



# BrookNotes



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## Update on Proposed Development at Peachtree-Collier Intersection

*Contributed by NPU/Zoning Committee*

The proposed development along the east side of Peachtree Road at the intersection of Collier Road is a significant one for Brookwood Hills and involves NPU/zoning issues with important implications for our neighborhood. Encompassing the current footprint of (i) the existing Chick-fil-A store; (ii) the Peachtree Road Package Store (Liquor Store); (iii) the Peachtree Cleaners & Laundry; and (iv) the former Harry's in a Hurry, the proposed development will involve a 7-story medical office building and associated parking decks incorporated around a reconfigured Chick-fil-A store on the first floor. A second retail establishment on the first floor is also planned. The proposed development requires an application for rezoning, which will necessitate input from our Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU).

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## DAR Monument

### Longtime Neighbor Saves the Day!

*Contributed by Edward Katz*

Update-After lying sadly, as if toppled by Sherman's troops in their march to the sea, the DAR monument at the Palisades entrance has risen like a phoenix from the ashes. Thank long time neighbor Dudley Ottley. Dudley used his imagination and charm to persuade the Atlanta Waterworks crew that was working on the Palisades sinkhole to take a bulldozer and lift the monument back into its nest. Dudley and his wife Kay have lived in Brookwood Hills for over 40 years.

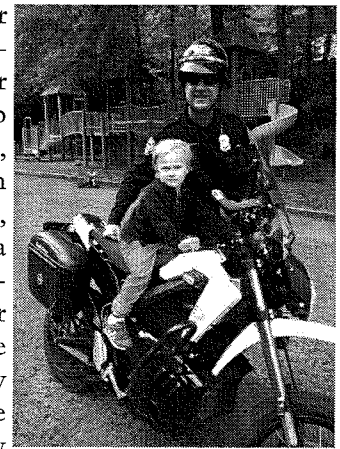
### **SPECIAL CONTEST:**

Brooknotes needs you! What the does the monument commemorate? The first BWH elementary school student that submits an article that answers this question and explains the history gets a free banana split, courtesy of Edward Katz and your BWH board.

## BWH Security Patrol Appreciation Year-End Bonus Time

*Contributed by BWH Security Chair Gregory Fiore*

It has been a busy year for our dedicated team of police officers who patrol our neighborhood daily to help keep us safe. Therefore, with the year winding down and the holidays among us, I thought it would be a good time to remind everyone how important our security patrol is to the neighborhood and list a few accomplishments of the BWH Security team led by Officer Barry Miller. Officer Miller and his team:



- Made two critical arrests in and around our neighborhood;
- Investigated and increased patrol when incidents occurred on upper Brighton/Camden. Improved coordination of security with Piedmont Hospital to prevent further break-ins;
- Repeatedly run off campers and squatters in the clear creek area;

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### Contribute to BrookNotes

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of BrookNotes is **Friday, December 13th.**

Submissions may be dropped off at **102 Wakefield Dr.** or e-mailed to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com).

## Changes in our BWH Board Leadership

- Katherine Dierdorff has moved out of her position as BWH Security Chair into one of the BrookNotes Co-Editing Chair positions.
- Gregory Fiore is the new BWH Security Chair.
- Neale Fisher is the new BWH Vice President and will continue to temporarily serve as the Treasurer.

Are you interested in giving back to your  
BrookwoodHills Community?

**JOIN THE BWH BOARD!**



There are a variety of BWH Board positions opening up this January 2014. All positions require a 3-year commitment and monthly Board meetings in the neighborhood.

Serving on the BWH Board affords you to show your active support for all that makes this neighborhood great and one of the most sought after places to live in Metro Atlanta.

### Positions opening up in January are:

- BWH Social Chairs — 2 positions available
- BWH Pool Pavilion & Park Reservations
- BWH Pool Chair — 1 position available
- BWH Membership Chair
- BWH Beautification Chair

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This development has evolved significantly over the past 9 months. In February 2013, a committee of Brookwood Hills Community Club ("BWHCC") Board members and neighbors was formed to meet with the developer, Cornerstone Development Partners LLC ("Cornerstone"). The BWHCC Board engaged a very experienced attorney, Bob Zoeckler, to provide legal advice regarding zoning implications and other land use considerations. The BWHCC Board also engaged Aaron Fortner, a principal with an Atlanta-based planning and design consulting firm.

