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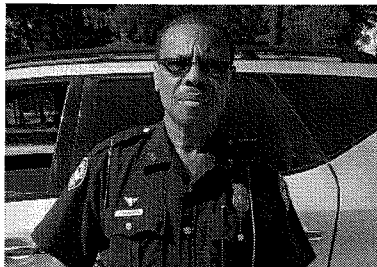
Thank Our Security Team

By Katherine Dierdorff

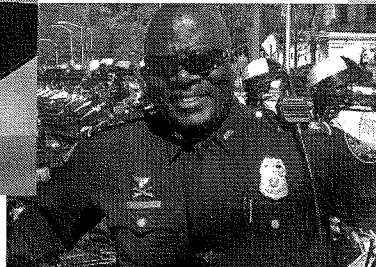
Once again we will be collecting a year-end bonus for our wonderful team of security officers--Officer Marion Battle, Officer Jeff Baxter, Officer David Ferguson, Officer Robert Spratling and Officer Barry Miller. Our dedicated team of officers work into the wee hours patrolling our neighborhood while also monitoring nearby parking lots and our nature trail while they are making their rounds. Often their work goes unnoticed and unrewarded.



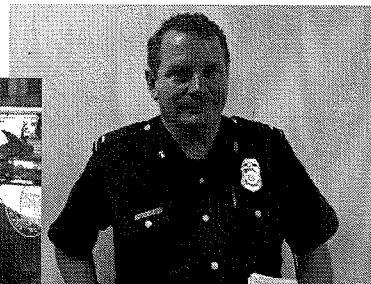
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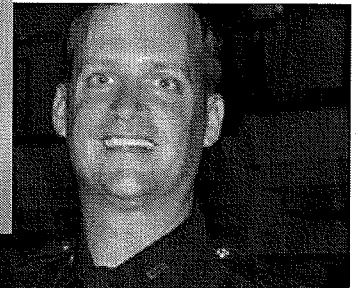
Officer Robert Spratling



Sgt. Marion Battle



Lt. David Ferguson



Lt. Jeff Baxter

Please let them know how the families of Brookwood Hills value their ongoing efforts by contributing to the Security bonus pool.

How can you donate to the bonus pool?

1. Donate online: Login to the Brookwood Hills website (www.brookwoodhills.com). On the homepage, you will see "Support our Security Officers Year End Bonus" under "Latest News". Simply click the link to make a secure donation using PayPal; or,
2. Donate by check: Checks made out to BWHCC can be dropped off with Katherine Dierdorff at 22 Woodcrest Ave.

Depending on neighbor response, I will also be putting together a scrapbook for the officers. If you are interested in contributing to this idea, please submit family photos, children's drawings, holiday cards, thank you cards, etc. Feel free to email them to katherallen@gmail.com or drop them by my house at 22 Woodcrest Ave.

Thank you in advance for your support! If you have any questions, please call Katherine Dierdorff at (404) 606-0039.



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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**.

Open Board Positions

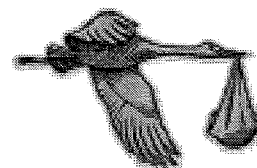
The BWHCC Board has two open positions remaining for the three-year term beginning January 2013. Please consider joining the board in one of these roles:

*NPU/Zoning Co-Chair
Clear Creek Preserve Chair*

Serving on the board is a rewarding way to give back to the neighborhood and influence the development of our neighborhood and club!

Baby Announcements

Thomas Baxter Zabor was born September 19, 2012 to Amanda Baxter and Ian Zabor of 284 Camden. He is welcomed by his big sister Zoe.



Lawson Louise Adams was born September 3, 2012 to Mary Paige and David Adams of 300 Camden. She is welcomed by her big sisters Tucker and Campbell.

Signage in Neighbor Yards

Please be respectful of signs in neighbor yards and encourage your entire family to leave them in place. Some signs, particularly those related to building or infrastructure work on a home, are critical and must be immediately replaced if they are removed causing further headaches and stress. Thank you!

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Friday, December 7, 2012. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 144 Huntington.

New Principal and New facilities: BWH Roars with Enthusiasm for E. Rivers Elementary

By Elizabeth Wickland

Thirty-one Brookwood Hills children (including 8 kindergarteners) are proud to be E. Rivers Elementary Lions for the 2012-2013 school year. The school has just completed a very successful \$110,000 annual fund campaign for the E. Rivers Educational Foundation thanks to the strong support of parents and teachers. The foundation serves to enhance learning experiences for all students by funding many different projects including field trips, extra teacher training, phonics curriculum, hands-on science and technology learning labs and an exciting new iPad pilot program starting next month.

New Principal

The school year has gotten off to a great start with new principal, Matt Rogers. Mr. Rogers grew up in the metro Atlanta area, completed undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Education followed by Masters degrees in professional counseling and school counseling. He began his career as a 5th grade teacher in Cobb County then served ten years at a middle school in Fulton County as a counselor and assistant principal. For the past three years, Mr. Rogers served as principal to Creek View Elementary School's 965 students in Alpharetta.

