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Second Annual Best Butt in Brookwood Hills Recap

By Kirsten Kenna & Elizabeth Schaefer

Despite a forecast for heavy rain, the second annual Best Butt in Brookwood Hills on November 7th was a great success! The Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Brookwood Hills Friends extend a sincere thank you to all of the sponsors, teams, volunteers, donors and attendees who helped make it happen. We raised approximately \$11,000 for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) to support several key initiatives this year including three new staff members for the patients at the Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children at Hughes Spalding hospital and three additional critical care fellows at Egleston Hospital's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU).

The event included a special area, Carson's Corner, for our youngest attendees to create an art project for patients at CHOA. Thanks to our generous donors and enthusiastic attendees, Brookwood Hills donated dozens of new journals and \$800 to CHOA specifically in honor of Carson Cox.

Eight teams presented their best barbecue with Jabba the Butt (Jim Boatright, Charlie Hurt, James Lewis, Chip Lusk, and Gajan Retnasaba) winning the title of Best Butt in Brookwood Hills. Their presentation included a special appearance by Darth Vader. The Miss Congeniality award for best presentation went to There's Always a Butt (Kevin Cox, Mike McCollum, John Mulcahy, and Rob Davies).

Our other amazing teams included:

Bearded BBQ: Jeremy Miller and Brad Walker

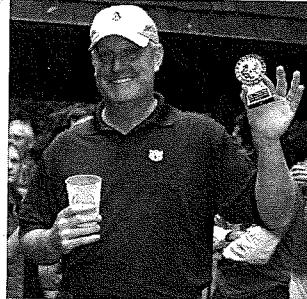
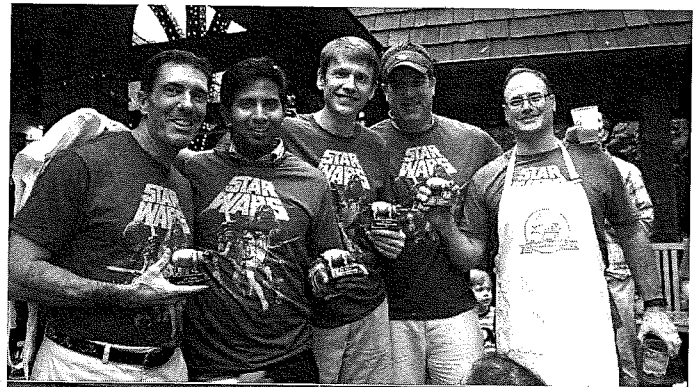
Butt Checks: Jay Herbert, Ryan Newth, Scott Stevens and Andrew Wamberg

Fat Stacks & West Racks: Bryan Kenna, Kevin Kleinelter, Don Mock, Court Parker, and Tom Schaefer

Master Basters: Lee Cardwell, Matt Little, Pete Powell and Doug Smock

Pain In The Butt: Laurie, Chad and Mace Hood

Sweat Hogs: Dan Granot, Mike Jones, Glenn Kolker and Ian Zabor



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BrookNotes welcomes articles, artwork, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of BrookNotes is **Friday, January 8th.**

Submissions may be dropped off at **102 Wakefield Dr.** or e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com.

Mark Your Calendar!

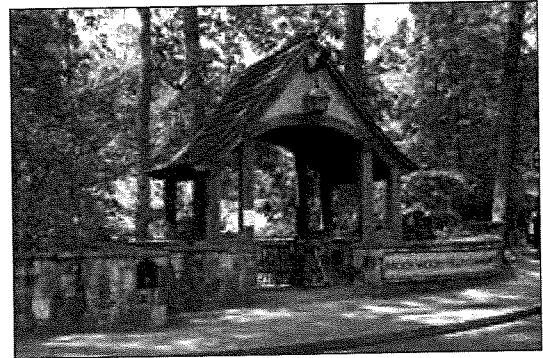
Security Patrol Holiday Bonus

Remember to contribute to the Security Patrol Holiday Bonus, details on page 6

Annual Brookwood Hills Community Club Meeting

January 27, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

The Brookwood Hills Community Club will hold its annual meeting Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Rich Auditorium of Piedmont Hospital. Email reminders will be sent closer to the date.



