



# BrookNotes

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## BWHCC Halloween Spooktacular!

*By Caroline Normark*



On October 31, dozens of Brookwood Hills Halloween goers of all ages filled the park on a beautiful fall afternoon to celebrate at the annual BWHCC Halloween party. Guests were once again treated to the ever-popular spooky haunted house made possible by Debby Moorman and Amanda Szwest and a great group of volunteers. The "expansion" of the haunted house this year was a big hit!



The costume contest proved to be a great display of creativity among our neighborhood children. There were rewards for those deemed to have the

best costumes in their category. Thanks to Lesley Carroll and Harvey Ross for help with the judging.

We would also like to thank our sponsor, Joe Noah and Associates for supporting this great tradition once again. We greatly appreciate his support and involvement with our neighborhood community. Please be sure to thank him if you see him!!



Thank you to all of the volunteers for your hard work in pulling this and the whole party together. It couldn't be done without you! We look forward to seeing you all back next year!



### COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS!!

- Best Super Hero/Community Hero/ Action Character - Will Jenkins (stoplight) and Margo Carr (ghost of Amelia Aerhart)
- Spookiest = Owen Armentrout (bobblehead pumpkin), Robert Clark(gorilla) and Joe Jackson(headless horse-man)
- Best Princess/Angel/Fairy - Emma Dixon(peacock) and Larson Normark(butterfly)
- Most Adorable for 3 and under - Lily Whitworth (bride), Lila Cochran(octopus) and Mary Munson(lamb)
- Most Unique Costume - Graham Lee (Chick magnet), Layton Hurt (Starbucks)and Andrew Jenkins (i phone)
- Best Group or Family: 1) Owls - Emma Jones and Emily Payne; Lacrosse Players - Courtney White, Mary Brooks Perky and Madison Mineer, 2) Teeth - Frances Wilbert, Katherine Wilbert, Maggie Bell, Ava Granot, Lila Rogers, Caroline Howe and Emily Howe, 3) Agent and Ball Players - Sam Mattingly, Mark Hammond and Marshall McCormack, 4) Jazzerusers - Millie Long and Casey Gentry



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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 at 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. The cell phone number for the neighborhood security patrol is **404-242-3321**.

## Security Bonus

Once again we will be collecting a bonus for our patrol officers. Not only have the officers been working late night hours in our neighborhood but they have also been monitoring the CVS parking lot while making their rounds. Often their work 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.

Checks should be made payable to the Brookwood Hills Community Club and should be mailed or dropped off:

Lisa Barnhart  
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If you have any questions, please call Lisa at: 404-355-3707. **THANK YOU!!**

## Coat Donation

Brooke and Kathy Gentry are collecting coats as part of their work with National Charity League. The coats will be donated to the women and children at the City of Refuge. If you have any surplus or outgrown coats (especially for children) that you would like to include in this donation, it would be welcomed and appreciated! There is a plastic collection bin under the Porte-Cochere at the top of the Gentry's driveway at 84 Palisades for your drop-off. The bin will be out until the end of November. Thank you!

*BrookNotes* welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Wednesday, December 7, 2011. Submissions may be e-mailed to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com) or dropped off at 144 Huntington.

## Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods

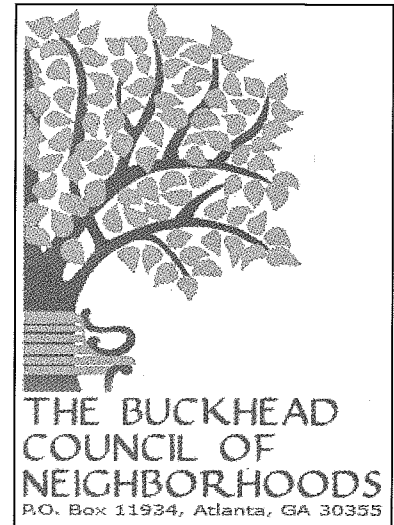
*By Amanda Baxter*

Recently, Brookwood Hills became a paying member of The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods (Council). In 2008, the Council was created to bring Buckhead neighborhoods together to “address and protect the common interests and quality of life issues shared by all of the individual Buckhead neighborhoods.” Each neighborhood is represented on the Council by a representative. Brookwood Hills is represented by Matt Tolleson (Vice-President) and Amanda Baxter (Clear Creek/Government Relations Chair).