Principal Rogers places great importance on the relationship that is built between student and teacher and between the school and the home. The school's staff stresses that strong relationships are founded on trust and are strengthened by consistent support, encouragement and open communication. E. Rivers continues to be an International Baccalaureate (IB) certified school with 1st through 5th graders enjoying daily instruction in French.

New Facilities

Preparations are being made for E. Rivers new facilities! Next summer, staff and students will relocate to the Sutton Middle School campus by Chastain Horse Park for two years, while a new \$20 million, LEED certified building is built on the current E. Rivers campus. The new school will accommodate 800 children at peak capacity (for comparison Morris Brandon currently has over 1000 students and Jackson over 900). The community looks forward to a building that reflects on the outside the deep commitment to learning held by students and teachers on the inside since the school's founding in 1917.

Learn more about your neighborhood school

Continuing a longstanding neighborhood tradition, this winter current BWH/E. Rivers parents look forward to hosting BWH parents of pre-K and 3 year old children to an informational cocktail party. This is an opportunity to learn more about E. Rivers through the eyes of current and alumni BWH families. Contact Elizabeth Wickland lizzy.wickland@gmail.com for more information.

The E. Rivers student body is a great reflection not only of the diverse community within and adjacent to our much loved neighborhood but also of the world beyond that the children of today will be leaders of tomorrow. Principal Rogers and the teachers work together to achieve the school's goal of inspiring kids to love learning and motivating them on the path to become lifelong learners.

Long-Time Neighbors & Contributors Transitioning to Athens, Georgia

By Sarah Hagood

Don and Nancy Walton, who have played key roles in the Brookwood Hills community for 34 years, are moving to Athens, Georgia to spend their retirements closer to their children and their families.

Nancy has served as the Brookwood Hills bookkeeper for 27 years. In 1985, she was asked to be treasurer of the board. To ensure greater continuity, she was then asked to become the Brookwood Hills bookkeeper and she took the job, receiving \$100 per month in payment. At the time, the association's operations, dues and budget were on a much smaller scale. Nancy describes the changes in the years to follow as "astounding!"

After 30 years of federal service, Don is retiring from his role as U.S. Trustee at the end of this year. Nancy was a middle school science teacher at the Lovett School for 21 years, retiring in 2008. The couple loves to travel, having visited all 7 continents and over 50 countries in their 42 years of marriage. They will continue to do so in the coming years, and are planning a trip to Southeast Asia in January of 2013.

In prior years, Nancy was active with Friends of Egleston Hospital, now known as Friends of Children's Hospital, and with the BWH Garden Club. More recently, she has been very involved with the BWH Legacy Ladies, a group for neighborhood women over 60. Don served on the Brookwood Hills board, was President of the Community Club and founded Brookwood Hills Boys with other neighborhood fathers to coordinate father/son outings as an alternative to Cub Scouts. It continues in the neighborhood for both boys and girls.

When the couple moved to Brookwood Hills, their children, Leslie and Geoffrey, were one and three years old. Leslie and Geoffrey are now both married with three children each but they continue to be close with those they grew up with here, and Nancy and Don will remain close friends with many in the neighborhood as well. Nancy and Don are moving to Athens to be close to their family, but it is also a return to a place they love. They lived in Athens previously while Don was in law school and are moving to a house in the Five Points area of Athens close to where they lived over 40 years ago! Their new address is 447 Highland Ave. Athens, GA 30606.

Welcome New Neighbors, The Boatright Family!

By Sarah Hagood

Jim and Emily Boatright and their children, Madeline (5) and Whitaker (4), have just moved to 213 Brighton Road from Collier Hills, where they lived for ten years. Madeline is in kindergarten at E. Rivers and Whitaker is in preschool at Northside UMC.

Jim, an alumnus of Virginia Military Institute and Georgia Tech, is Principal with Hannan Construction, a commercial interiors general contractor, and Emily is an Administrator with Atlanta Public Schools. The Boatright family is excited to move to Brookwood Hills and to get to know their new neighbors!

Alliance Theater Discounts for BWH Residents

By Gary Sayers

The holidays are right around the corner and with that comes the holiday shows at the Alliance Theatre.

Alliance
Theatre at the Woodruff

The classic holiday tale, Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*, is onstage at the Alliance for its 23rd season November 23rd – December 23rd. A magical tradition for the whole family, and a great way to see Atlanta's finest actors portraying Dickens's beloved charac-

ters. Brookwood Hills families can enjoy Family Nights, which includes four tickets, parking, a family photo, and pre-show choirs for only \$125. Family nights are 12/6, 12/13, 12/14, 12/20, & 12/21. Brookwood Hills members can also save \$10 on tickets for any performance. Just call the box office at 404.733.5000 or visit alliancetheatre.org/carol and use promo code ACC10.