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(404) 325-5114

BWH Security Chair security@brookwoodhills.com

Greg Fiore (657) 229-4728 (text or call)

Ladies of Legacy

Contributed by Kathy Bernhardt and Nancy Kennedy



Have you lost touch with some of your friends in Brookwood Hills, have some of your friends moved out of Brookwood Hills, would you like to meet new friends who live in Brookwood Hills, are you 60 years of age or older, and female? If so, you are invited to join Legacy Ladies, a group of women of a certain age who either currently live in Brookwood Hills or have lived in Brookwood Hills. Please send a check in the amount of \$25 made out to Legacy Ladies to Alison Caughman, 200 Camden Road, NE, 30309. This is a one-time membership cost.

A small group of members volunteer to host a monthly gathering that can take any form. Past events, held on the third Monday of the month, have included luncheons in Brookwood Hills, both in homes and at the Pavilion, luncheons in near-by restaurants, wine and cheese tastings, brunch, and afternoon tea. The hosting group determines cost. The Holiday Season and Spring are each welcomed with a large party to which spouses are invited.

Established January of 2002 at a lunch at the now-defunct Peachtree Road Legacy Restaurant by a group of longtime Brookwood Hills ladies, monthly gatherings enable those who no longer see each other regularly on the pool deck, in the carpool line, or at the park to catch up with each other and carry on the legacy of Brookwood Hills. We look forward to having you join the group.



Second Annual Best Butt Recap

We would like to give a huge thanks to our guest judges from Saltyard, Tavernpointe, and Holeman and Finch who lent a helpful hand in determining our winners. The event would not have been possible without our many sponsors (listed below) and cooking teams that pitched in last minute to setup our rain location. Thank you to the entire neighborhood for supporting this fun event!

2015 Best Butt Sponsors

Whole Hog: Capital Investment Partners

Pig Out: American Spirit Whiskey, K2 Construction, Two Men and a Truck, RLS Construction, Burch and Mark Hanson and Ellen and Jeff Koebler

Little Piggy: Define, Tavernpointe, Gusto, Revival Construction, ESD Homes, Holeman and Finch, H&W Printing, Fiona and Scott Bell, Marguerite and Jim Lewis, Amy and Paul Mattson, Steve and Betty Walker, Ledbetter, Wannamaker, and Glass

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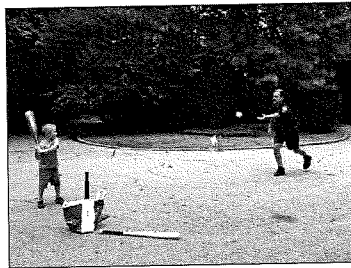
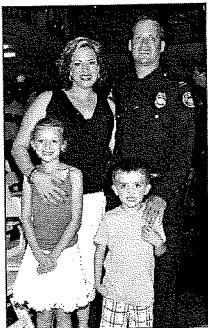
Introducing our New Security Head

Contributed by Susan Crawford

Lieutenant Jeff Baxter has been with the Atlanta Police Department (APD) since 1997. After winning the Physical Fitness Award for his police academy class, he selected the Zone 2 Precinct (Buckhead) as his patrol area. While a patrolman in Zone 2, he started working the Neighborhood Security Patrol for Barry Miller and has been working in the neighborhoods ever since.

After getting promoted to Sergeant, he worked in the Zone 3 Precinct, then in the Homeland Security unit. After his promotion to Lieutenant, he was assigned to the Zone 1 precinct. In 2012, he was tapped to create a new unit within APD to provide public safety for the Atlanta Beltline.

Lt. Baxter has his Bachelor's degree from Georgia State University in Criminal Justice, and his Masters of Public Administration from Columbus State University. He's also a certified police instructor and served as a military policeman in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. Lt. Baxter has been married for 14 years and has a daughter Madison (13 years old) and a son Mason (9 years old).

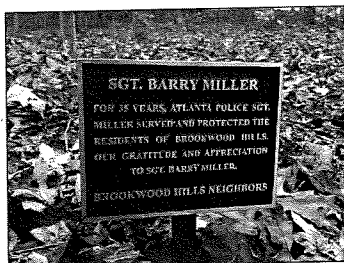


Lt. Baxter playing ball on Lower Camden

Tribute to Sgt. Barry Miller

Contributed by Thomas Player

The bench, Dogwood tree and plaque are now in place as a tribute to our long-time security supervisor, Sgt. Barry Miller. It is located on the trail behind the tennis courts.



Security Update

Contributed by Greg Fiore

Holidays are a magical time in Brookwood Hills but, unfortunately, it also means an increase in crime. A few holiday reminders:

Checking phone messages while parked – While out and about please do not check your messages while parked in your car. Checking phone messages makes you unaware of surroundings and a target for car jacking.

