



BrookNotes

November 2006

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

Volume XIX, No. 8

BWH Has A Spooktacular Halloween

By Burch Hanson



The Brookwood Hills annual Halloween Party was again a huge "treat" and a reminder of what makes living in Brookwood Hills so special.

This event was once again made possible by our kind sponsor, Joe Noah of Joe Noah & Associates. Joe and his family have been C Members and he was the contractor for the renovation of our pool and park pavilions a few years ago. He also has helped many of our neighbors with their home renovations. We appreciate his support and involvement with our neighborhood community.

The weather was beautiful and our park was full of super-heroes, ghosts, witches, fairies, princesses and a lot of tiny pumpkins. There were so many creative costumes, including a walking box of popcorn. There were plenty of "Full Moon" and "Mummy

Cheese" pizzas from Mellow Mushroom and other festive Halloween snacks and beverages. Once again, Pat Andrews, our DJ, provided some spooky and fun music to set the tone. The Pavilion was transformed into a fabulous haunted house this year that delighted kids of ALL ages. There were lots of spooky surprises for all. After touring the haunted house, each visitor received a gory, gummy eyeball.

The costume contest was a lot of fun to watch. There were many unique and creative costumes this year in each of the seven categories. Thanks so much to our wonderful judges, JoEllyn Bass and Mike Wilbert. They had some tough calls to make. The winners for each category are as follows:

Best Animal – "Bumblebee" Cecilia Whitney, Best Superhero/Action Character – "Wonder Woman" Georgia Smith, Spookiest - Benjamin Woolcott, Best Princess/Angel/Fairy –Morgan Kelly and Charlotte Bernot (tie), Most Adorable (3 and under) – "Raggedy Ann" Anna Kate Mattingly, Most Unique Costume – "Box of Popcorn" Rachel Jones, Best Group or Family "Trinity Girls" Jill Perkey and Sharon Williams

The prize for each category was a gift card kindly donated by Mellow Mushroom. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Special thanks to Debby Moorman, our party chair, for helping to make this party a success. Debby spent many hours planning and designing our haunted house and added her special touches to make it so enjoyable for all. She started a Halloween tradition for us that we hope will continue year after year.

Thanks also to JoEllyn Bass for her invaluable help with planning and setting up, in addition to judging our costume contest.

Our sincere thanks also to Chris Moorman, Andy Howe, Sallie Topfl, Eleanor Rhangos, Audrey Bromstad, Ben Ross, and all the teens who came to help guide and scare the younger children. Thanks to everyone who helped with our Halloween Party this year.



BROOKNOTES

Brooknotes is published monthly for residents of Brookwood Hills on behalf of the Brookwood Hills Community Club, 77 Wakefield Drive, Atlanta, Ga. 30309. Brooknotes is sponsored on alternate months by Patti Junger of Coldwell Banker/Buckhead Brokers and Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes, Inc.

Brooknotes Editors

Mary Barrett 404-874-7863 (49 Huntington Road)
Collum Posey 404-872-0922 (111 Huntington Road)

Contributors this month: Burch Hanson, Margaret Mertens, Kelley Berman

Brookwood Hills Board

President

Benning Grice 404-872-8193

Vice President

Kathy Gentry 404-876-4480

Secretary

Margaret Mertens 404-249-7279

Treasurer

David Morris 404-355-0043

Community Relations

Chris Moorman 404-892-2922

Gov't Relations

Adam Gelb 404-351-9988

Membership

Allyson Greene 404-872-8077

Sheridan Watson 404-874-5666

Neighborhood Relations & Website

Joe Jackson 404-532-1614

NPU & Zoning

Eleanor Rhangos 404-352-9535

Bill Magruder 404-352-0202

Park, Tennis & Common Areas

Lauren Whitehurst 404-355-7166

Pool

Jim King 404-355-1666

Hayes Wilson 404-876-4618

Security

Brian Stanley 404-350-8341

Park Reservations

Kelley Berman 404-351-2224

Social

Burch Hanson 404-352-1172

Sarah Howe 404-352-2208

Trees

Andrew Whitney 404-350-9614

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.