For Brookwood Hills adults looking for fun night out without the kiddos, kick off your boots and spend some time with The Chalks and their shenanigans. The Hertz Stage will be transformed into a honkytonk bar for this hilarious, down on their luck, all-sister Country & Western band in *Holidays with The Chalks* November 30th – December 23rd. Spend an evening with their music, their stories, and their really big hair – you might even find yourself a part of the show. Brookwood Hills members save \$5 on tickets with promo code CHALKS5. Call the box office at 404.733.5000 or visit alliancetheatre.org/thechalks to get your discounted tickets.

Happy Holidays from the Alliance Theatre!

Huntington Road Celebrates

By Kathleen Waldrop

On Sunday October 28, Huntington neighbors enjoyed gathering on a chilly afternoon to catch up with new and old friends. The Happy Belly Food Truck served delicious food while kids played around the pavilion. Huntington is fortunate to have several wonderful families and adorable babies added this year. Cheers to Huntington!



BWH Halloween Tradition Lives On

By Caroline Normark

Halloween in BWH was once again "spooktacular"! The annual Halloween party was a delight for the many who attended on the beautiful, crisp fall afternoon.

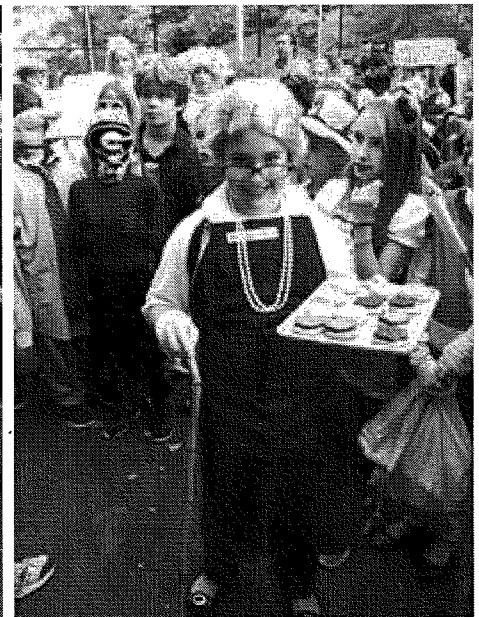
Partygoers lined up early for their turn to brave the spooky haunted house. Debby Moorman and Amanda Szwest truly outdid themselves this year with the haunted house. It is amazing how they can turn our park pavilion into such a spectacular treat for us all. Their hard work and selfless gift of time is a benefit to our entire community! Thank you ladies for taking on this monumental task once again.



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The costume contest was a great display of creativity among our BWH children. The competition was steep but our trusty judges, Harvey Ross, Lesley Carroll and Freddy Simon did a great job determining the winners. Thank you for your help year after year judges! And the winners were:

- **Best Super Hero/ Action Character or Public Safety Hero** - Mace Hood (policeman)
- **Best Fairy/Princess** - Brook Gentry, Caroline Cox, Emma Dixon
- **Most Adorable under 3** - Hadley Smock (hot air balloon) and Finn Parker (skunk)
- **Spookiest** - Shepard Crisp, Isabelle Carter and Ryan Thompson (Mars wierdos), Katia Fuson (zombie), William Lusk (bleeding ghost)
- **Most Unique** - Zoe Mock, Claire Lusk and Henry Berman (cave people); Kelsey Varn (sushi), Libby Carroll (grandma cookie baker), Morgan Payne (popcorn), Andrew Jenkins (satellite) and Layton Hurt (bedhead)
- **Best Group** - Lila Rogers, Caroline Howe, Ava Granot, Larson Normark and Millie Normark (Happy Meal); Savannah Jane Williams and friends Maggie and Madeline (washer/dryer); Cate Simons and friends Natalie and Abby (beauty contestants); Sam Mattingly, Hunter Brown and Marshall McCormack (Greasers); Kitty McCarthy and friends (Santa & reindeers)
- **Most Persistent** - Lily Whitworth (Catwoman)



A very big thank you goes out to the large group of volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event the success it was. Neighbors helping neighbors is truly a great reflection of the wonderful Brookwood Hills neighborhood we proudly call home. **THANK YOU** all!

Mary Stuart Bland Memorial

By Merrell Thompson

On November 4th, neighbors gathered to remember Mary Stuart Bland with a fun run, tennis tournament and dedication of the newly landscaped area next to the tennis courts. The renovation was overseen by Esther Stokes and funded with donations from family, friends and neighbors. The area has truly been transformed with Mary Stuart's favorite plants and shrubs and is not only a beautiful improvement to the pool/tennis area but also a long-lasting tribute to Mary Stuart's memory.



View from above the area adjacent to the tennis courts before renovation.



Post-renovation: Mary Stuart Bland Memorial

CALENDAR

- **Monday, December 3, BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:15p.m., location TBD.**

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