In evaluating the proposed development, the Brookwood Hills committee focused on three major areas: (i) zoning issues and the potential zoning precedent for other commercial areas adjoining the neighborhood; (ii) the height and appearance of the building and associated parking decks; and (iii) the potential impact on traffic patterns. Following repeated meetings with the Cornerstone developers as well as city officials, the Brookwood Hills committee developed a consensus regarding certain conditions that would need to be met in order to achieve possible NPU support from the neighborhood. Two critical conditions included: (i) no movement of the existing single family residential (R-4) zoning line which bisects the relevant property; and (ii) no variances (direct or indirect) to the transitional height plane requirements affecting the property.

In addition, if not covered under these specific conditions, the Brookwood Hills committee articulated a general view that the office building should not be taller than 100 ft. in height (excluding any parapets). The committee determined this height based on a study of the existing tall buildings along Peachtree from I-85 through 2001 Peachtree (the study excluded The Brookwood which is out of scale with the other buildings). The study concluded that the six existing buildings plus the building to be built at the Joel & Associates property (at the corner of Huntington and Peachtree) average 98 feet and 7 floors in height, excluding parapets (i.e. the screens at the tops of buildings).

Throughout this entire process, the committee kept in close touch with our City Councilmembers, Howard Shook and Alex Wan, and they have been fully supportive of the committee's approach.

In October 2013, the Cornerstone developers prepared a new set of plans that appeared to meet the committee's primary conditions. As a result, the developers were invited to present their plans at the November 4 meeting of the BWHCC Board. On November 13, Lesley and Jamie Carroll kindly hosted another meeting with the Cornerstone developers to allow certain "high impact" neighbors (i.e. neighbors on Montclair and at the top of Brighton, Camden, Wakefield and Palisades) to

ask questions and learn more about the development. Based on ongoing feedback from neighbors, the Brookwood Hills committee is currently seeking to negotiate certain conditions related to construction, landscaping, signage, parking and traffic flow. If not permitted by the City in the actual zoning application, such conditions may be moved to a separate side agreement between Cornerstone and BWHCC.

In terms of the timetable for this process, it is expected that the BWHCC Board will vote regarding our position on Cornerstone's zoning application (and associated conditions) at the December 2 Board meeting, in advance of a December 3 meeting of our NPU. The application will then be reviewed at a December hearing of the Atlanta Zoning Review Board.

QUESTIONS? Contact BWHCC President John Wheeler (johndouglasswheeler@gmail.com) or NPU Co-Chairs Jim Stokes (jim.stokes@alston.com) and Shannon Cox (scox@kslaw.com).



## DIY Pilgrim Hat Centerpiece

*Reprinted from Spoonful.com*

Filled with potted mums or other fall flowers, this fun centerpiece will top off your Thanksgiving table in fitting fashion. **MATERIALS:** Black felt, square yard; Terra-cotta pot; Permanent red marker; Black poster board; Carpet tape; Yellow poster board

1. Tape a square yard of black felt to your work surface and set a terra-cotta pot (ours is 7 inches tall and 7 1/2 inches across) on its side at one edge of the felt, as shown. Roll the pot, tracing along the top and bottom edges with a permanent red marker as you go, then cut out the felt arc.
2. Next, cut two 15-inch circles, one from black poster board, the other from the remaining black felt. Set the pot upside down in the center of the poster board circle, trace around its rim, then cut out the inner circle to create a large ring. Now trace the rim of the pot in the center of the felt circle and cut an asterisk in the center, as specified.
3. Tape the felt circle atop the poster board ring. Set the bottom of the pot on the asterisk and slide the brim up to the rim of the pot. Attach strips of carpet tape to the outside of the pot, then tape one end of the felt arc to the side and wrap the arc around the pot, sticking it to the tape.
4. Trim away any excess felt. For the finishing touch, tape on a buckle cut from yellow poster board.