Gifts – Avoid leaving gifts out in the open, whether inside your car or visible through a home window.

Boxes – Please do not leave boxes of expensive items on the curb. This advertises and attracts crime. Boxes can be turned inside out or brought out to the curb the morning of trash pick-up.

Awareness – We want to thank those neighbors that continue to report suspicious behavior. If you notice suspicious activity or feel uncomfortable at anytime, please call 911, post on Village Defense and contact security patrol. Pictures of an incident, if done safely, are encouraged.

Lighting – A well-lit house is a deterrent to crime. With LED bulbs reducing the cost of electricity, there is no excuse for having a dark home. This goes for inside the home, where timers are effective, as well as outside the home.

Travel – If traveling for the holiday, please call the security hotline to report your address and travel dates (we are working on an email notification system). Security patrol will check your home while you are away.

Solicitation – Illegal solicitation was more frequent this year, and I feel we have greatly improved in our response as a neighborhood. As a reminder, city ordinance makes it illegal to solicit in our neighborhood. If someone knocks on your door, please do not open your door. Let the solicitor know that it is illegal to solicit without a permit.

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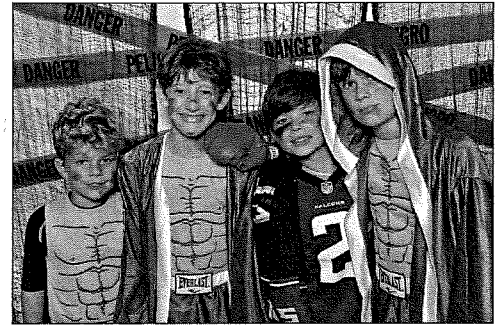
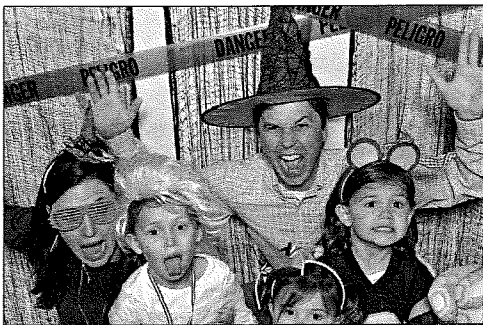
BWH Halloween!

Contributed by Kirsten Boehner and Jennifer Webster

Once again BWH came ready to party on Oct. 31. We spotted a wooly mammoth, 5 foot high hair, sumo wrestlers and boxers, a gorgeous peacock, a quite tall Charlie Brown, incredible Incredibles, a muppets reboot, colorful crayons, Blue Men and Pink Ladies, Dorothies and Totoes, a mobile hamster, adorable cats/bunnies/dogs/pandas/monkeys, the Grinch and Max, wonderful witches, awesome athletes and their coaches, Sponge Bobs and Patricks, busters of ghosts and troopers of storm, candy creations, goddesses and super heroes, scary stuff we couldn't identify, Tay Tay's kittens and on and on and on.

The party kicked off with food and merriment in the park and a Trick or Treat surprise on the wooded path. A big thank you to the volunteers who sat in a box for an hour to make this trick come to life (a big apology for not being able to keep up with demand). Chris Moorman wowed the crowd as our wandering magician and people hammed it up at the photo stage (for free downloads of your pictures, see <http://eksluder.zenfolio.com/brookwood> - click on the photo and a download link will appear or you can order a printed copy). We ended the night with the traditional costume contest where the judges had their work cut out for them to choose amongst the many wonderful and creative costumes on display. We still haven't worked out how to manage the sound system, but we will get it next year!!

Many thanks to our sponsors for making the night happen: Jan Kolker and JoEllyn Bass from Beacham and Company Realtors.



Photographs by Katie Sluder

Security Update

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Next call 911, post on Village Defense APP and then call security patrol.

Security Communication Change

With adoption of the Village Defense (VD) app by most of our neighborhood, we will be stopping the use of the security signs at the entrances of our neighborhood. For those that don't use a smartphone, you can register to have Village Defense call you when an incident occurs. We've found this process faster and safer than recording and posting signs. Please contact security@brookwoodhills.com for questions regarding this change.