Clean House For

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Throughout the year BWH Friends collects items for Eggleston ICU patients' families such as travel size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, lotions, etc. Recent magazines (within the last 3 months) and VHS videos (PG-13 and under) are also needed as well as commercial prepackaged snacks like cookies, crackers, drinks, etc. Donations can be dropped off at 110 Palisades Road any time or call 404- 532-1614 to have them picked up.

Calling all Neighbors!

As you know, every year we have openings on the Brookwood Hills Community Club Board of Directors. If you have an interest in becoming more involved in the neighborhood, we want you!

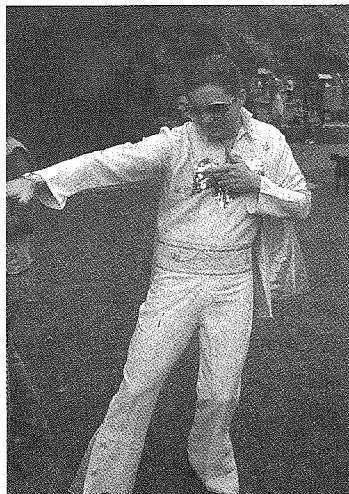
Please contact Kathy Gentry at

kathygentry@comcast.net if you want to learn more.



Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is Wednesday, December 6th, 2006. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 111 Huntington Rd.

More Halloween Photos



On behalf of the BWH Board, thank you to Christina Whitney for helping with the welcome bags we deliver to new neighbors when they move into Brookwood Hills. She is kindly baking her wonderful cookies for the bags and is helping deliver the bags each month.

The Brookwood Hills Security Patrol

We are so fortunate to live in beautiful Brookwood Hills and to have the peace of mind in knowing that we are protected by a team of dedicated professionals committed to our safety. We want to introduce our security patrol to you (for those of you who have not already met the team) and provide some insight into the Brookwood Hills Security Patrol program.

How It All Began

Brookwood Hills had experienced a rash of 35 burglaries in 1979, when Dr. Linton Hopkins of Wakefield Drive met Sgt. Barry Miller at a routine road block on Peachtree Road. "I was in a hurry to get back to Emory, when Sgt. Miller asked me for my driver's license and registration," remembers Dr. Hopkins. "Unfortunately, he had to write me a citation, because they were both expired! I liked him so much...his charm and diplomacy impressed me, even though at that moment I was highly irritated with myself." Dr. Hopkins told Sgt. Miller about the concern of residents in the neighborhood and asked Sgt. Miller if he would agree to work for Brookwood Hills for two months in hopes to catch the infamous burglar. "I locked him up the first night on patrol," recalls Miller. "I was hired for a two-month stint and that was 27 years ago. I'm kind of like a house guest who doesn't leave!" Dr. Hopkins is appreciative of the long-lasting relationship our neighborhood has had with Sgt. Miller, and says "It feels great knowing that I gave us our protector, and it was all by happenstance."

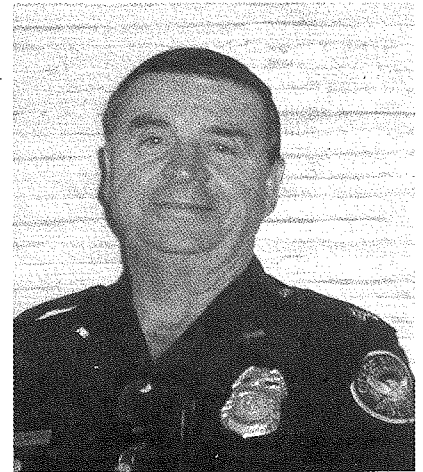
Meet Our Brookwood Hills Security Patrol Officers!

Sgt. Jerald Aldredge

Sgt. Jerald Aldredge, (called "Denny" by his friends) knows Atlanta well, having been born at Crawford Long Hospital and raised in the south end of Union County. "I married my high school sweetheart, Barbara, thirty-eight years ago," he says with a grin. Sgt. Aldredge and his wife have a son and daughter and three grandchildren, with the youngest grandchild just seven months old.