## 2013 Halloween Party in the Park

*Article by Caroline Normark, BWHCC Social Chair; Photos by Katy Fransen*



It was a warm fall day for this year's Halloween party. The park was filled with dozens of families and children dressed in their Halloween best all ready for an evening of fun and fellowship.

The all-new haunted house was quite a big hit. Those that dared...entered at their own risk and tried not to encounter the riderless bike! Thanks to Amanda Szwast and Debby Moorman for their hard work in creating the new theme. The video of the BWH zombie children was especially chilling!

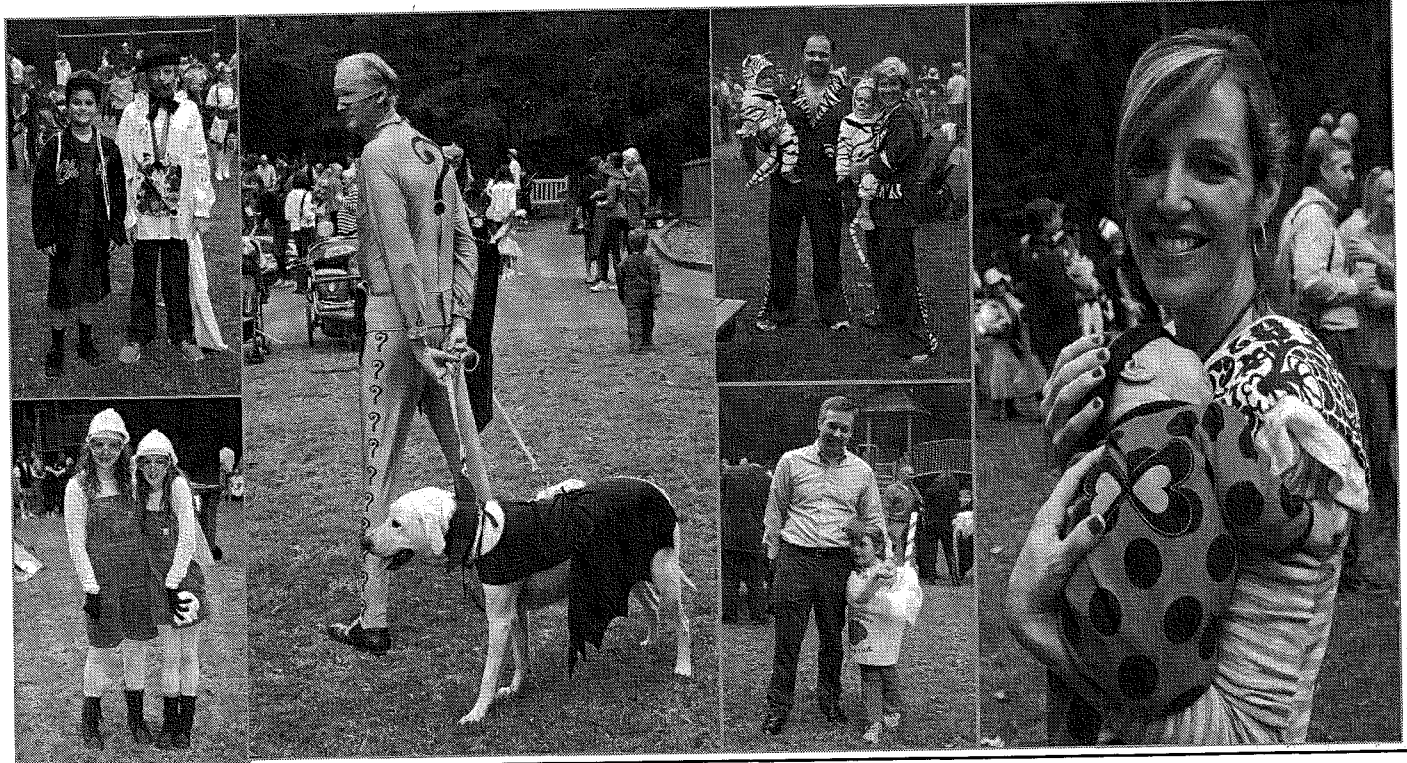
The costume contest showed how creative our BWH children are. Costumes ranged from princesses to monsters to candy boxes and everything in between. It's always fun to see what the children will come up with.

