the Midtown School of Performing Arts. They offer private instruction for all ages in piano, violin, viola, cello, guitar and voice.

Group instruction is offered in the following areas:

- Pre-Ballet for children ages 3 - 5
- Beginning Ballet for children grades 1 - 3
- Music and Movement for the preschooler
- Performance Prelude - monthly dinner and discussion of that evening's Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Concert

For more information or to register, contact Julie Kang at 404-228-7772 or [jkang@firstpresatl.org](mailto:jkang@firstpresatl.org)

Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is Wednesday, December 8, 2004. Submissions may be e-mailed to [brooknotes@yahoo.com](mailto:brooknotes@yahoo.com) or dropped off at 122 Huntington Rd.

# N e i g h b o r N e w s

Deborah Stacy Gebhardt and her children, Lucy (6) and David (almost 5), have moved into 98 Huntington Road. Deborah grew up in Brookwood Hills and is the daughter of Beverly and David Stacy who still reside at 28 Brighton Road. Deborah, Lucy and David are third and fourth generation Brookwood Hills residents as their grand and great-grand parents Mary Wynne and Red Langston lived on Woodcrest during their retirement years.

## BWH "Friends" Completes Two Successful Fundraisers!!

BWH "Friends" has been busy during the month of October raising money for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta!! Tuesday, October 12th was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Holiday Shopping Extravaganza" held at the home of Robin & Jack Minson. Their home was absolutely perfect for a night of shopping and mingling with friends—thank you to the Minsons! Approximately \$800.00 has been raised so far for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and another \$160.00 worth of Discovery Toys will be donated to the hospital. That dollar amount continues to increase!! If you are still placing orders with vendors that participated in the evening, please be sure to tell them you saw them at the BWH "Friends" Holiday Shopping Night. A huge thank you goes out to Alice Kamerschen & Christina Whitney for putting together a fantastic evening! Thank you also to the following people that volunteered their time: Molly Jackson, Collum Posey, Sharon Williams, Clayton Howell, Lauren Whitehurst, Kim Tuthill, Lora Fishman, Cara Mulcahy, Mary Stack, Terri Comer, Karla Morris, Jewel Nichols & JoEllyn Bass.

On Saturday October 30, the BWH "Friends" group put together the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Fun Run". It was a beautiful morning to run the 5K course and raise money for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. A HUGE thank you to JoEllyn Bass for being the Chairman of this fun, family event! Her hard work certainly paid off! The "Fun Run" raised approximately \$925.00 for Children's Healthcare! And it would not have been possible without the many neighbors and friends that turned out to run the race & volunteer their time.

**Congratulations to the following Winners of the "Fun Run":**

**Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Joe Ferguson**

**Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Scott Bass**

**Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Shana Magruder**

**Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Elizabeth Abston**

**Kids Run 1<sup>st</sup> Place Boys: Parker Tuthill**

**Kids Run 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Boys: Connor Perkey**

**Kids Run 1<sup>st</sup> Place Girls: Carolyn Holliday**

**Kids Run 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Girls: Naomi O'Halloran**

**Tot Trot Winner: Marion Krønauge**

Winners in both the Men's & Women's categories each took home a \$100.00 gift certificate to "Huey's" !! Thank you to "Huey's" for such a generous donation!! Also, thank you to Emma Rittenbaum, who came with a friend, to volunteer her time early on Saturday morning. Emma's father, Scott Rittenbaum, is the owner of "Huey's". Be sure to tell them Thank you by eating at their establishment! The winners in the Kids race took home a \$20.00 Mellow Mushroom Gift Certificate. Thank you Mellow Mushroom! The runner-ups in the Kids race took home \$10.00 Blockbuster Gift Cards!

A very big thank you to the many volunteers that helped organize this event: Terri Comer, Molly Jackson, Collum Posey, Kim Tuthill, and Lauren Monroe. Finally, thank you to Chick-Filet for providing Biscuits and to Panera Bread for Bagels!

**THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO ORDERED POINSETTIAS, THEY WILL BE DELIVERED IN EARLY DEC— PLEASE LOOK FOR SIGNS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH PICK-UP INFO!!**



*Getting Ready for the Kids Race*

# The End of Kudzu

By Roy Trimble

Brookwood Hills has just begun a 6 year Kudzu eradication program on our Clear Creek property. Nancy Field began this initiative a couple of years ago. Andrew Whitney and Scott Bass have gotten it going again. As we worked on the program we had several neighbors who asked us to move faster on it. I can assure you we moved as quickly as possible. There are very few people who specialize in this. And for each one we interviewed we had to tour them around Clear Creek. We have engaged a very good company to work with. They came highly recommended and do work for TreesAtlanta, Piedmont Park and the Botanical Gardens. In addition to many neighborhoods like ours.

The first phase is to cut vines in the key kudzu infested areas. Our focus is going to be on this side of the creek. Even with that, it's a big area. Next year we will begin treating the kudzu with a herbicide that is used on corn

fields to eliminate stray soybean plants. Yes, kudzu is a legume. A bean. Who knew? Spraying will be very contained and will be limited to the Clear Creek property. All precautions will be taken and a trained and state-licensed herbicide expert will be on hand for all work.

We request the cooperation of everyone who backs up to the property. Primarily those on Huntington and Camden. Kudzu-Free Communities will need access to the property and the most direct access is through yards. They would bring a pickup truck into your driveway and have a 300 foot hose that they would use to get the spray to the kudzu areas adjacent to yards. We have information on the legume herbicide. If you would like to know more about it, just give Andrew a call and he will get you a copy.

Kudzu, left unchecked, will grow up and over trees. Once it "caps" a tree that tree is a goner. And the trees on the Clear Creek property are a most valuable buffer for Brookwood Hills.

## Brookwood Hills Needs Your Help

- Our social calendar for 2004 has ended with the most successful Halloween party ever! If you would be willing to help with a party or serve on a planning committee for 2005, please email Sharon Williams at [williams.47@comcast.net](mailto:williams.47@comcast.net).
- We are looking for more people to serve on the Brookwood Hills Community Club board. If you are interested in getting involved and contributing to the neighborhood please contact Roy Trimble at 404-874-1690.

## Alliance Children's Theater Christmas House

Since 1928 children of Brookwood Hills have enjoyed productions of the Alliance Children's Theatre. For the last 30 years the major fundraiser for the Children's Theatre has been Christmas House. Christmas House 2004 invites you to come and not only get ideas for incorporating the spirit of the season into your home décor but also to get brand new decorating ideas. Twenty-two of Atlanta's top designers have done just that at *Fairclough*, newly-built and owned by Bob and Donna Faircloth at 979 Crest Valley Drive.

You are invited to see the result from November 20-December 12. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at a reduced price from any Chapter 11. There will be Children's Events every Sunday at 2 pm and Christmas House will be open this year on Tuesday evenings from 6 pm – 8 pm. Parking is available at the Mount Vernon Baptist Church and a continuous shuttle will run to the house.

Brookwood Hills residents, Kathy Bernhardt and Judi Rabel, are on the committee.

## What will Brookwood Hills look like in 25 years?

By Roy Trimble

Based on all the construction in the neighborhood, the houses will certainly be a little larger. It seems we all need a little more space today than people did eighty years ago.

But as we gain in some areas we lose in others. Many of our big street trees are falling. Many more have been targeted for removal. If you live under one that has fallen in one of the storms, they're coming down at an "alarming" rate. It seems to go by street. Camden, then Woodcrest, now Montclair. With all the other streets getting their fair share. As we all know, it's a result of age, pollution, disease and limited room for root development.

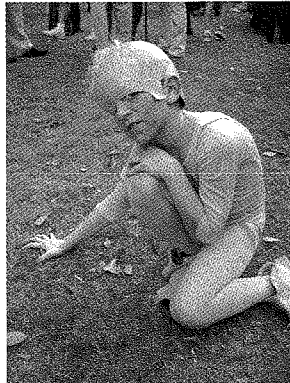


So what do we do about our canopy? Plant. And keep planting. It's up to us to make sure the neighborhood has a canopy in 25 or 30 years. The Garden Club and the Board have supported tree planting programs for the past few years. Karlenne and I are the proud owners of several trees from those efforts. But we all have to keep on planting.