According to Council Chairman and Chastain Park Civic Association President, Jim King, “The formation of this group is long overdue and clearly makes sense for Buckhead. Currently, Buckhead has 43 different neighborhoods recognized by the city. Each of our neighborhoods is focused on its individual concerns and does not have an effective vehicle for making a lot of headway on larger Buckhead-wide issues. We now have an independent forum for homeowners to share common concerns and propose solutions for community betterment. The Council will empower our neighborhoods to address matters in a more unified and influential manner that will get positive results.”

Recently, The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods has been addressing such issues as a possible new charter elementary school, widespread graffiti tagging, and transportation issues along the major Buckhead corridors. Monthly meetings take place on the Second Thursday at Peachtree Presbyterian Church and are open to Buckhead residents who wish to attend; however, voting is reserved for individual neighborhood representatives.

For more information about the Council, visit: <http://www.nbca.org/BCN/Index.htm>



## Festive Decorations Adorn Brookwood Hills



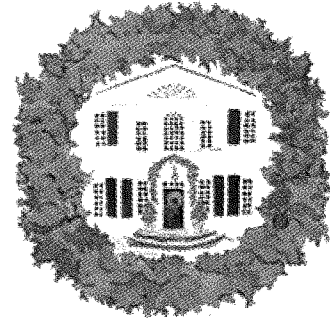
Each Halloween, Brookwood Hills residents get into the spirit with decorations that range from beautiful to spooky and this year was no exception. It is one of the trademarks of our neighborhood and people’s effort to create displays that the entire neighborhood can enjoy does not go unnoticed.

Brookwood Hills neighbor, Amy Kuykendall, sent this photo and comment to BrookNotes: “I have been admiring the pumpkins and gourds outside of this house (The Dixons on Camden Rd) since they went out. My husband captured it while our daughter and a friend were trick-or-treating and I thought it looked so great with the addition of the cobwebs for Halloween. Just thought I'd share!”

## Peachtree Garden Club Hosts Christmas Home Tour

*By Elizabeth Martin*

Peachtree Garden Club's annual Christmas Home Tour is set for Thursday, December 8, 2011 from 10am to 3pm. Four distinctive homes — two on Garraux Road, one on Garraux Place, and one on Nancy Creek Road — will be festively decorated and include a charming English country-style home decorated by Lou Stormont Interiors and a French-style home designed by noted architect Barry Fox of New Orleans and decorated by Anne Parker of Barnett-Parker Designs. The two homes on the banks of the Chattahoochee River have a Virginia Tidewater style and elements of 18<sup>th</sup> century Williamsburg, respectively.



*The Peachtree Garden Club  
Christmas Home Tour*

Peachtree Garden Club sponsored the first tour in 1949 and continued the event until the 1960's. The tour was revived in 2008 as a way to give back to the community. This year's tour honors club member, Patricia Crawford Hartrampf, a past president and mentor to many in the areas of horticulture, flower arranging and photography.

Several Brookwood Hills neighbors are involved in the project. Barbara Slick, former neighbor and perennial Brookwood Hills walker, is one of the co-chairs for the Tour along with Debbie Hudson, and Vickie Dorsey. Elizabeth Martin (Wakefield) and Stella Martin (Camden) are members of Peachtree Garden Club and will be working on the tour.

All proceeds benefit the Peachtree Garden Club Community Fund, a 501(C)(3) charitable organization, that supports charitable, scientific and educational needs in the fields of horticulture and conservation. Presenting sponsor of the event is Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's International Realty. Other sponsors are Tunnell and Tunnell Landscape Architects, Linder Security Systems, Inc. and Campbell and Brannon.

**TICKET INFORMATION:** Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$25 from [www.peachtreegardenclub.org](http://www.peachtreegardenclub.org) or at the door of any of the homes on tour day for \$30. Cash and checks only on tour day. Boxwoods Gardens and Gifts will also be selling tickets in advance and on tour day. The Club hopes you will join them for this joyous event!! If you have any questions, please feel free to call Elizabeth Martin 404-351-8208.

The Peachtree Garden Club home tour is one of many diversions in Atlanta over the holidays. Some others to mark on your calendar include:

- November 25 – 27, December 3 & 10, 10:00a.m.—4:00p.m., **Saint Nick, Atlanta Botanical Garden.** Bring your own camera to snap photos with Santa.
- December 15 & 20, 5:30—9:30p.m., **The Holiday Spirit, Atlanta History Center.** Travel back in time Dickens' style. Event will feature musical performances, Smith Family Farm demonstrations and hands-on activities, candlelit trails, and kid-friendly crafts.