Thank you to Harvey Ross, Lesley Carroll and Freddy Simon for once again picking the best of the best.

We would like to thank JoEllyn Bass with Beacham and Company Realtors for sponsoring our party this year. We greatly appreciate her support of our neighborhood and this Brookwood Hills Halloween tradition.

Thank you also to all of the volunteers who helped set up, clean up and work shifts throughout the party. This party requires a lot of help and we are so thankful for those of you who gave your time to make this party a success.

Happy Fall to all!





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- Participated in meetings with Katherine Dierdorff (past BWH Security Chair), other key Board members and BWH neighbors to develop alliances with neighboring communities and business for increased security;
- Consulted on exploratory data collection on pros and cons for a video camera system at the BWH entrances/exits;
- Encouraged the posting of signs in the neighborhood.

Although not always apparent, the security patrol is critical to our security. Since becoming security chair in November, I've been impressed with their eagerness, coordination and continual change in tactics. For the 2014, they have suggested ways the neighborhood can increase communication and use technology to help improve safety.

With their support and responsiveness critical to our neighborhood safety, we wanted to send a friendly reminder for those who have not yet had a chance to contribute to the annual BWH security bonus. Several neighbors have asked for guidance on how much to contribute. So far, contributions range from \$35.00 - \$300.00.

## How can you donate to the BWH Security Patrol year-end bonus?

1. Log-in to the [www.brookwoodhills.com](http://www.brookwoodhills.com) website. On the home page you will see "Support our security officers year-end bonus" under "Latest News". Simply click on that link to make a secure, online contribution using PayPal;

2. Or, if you prefer, drop a check off to Gregory Fiore at 111 Brighton Road NE. Please make checks payable to BWHCC

If you have any questions, please txt or call Gregory Fiore at 917.549.4185.

Thank you in advance for your support!



## E. Rivers Holiday Tree Sale

*Contributed by Caroline Normark*

E. Rivers Elementary School will be holding their annual tree sale December 6-8 from 8am-8pm or until the last tree is sold.

The sale will be held at the new temporary campus at 4360 Powers Ferry Rd, NW Atlanta, GA 30327. They will have 5 ft - 11 ft freshly cut Frasier Firs from the Smokey Holler Tree Farm in NC. There will also be poinsettias, fresh wreaths, decorative pine roping and baked goods.

100% of the proceeds benefit the E. Rivers Elementary School PTA. There will be free delivery to our neighborhood so please come buy your tree and support your local school.

## BWH Garden Club

### Visits Artisan Vineyard & Winery

*Contributed by Kathleen Waldrop*



The BWH Garden Club recently took a trip to Tiger, Georgia to tour Carla and Carl Fackler's (former residents of BWH) artisan vineyard and winery. Carla is also a past president of BWH Garden Club.

The Facklers first vines were planted in 2005 at Stonewall Creek Vineyards, and the winery opened in 2013 with the Bridge Creek Tasting Room nearby. The impressive, award winning wines include - Cabernet Franc, Cabernet, Sauvignon, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Tannat and Petit Manseng - the grapes of which are all well suited for the Georgia mountain climate. The Facklers had an abundant crop this year, and their Cabernet Franc was voted best of Georgia!

The Garden Club enjoyed a lovely catered lunch and wine pairing at the scenic vineyard. We purchased our favorite wines and relaxed as our bus driver safely drove us home. For more information about Carla and Carl Fackler's vineyard visit [www.stonewallcreek.com](http://www.stonewallcreek.com)

## Spotlight on...Matt Thompson

*Contributed by BrookNotes Co-Editor Katherine Dierdorff*



We have so many interesting people living in Brookwood Hills. So, occasionally we highlight a neighbor in our BrookNotes publication. Matt Thompson....

thank you for taking time to let us into your business!

**So tell us... what do you do?** I make adult cartoons, similar in humor style to something like South Park. I have been doing it for about 15 years now, first starting off making cartoons for Cartoon Network's Adult Swim. I currently am in production on three shows, all of them for FX. Bigfoot is about well... Bigfoot and it stars Seth Rogen. Another about a rapper is called Chozen and that comes from Danny McBride's company with him starring in it as well. Lastly, I am going into my fifth season of Archer, which is a show about a jerk-ball spy. Archer has been my most successful show and it has been a lot of fun to make. From time to time, the cast and I even put on a live version of the show, which is weird and fun. All of the cartoons shows are made here in Atlanta by my staff of about 150 really talented artists.