Eve Goldstein contacted Andrew Whitney, our Tree Chair, recently with an idea. Enlist the aid of TreesAtlanta. They supply trees and some volunteer labor and we supply the rest of the labor. All they ask is a reasonable donation for each tree from the homeowner. It's a great deal for everyone. Andrew and Eve recruited Katrina Newton, a veteran of past tree initiatives, to consult. And with the aid of TreesAtlanta they came up with a list of appropriate trees and a plan. They contacted many of you to ask if you will allow a tree to be planted in your yard. They studied the neighborhood and determined the ideal spots for tree placement. If you have a prime spot please take a tree, help in the planting and make a generous donation to TreesAtlanta. We would like to make this an ongoing relationship.

On Saturday, November 6th we had a very successful tree planting. Andrew Whitney, Eve Goldstein and Katrina Newton did a great job of coordinating with neighbors and TreesAtlanta. We could have used more neighborhood turnout but fortunately TreesAtlanta delivered with several of their people (including our city arborist—Kristin Loomis) and a number of young ladies from Georgia Tech. They were fulfilling their community service requirements for their sorority. We planted around 30 trees all over BWH. And I must say, I think we all had a great time doing it! TreesAtlanta also gave us a tree for the park. Thanks to all who participated and supported this effort including Eve Goldstein, Andrew Whitney, Katrina Newton, Kathy Gentry and her daughter, Benning Grice, Keith Jolly and Kevin Murphy who helped plant trees on the 6th and Taylor and Avery Williams who donated the use of a Bobcat.

### More Halloween Treats...



# CALENDAR

**Monday, December 6th — BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:30 PM**, at the home of John Richardson, 10 Montclair, neighborhood residents are welcome.

**Tuesday, December 14th — BWH Friends End of Year Party, 7:00 PM**, at the home of Sharon Williams, 47 Brighton Road, all BWH neighbors and friends are welcome to participate in this good cause.

**Sunday, January 23rd—BWHCC Annual Meeting, 7:00 PM**, Rich Auditorium at Piedmont Hospital

## C L A S S I F I E D S

- **HOUSEKEEPER AVAILABLE:** two or three days per week. Has worked for various families in the neighborhood. Also available to help with parties (including polishing silver, setting up, serving and cleaning up) and other household work. Please contact Val Alexander at 404-603-3672, neighborhood references available.
- **FREE HICKORY FIRE WOOD:** Bring your power saw, axes and wedges to 55 Woodcrest Avenue. Take all you want! Questions please call 404-874-7855.
- **PRENATAL FITNESS CLASSES:** Birthday Girl - Prenatal and post-pregnancy fitness classes help you get a healthy, fit body during & after pregnancy. The classes focus on improving muscular & core strength, body composition and posture. Small group classes meet at The Forum Athletic Club located in Lenox Square Mall. Contact Beth Degitz for schedule and details at 404-759-8275 or [beth\\_bdgfitness@yahoo.com](mailto:beth_bdgfitness@yahoo.com). Recommended by Sarah Armstrong, 404-352-0110.
- **VACATION GET AWAY:** Two bedroom, 2.5 bath luxury residence at the Ritz Carlton Club, St. Thomas, USVI available for rent. Enjoy all of the amenities of the Ritz Carlton St. Thomas as well as an additional pool, restaurant and beachfront for club members. The unit includes beachfront terraces off of the living room and master bedroom, a full kitchen (which can be pre-stocked with food and drink), laundry room, dining room and a sleeper sofa in the living room (the unit will sleep six). For availability contact Chad Hood at 404-685-9213.
- **PET CARE:** Hi I'm Deane Pless (sounds like Deen). I'm 9 years old. I would enjoy taking care of your animals. I will come to your house and feed, walk and play with them. I love animals. My number is (4) 892-6024 and I live at 25 Palisades. Thank you.

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