Sgt. Aldredge joined the Atlanta Police Department in 1972 and has been patrolling the streets of Brookwood Hills for seventeen years, "I've been here so long, it's like a second home to me," says Aldredge. "Because I mainly work the nightshift in Brookwood Hills, I only know the late-night dog walkers and the early-morning joggers!...And I can tell you which car belongs in what driveway and which cars don't belong at all." Sgt. Aldredge volunteers often for additional shifts at the police department, including road work, parades, and even occasionally subs for friends who secure office buildings and parking lots. "My wife calls me a 'workaholic,' but I enjoy what I do," says Aldredge.

In his time off, Sgt. Aldredge likes to "work and piddle" on his '65 Chevelle Malibu Supersport. "It only has 99,000 miles on it," beams Sgt. Aldredge. "I like to take it to car shows, occasionally out to eat, and sometimes I drive it to church on Sunday, but that's about it." Sgt. Aldredge enjoys spending as much time as possible with his children and grandchildren.



Sgt. Jeffrey Baxter



Sgt. Jeffrey Baxter has been with the Brookwood Hills Security Patrol for almost five years, having joined in 2002. Sgt. Baxter graduated from Georgia State with a degree in Criminal Justice, served in the Marine Corps Reserves and joined the Atlanta Police Department in 1997. He is currently a detective supervisor and oversees a detective division on the south side of Atlanta.

Sgt. Baxter and his wife, Kristie, have two children – a daughter, Madison, who is five years old and a son, Mason, who is one year old. Sgt. Baxter enjoys being a part of our neighborhood patrol, "Brookwood Hills is such a tight-knit community where people watch out for one another. It's refreshing to work with people who really care about their neighborhood," says Baxter.

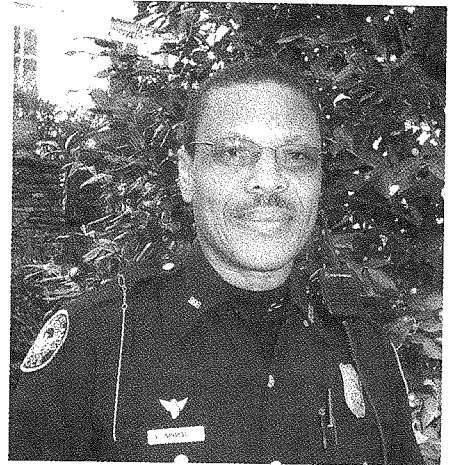
When he's not working, Sgt. Baxter enjoys working on projects around the house and spending time with his young family. He feels fortunate to be living out his childhood dream. "As a kid," says Baxter, "I always wanted to be a police officer."

Officer Robert Spratland

Officer Robert Spratland has served on the Brookwood Hills Security Patrol for almost four years and on the Atlanta Police Department for 26 years. Officer Spratland is the father of two sons and has two grandchildren. "Brookwood Hills is such a wonderful, quiet neighborhood and the people here are really nice." He said that though he plans to retire at the end of the year from the police force, he will continue to work for Brookwood Hills a little longer.

Officer Spratland enjoys golf in his down time because "it's a challenging game and it takes away the stress." Upon retirement, he says he "wants to rest and do absolutely nothing" for the first couple of months and then he wants to "keep busy" and find a low stress job that he'll enjoy. He also plans to spend a lot more time on the golf course!

When asked about his fondest memories of Brookwood Hills over the years, Officer Spratland says "getting candy from the neighborhood children on Halloween" and "being invited every year for Thanksgiving dinner by a family in Brookwood Hills. It's meant a whole lot to me."



Sgt. Barry Miller



As mentioned, Sgt. Miller has lead the Brookwood Hills Security Patrol since 1979.

Sgt. Miller's career began at the age of 18 when he joined that Atlanta Fire Department. Five years later, he transferred into the Police Department and remained at the Police Department until he retired from the force in 1997. He remains active in the police reserves and attends class each year to keep his license current.

Sgt. Miller was once shot on Northwood Drive and once stabbed on the corner of Peachtree and Palisades, and as you might imagine, is full of stories involving bad guys.