**What happens when people find out you make cartoons for a living?** Usually I get the same thing: what an amazing and fun job! Do you just sit around having fun all day? In truth, it is just like every other job: you go to the office, do your thing, and hope to make it home in time for dinner. But I guess there are cool things about it. One my favorite things is seeing my family animated. All of my kids have been in my shows, both in look and voice. Also, early on when we needed someone to model some inspirational poses for a character, I took pictures of my very understanding wife and turned them into drawings, which was... fun.

**What about your BWH friends and neighbors...have any of them been in any of your shows?** Yes, definitely! ...some of our BWH friends and neighbors have been in shows for me. Marshal McCormack had a big part in a pilot I did for FOX and Freddy Simon is used as the face model of a current character in my show Archer. The character is named Ramone Limone and he is a hit man from Cuba voiced by Ron Perlman. In fact, Freddy's character is back for an episode in the upcoming season. I think Freddy has had a lot of fun with it. At least I hope he has.

**Did you always know you wanted to go into animated production?** I never had a real interest in cartoons besides just watching them as a kid. I cannot even draw very well. I kinda backed into it. What I wanted to do was tell funny stories for either movies or TV. I tried to get hired most everywhere on the planet when I was much younger. Out of pity Cartoon Network eventually offered me a job as a Production Assistant and I have been making cartoons ever since. I have done a little bit of live action stuff here and there, but I keep returning to cartoons. The medium gives you ultimate control of the story telling. You can replace any storyline or performance at any time, quickly reshaping things when you see they are not working or you have a different / better idea. With live action, you are locked into what you shot. I also like how I get to live in Atlanta as opposed to NY or LA. If I switched over to live action, chances are that I would have to move. And now that BWH has their own band, I just don't want to do that.

**What current or past shows are/have been your greatest inspiration?** For cartoons it's The Simpsons. I have not watched it in a while, but there was a time when I would watch a stack reel of old episodes for two hours a day. It was not a very productive time, but it was a time. For telling your story in a clever way that makes things rap back upon itself, Seinfeld and Mr. Show. For making reality funny, The Larry Sanders Show. Mostly now though I just watch sports because I feel like I have seen everything. And with Georgia and the Falcons so beat up, I am not watching much TV at all. Instead I find myself wandering through our neighborhood, looking through all of your windows.

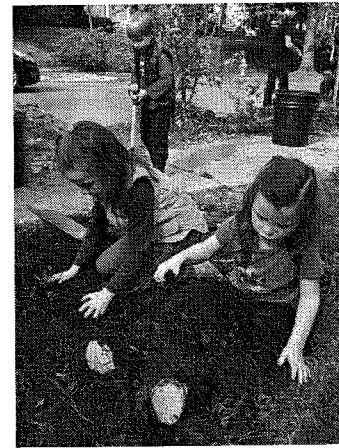
**What advice would you give to any young person interested in following in your footsteps!?** Put something out on YouTube and try and get your hits up. Don't be concerned with someone stealing your idea. You need people to notice you.

**Give them the straight scoop...how often do you make it home for dinner?** Sadly, not very often. I am working on it. Dan Granot just helped me move my studio into a new space in Atlantic Station. With the move behind me, I am hoping the shorter commute gets me home in time to yell at my children more.

**So, you mentioned that Archer has a new season coming up? When does it premiere for those of us interested in tuning in?** Season 5 of Archer airs on Monday nights in February on FX. If you don't like it, blame Freddy.

## Another Successful BWH Annual Tree Planting Event!

*Article Contributed by BWH Tree Chair, Edward Katz Photos by Doug Smock*



The tree planting was held on Saturday November 10th, and it was yet another rousing success. It was a gorgeous fall day, as almost 25 Trees Atlanta volunteers and 10 BWH volunteers aged 4-years old and up met at the pavilion for coffee and bagels. The volunteers then planted 20 beautiful trees throughout our neighborhood...and one volunteer planted herself!