One of our long term goals is to have security patrol formally monitor Village Defense postings 24/7. Today, they are monitoring when on duty but we don't have full coverage via phone nor on the Village Defense app. Although I believe we need 24/7 coverage by patrol, we have a limited budget and neighbors continually use the app for non-security related issues. Once postings cease for lost pets and non-security issues, we will ask Patrol to price 24/7 coverage.

Security Patrol Holiday Bonus

For those new to the neighborhood, we ask neighbors to contribute to the security patrol holiday bonus. You can contribute in one of two ways:

1. Log-in to the www.brookwoodhills.com website. On the home page you will see "Support our security officer's year-end bonus" under "Latest News." Simply click on that link to make a secure, online contribution using PayPal. This link has been fixed.
2. Or, if you prefer, drop a check off to Gregory Fiore at 111 Brighton Road N.E. Please make checks payable to BWHCC.

Thank you in advance for your support! If you have any questions, please email security@brookwoodhills.com.

The Southern Chill

Contributed by Robin Fisher

We are excited to announce a new party in the works benefitting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA), which is chaired by our very own Kellam Mattie, with host committee help from BWH neighbors Robin Fisher, Wendy Lewis and Mary Susan Wheeler. The Southern Chill will be held on Friday, January 22, 2016 at the American Spirit Works. The Southern Chill will be true to its name - the coolest party in town with an upscale southern theme complete with local BWH band Goat Rodeo playing classic country and southern rock, southern inspired food from Soiree Catering, a bourbon tasting alongside a full bar. For those with winner's luck, we will have a fun game or two, as well as an upscale southern-themed silent auction.

If you have a business that would like to support an important local charity AND you would like to reach an audience of 500+ fabulous, connected Atlantans, please consider a corporate sponsorship OR silent auction donation. Please contact Robin Fisher at 312-730-6570 or robinofisher@icloud.com to learn more. Sponsorships start as low as \$500 and include tickets to the event. Individuals can also be sponsors! All proceeds go towards the Friends volunteer organization's \$3,000,000 fundraising goal benefiting CHOA programs such as funding 3 additional ICU pediatric fellowships at Egleston, the Marcus Autism Center and the Strong4Life wellness initiative.

Traditional invitations go out after Christmas but like most CHOA parties, things are sold out by the time the invitations go out! Tickets are on sale now at www.choa.org/southernchill



Brookwood Hills Thanksgiving 7K

Contributed by Gajan Retnasaba

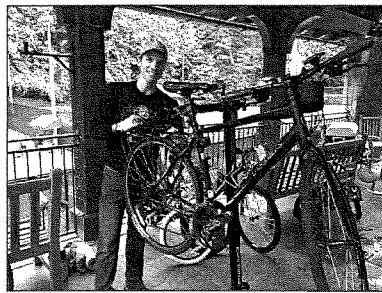
Neighbors celebrated Thanksgiving morning with the running of the second Brookwood 7k. Starting at the top of Brighton Road, runners wound their way through every street in the neighborhood, finishing at the Park. The race was won by Tom Carr and Charlotte Lee who finished together in 34:08.



Turning for Type One Update

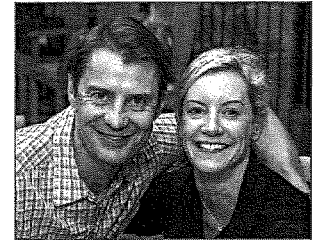
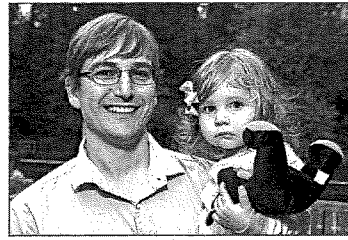
Contributed by Sarah Bristow

We are thrilled to announce that the "Tuning for Type One" event in October was a huge success! With the help of bike tuners Greg Fiore and Gareth Jones, the bike mechanics were able to tune over 30 bikes, raising almost \$1200 for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. In addition to the bike tunes, neighborhood kids Land Blackwell and Grace Richardson ran an outstanding bake sale and graciously donated 100 percent of their proceeds as well. Thank you all SO much for your support. We look forward to hosting again next fall! Lands Little Red Bakeshop is still going through the holidays. To place an order, please visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4bada72fa64-lands>