## Buckhead Resident Completes Ironman for a Cause

by David Rutz

*Editors Note: This story is condensed from one that originally appeared in Northside Neighbor featuring Brookwood Hills resident Anton Mertens*

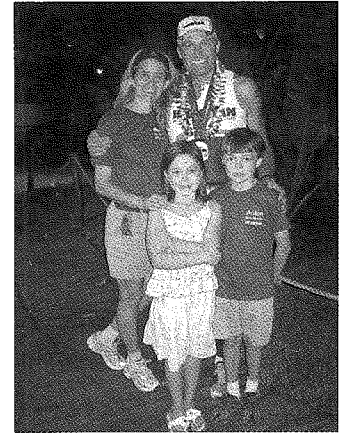
As he crossed the finish line of the ultimate test of human endurance Oct. 8, Buckhead's Anton Mertens heard the words from the announcer, "You're an Ironman." It's a moment he said he won't forget and is shared with only a select number of athletes from around the world who have completed the Ironman World Championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

Mertens won a lottery to gain entry into the race, just one of 200 people in the world to make it in that fashion out of an unknown number of applicants, and decided he would use the opportunity to promote the battle against cancer, with which he has a personal connection. His father Herman died of colon cancer in 1993, and Mertens decided he would help raise money through the American Cancer Society through its "Determination" campaign.

Thus far, he has raised more than \$7,000 and hopes to reach \$50,000 by the end of the year. "He wanted to use that platform for something bigger, to help other people, so he decided that the American Cancer Society would be a perfect thing for him because of his family history," Margaret Mertens said. "The sad thing is his father died of a preventable cancer, so if only he had been treated earlier, he may still be with us. So that's important to Anton to raise money for the American Cancer Society and bring about that awareness of being tested."

Margaret Mertens, an experienced triathlete herself who hopes to complete the one in Kona some day, said the atmosphere was electric. "It was much more exciting than I ever imagined it would be, and I wasn't even in it," she said. "I was just there to be a part of Anton's race. It was just amazing, the feeling of just being so excited not only for Anton but for each athlete that crossed."

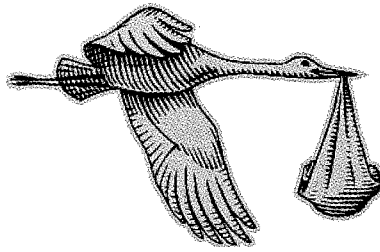
To donate to the ACS through Mertens' page, visit <http://bit.ly/rpwxwT>.



Anton Mertens with wife Margaret and children Mady (7) and Anton (9) after completing the Ironman in Hawaii.



*The Editors of BrookNotes would like to wish our Brookwood Hills neighbors a Happy & Healthy Thanksgiving !!*



## Birth Announcements

**Emily Anne Deriso:** Suzanne, Richard and big sister Margaret Deriso of 331 Camden welcomed Emily Anne on October 10, 2011.

**Camille Patton Cardwell:** The Cardwell family—Lee, Leigh and 2-year-old sister M.C.—of 121 Huntington are celebrating the arrival of their second daughter, Camille Patton, on September 16, 2011. She weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

**Catherine Lily Bell:** Margot and Danny McCaul of 68 Wakefield welcomed their eighth grandchild, a granddaughter, Catherine Lily on October 27th. Her proud parents are Scott and Fiona McCaul Bell.

## CALENDAR

- **Monday, December 5, BWHCC Board Meeting,** 7:15 p.m., location to be announced.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 21, Acorn Auction,** Brookwood Hills Pool Pavilion. Hosted by the Brookwood Hills Garden Club.

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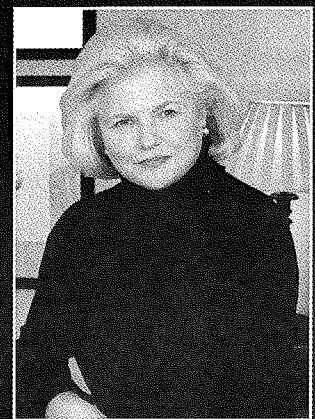
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