A special thanks goes to Eve Goldstein and Katrina Newton, without whom the annual planting would not happen. We are also very grateful to Trees Atlanta and planting coordinator Susan Cunningham, who leads this city wide program to reforest Atlanta. Please consider donating to Trees Atlanta as part of your year end charity program.

## The Historic Randolph Lucas House Relocation

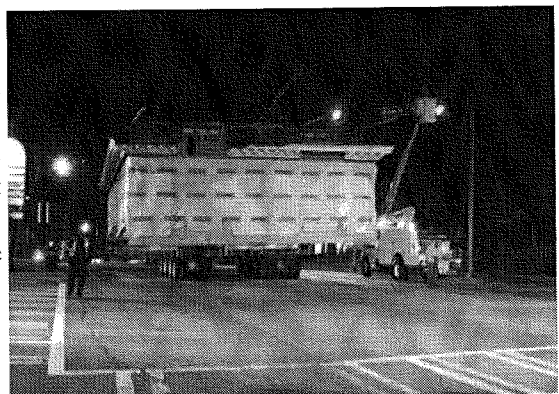
*Text reprint from AJC, Photo submitted by Mac Irvin*

BWH neighbor Mac Irvin set his alarm clock for 3:15 a.m. to make sure he saw the Historic Randolph Lucas house as it was passing Brighton Road on its way to its new home in Ansley Park..

The historic Randolph-Lucas House was relocated from 2500 Peachtree Road in the Buckhead community of Atlanta to 78 Peachtree Circle in Atlanta's historic Ansley Park neighborhood Friday evening of November 8th. The house was transported south on Peachtree Road from its intersection with Lindbergh Drive around midnight on November 7th.

Since February, Christopher Jones and Roger Smith, founders of NewTown Partners, have been working with the Buckhead Heritage Society, the 2500 Peachtree Condominium Association, the City of Atlanta, and other partners to coordinate the logistics of moving the structure, which is a locally designated Historic Building in the City of Atlanta. Jones and Smith will use the house as their primary residence once it is relocated to Ansley Park.

Regarding the relocation, Buckhead Heritage Society President, Wright Mitchell, stated: "The relocation of the Randolph-Lucas House to Ansley Park is the culmination of many months of hard work by Christopher Jones and Roger Smith of NewTown Partners, the 2500 Peachtree Condominium Association, the City of Atlanta and Buckhead Heritage Society. This project sets an example, not only in the City of Atlanta, but nationally as well, regarding how creative minds and committed individuals can come together to solve even the most difficult historic preservation problems."



## Join the Nature's Garden Delivered BWH Co-Op



Are you interested in having fresh, organic fruits & vegetables delivered to you in BWH once a week or every other week? Katherine & Tom Dierdorff on Woodcrest Ave. are a host co-op site for BWH residents only through Nature's Garden Delivered.

Nature's Garden Delivered is an Atlanta-based Grocery Delivery service offering home and office delivery of the finest Naturally & Organically grown fruits & vegetables, free-range eggs, farm fresh dairy, grass-fed meats, breads, coffee, honey, artisan cheeses, almond butter and more!

Deliveries arrive at the Dierdorff home on Thursday of each week between 2:00-3:00PM.

If this is something that interests you, check out the Nature's Garden Delivered website. <https://ga.naturesgardendelivered.com/> It is very informative and should answer any questions you may have. If you decide to join our BWH residents only co-op, email Carl McDonald at [Carl@ga.naturesgardendelivered.com](mailto:Carl@ga.naturesgardendelivered.com).

## Neighborhood Announcements

### HOLIDAY CHILDCARE

Eliza Granade, is a sophomore at Vanderbilt. She will be home from December 10th through January 5th and would love to babysit or pet sit anytime! She can be reached at (404)431-1125 or at [eliza.b.granade@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:eliza.b.granade@vanderbilt.edu)



Tom and Elizabeth Schaefer and their son 21 month old son Charlie were blessed with a beautiful little girl Emma Jane on October 8, 2013. Welcome to BWH Emma Jane!

## New Arrivals in BWH



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