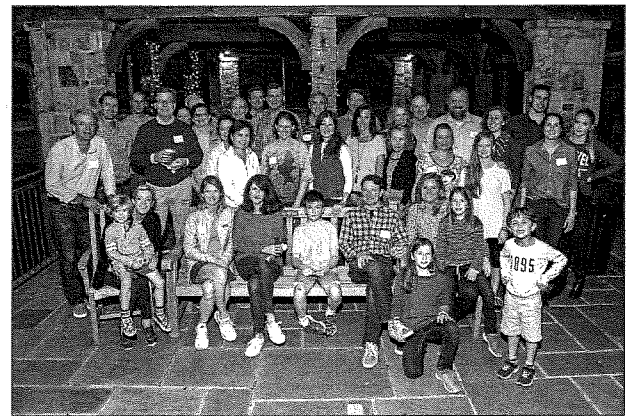
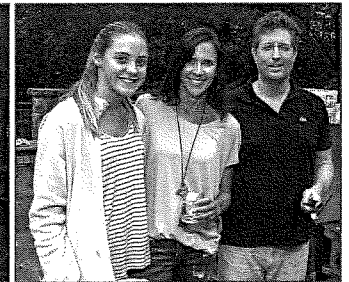
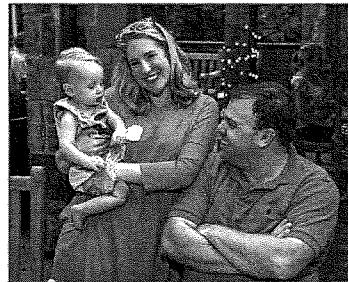


Huntington Road Party

Contributed by Kathleen Waldrop

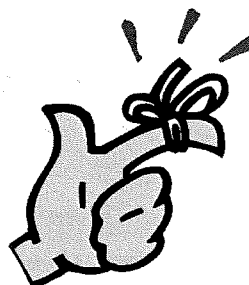


On a lovely October Sunday afternoon, Huntington Road neighbors enjoyed mingling with new and old friends. Allen Tuthill and Derek Ennis were the grill masters of the day and the talented Hayes Wilson served as the photographer. Our newest Huntington neighbors are Colleen and Scott Stevens at 67 Huntington Rd and their sons, Daniel and Patrick. Welcome Stevens to Huntington!



Reminder! Don't Forget...

Please turn off the tennis lights once you are finished playing.



Restaurant Recommendation

Trey and Lee Loughran recommend all our neighbors try the new restaurant TavernPointe - a bit south of us on Peachtree, across from Equifax. Tavern Pointe is a fabulous restaurant in a tricky location. It has great space and more importantly, spectacular food! We've been waiting for that great family restaurant with terrific burgers, brisket, salads, entrees and this is it! It is equally as wonderful for an adult night out. We are picky and this one is a winner. Hoping to get bigger crowd at this fabulous find.

House Keeper/BabySitter

Florence Dawson recommends Sophia Rubio. Sophia is a delightful housekeeper, babysitter, also available for party assistance, errands and pet /plant care. She currently works for several neighborhood families and would like two additional days of work. Please contact Flo for Sophia's contact information, jdfd2003@gmail.com.

New Yoga Studio

Megan Graves recommends a new yoga studio that has opened on the Westside, on Howell Mill Road, across from the Food Truck Park. They offer a great community class on Wednesday nights (7:15 p.m.) that is donations based. The studio supports charity : water which brings clean drinking water to people in developing countries. <http://www.westsideyoga.net/>

Estate Sale Website Recommendation

Bob Redella recommends Everything But The House (www.EBTH.com), the nation's largest estate sale auction company that provides the trusted, comprehensive service needed to empty a home due to downsizing, divorce, or helping to move an aging parent from his or her beloved home.

Whether you need to sell or are browsing to buy, EBTH sells everything from significant works of art and luxury cars and jewelry to every day household items including electronics and garage tools.

- They have over 250k registered bidders, and ship internationally. This gives the seller a much greater audience than relying on who might wander through the traditional weekend estate tag sale.

- EBTH takes care of all of the details and does all of the work to prepare the items in the home for the sale - from sorting and photographing to cataloging and placing items for sale on our website. They'll even arrange for donations and trash removal of items that are not suitable for sale.

- Antiques and fine art items command winning bids comparable to high end auction houses, and generate tremendous bidder interest for smaller estate sales comprised of everyday household items.

- Their service creates peace of mind for those who are downsizing or dealing with a loved one's estate as well as for executives, expatriates, and athletes who are relocating.

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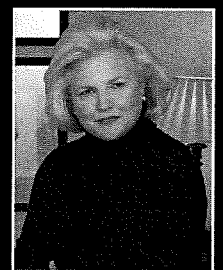
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