Dr. Hopkins remembers that just a day or so after being shot, Sgt. Miller kept his commitment to provide security at a party in the neighborhood. "I'll never forget it, recalls Dr. Hopkins, "Sgt. Miller walked in with his arm in a sling and received a standing ovation. He was an absolute hero!"

The father of six children and six grandchildren, Sgt. Miller laments about getting older and jokes, "I'm getting older and the bad guys are getting younger!" He remembers when he used to ride Brookwood Hills kids around the neighborhood on his motorcycle. "Now," he says, "those kids have grown up and are buying houses themselves in Brookwood Hills."

There was a time early in Sgt. Miller's career that he had a motorcycle accident, was hospitalized and unable to work for several months. This was significant to Sgt. Miller and his family, because he wasn't able to work his additional jobs, and it cut his pay tremendously. He was concerned about making ends meet until, "I started getting *Get Well* cards from Brookwood Hills residents with checks anywhere from five to fifty dollars." It helped pay his mortgage for the three months he was recovering, and says Miller, "I'll never ever forget that."

Sgt. Miller picked up a paint brush for the first time six years ago at the age of 51 and has been painting folk art ever since. We're not talking about your average, every day folk art, we're talking about a painting that was part of an exhibit at the High Museum of Art! Recently, he was again asked to exhibit a piece of art at the High that will be part of a fund-raising effort during the Louvre Exhibit!

Sgt. Miller feels fortunate to now lead the security patrol of 18 neighborhoods, a couple of city parks and other buildings, and his heart remains grateful to Brookwood Hills, "And to think, it all started here in Brookwood Hills," reflects Miller. "It's a great job, a great living, a great life."

Stay Safe This Holiday Season

Safety Tips

1. "Never, and I mean *never* open your door to anybody you don't know - that is unless they are little, dressed in all green and selling cookies," chuckles Sgt. Miller.
2. Put a Brookwood Hills sticker on every car you own. **Stickers can be obtained by calling Brian Stanley, Security Chair, at 404.350.8341 or emailing him at B_L_Stanley@Earthlink.net.** Stickers help the security patrol immediately determine whether or not a car belongs in the neighborhood.
3. Keep your doors and windows of your home locked at all times.
4. Do not leave anything of value in your car, not even small amounts of change.

Do not hesitate to report suspicious people or activity in the neighborhood.

Security Tips – Before You Head Out of Town

1. **Call the Security Hotline at 404.325.5114 to notify the patrol of your absence.** The Security Patrol will keep a close eye on your home while you are away.
2. Use timers on televisions and lights. Remember to put outdoor spotlights on a timer as well. Outdoor lights shining brightly during the day advertise that you are out of town.
3. Have a neighbor pick up your mail and your newspaper on a daily basis.

Have a neighbor park his/her car in your driveway.

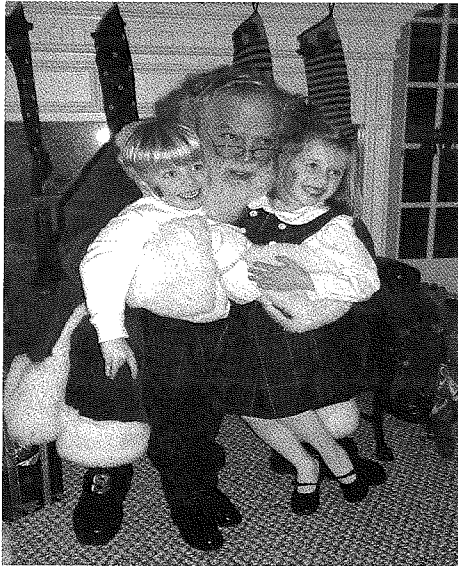
Security Telephone Number to Use AFTER calling 911

The Security Patrol has implemented a new program to help make the patrol easily accessible to the residents of Brookwood Hills. If you have an emergency, call 911. **AFTER calling 911, you may contact the patrolling officers on their cell phone at 404-242-3321.** The cell phone is shared by security officers patrolling three neighborhoods, and the officer on duty may not be familiar with our streets. Please give the officer directions on how to get to your home.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Have You Seen Rats?

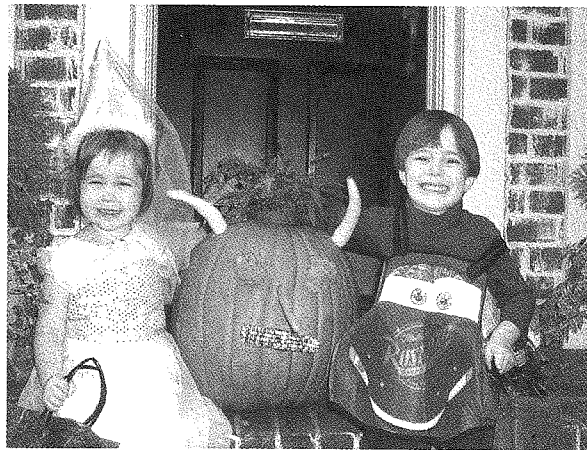
Unfortunately with new construction and remodeling rats' underground homes are disturbed and they venture into our homes. We need to be careful about rat poison however because of neighborhood pets. When putting out rat poison always use TAMPER PROOF BAIT STATIONS/CONTAINERS outside. There have been occasions where pets have been endangered. Another, SAFER OPTION is to use traps and to try and plug up holes in the foundation or roof lines where pests may be entering your homes. Exterminators can help with these problems. Pardon the unpleasant subject!



Cookies With Santa

Come enjoy some holiday cheer on Sunday, December 10th from 3:00-5:00 pm at the Friends Cookies With Santa event. Avoid the long mall Santa lines, spend an afternoon with friends and help raise money for CHOA all at the same time! A professional photographer will take photos of your family and burn a CD with all your shots with Santa. The CD will be available Monday, December 11th. Look for your invitation soon. Hope to see you there!

Another Great "Great Pumpkin Give Away"!



"I like it because it's silly looking!," says Anton Mertens (4) with sister, Madeleine (2), about their pumpkin. Anton and Madeleine enjoyed choosing their pumpkin from among the many pumpkins at the *23rd Annual Great Pumpkin Giveaway* sponsored by Brookwood Hills neighbor, Sarah Hagood, of Specialty Homes, Inc. Thank you Sarah!

CALENDAR

- **Monday, December 4th — BWHCC Board Meeting**, 7:15 pm, at the home of Andrew and Christina Whitney, 129 Brighton Road. Neighborhood residents are welcome.
- **Sunday, December 10th, Cookies With Santa**, 3:00–5:00 pm at 47 Northwood Avenue.
- **Monday, January 22nd, BWH Book Club**, 7:30 pm at the home of Nancy Kennedy, 35 Northwood Avenue. We will be reading *Howards End* by E. M. Forster. For more info email Maureen Zent at mzent1@bellsouth.net or call at 404-724-0959. We will select our next book at this meeting.

NEIGHBOR NEWS

- Please welcome Stephen and Angie Meadows to 76 Brighton Road. They are coming to BWH from Raleigh, North Carolina.

C L A S S I F I E D S

- **For Sale or Lease:** 8 year old appendix gelding, 16.2, chestnut with 4 white socks and a big blaze. Proven show record, has showed all over the South East, holds several youth titles, loves to jump. Easy keeper with a big heart and a kind attitude. Call Kenan Donaldson for more info: 404-323-2281.
- **For Sale or Lease:** 5 year old bay appendix gelding, very green, 16.0, grandson of Alydar (derby winner.) Great endurance, hunter or dressage prospect. Call Kenan Donaldson for more info: 404-323-2281.
- **Mom Sub:** Recently retired school teacher, resident of Brookwood Hills for 21 years, mother of two grown boys, available to be your children's nanny while you're out of town. Will stay in your home, transport your children to school and their activities, and assist with homework. While you're away, your mind will be at ease. Neighborhood references available. Letsa Marietta, Palisades Rd., 404-872-2888 home, 404-314-3101.

BROOKNOTES

sponsored by your neighbor

Patti Junger

Top Agent Company-Wide

404-504-0801

www.pattijunger.com



RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

