

BROOKNOTES

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Metropolis Granted Liquor License

Efforts have been made on several fronts to oppose the granting of a liquor license for 1923 Peachtree Road. Formerly the location of Zazu's and more recently called Cafe Reggio, the operator of this property is now trying to open as Metropolis.

On October 6th the neighborhood met with disappointment as the License Review Board recommended approval of the liquor license application of Courtney Dillard, the current owner of Metropolis. At the hearing, the neighborhood expressed its long-standing opposition to a nightclub along this portion of Peachtree Road. Nightclubs and bars feature live entertainment for a late night/early morning clientele. Locating such a business without adequate on site parking, adjacent to a quiet family neighborhood, is totally inconsistent with sound urban planning.

Subsequent to the License Review Board ruling, the neighborhood wrote and called Mayor Maynard Jackson. In our letter, we requested the Mayor meet with representatives of Brookwood Hills and the Ardmore/28th Street neighborhood association prior to taking an action on the pending application. As outlined in our letter, we wished to discuss the reasons we believe this liquor license should not be granted, and to discuss our neighborhood's work to perform a Small Area Study of this portion of Peachtree Road in order to develop long-term solutions to our parking and zoning problems. Regretfully, the Mayor approved the application without first meeting with us.

The neighborhood, Ardmore/28th Street Civic Association and certain nearby neighbors are now in the process of filing a suit to have the liquor license for Metropolis declared illegal and void. In July, a similar suit was filed by Brookwood Hills and these other same parties. On the day of the hearing before Judge Frank Hull, the applicant surrendered his license. Thereafter, he submitted a new application which resulted in the License Review Board hearing on October 6th.

The Board and I am grateful for the efforts of many residents who have assisted us in this struggle. Two former Presidents of the Community Club, Nolan Leake and Bill Withrow, have been particularly helpful and given tirelessly of their time. Two current Board members, Mac Irvin and Pat Leake, have also provided valuable leadership. If you get a chance, please thank them for their efforts.

In addition to volunteer assistance, your Board has spent approximately \$15,000 in legal fees on this issue. This comes at a time when the Community Club faces other fiscal challenges, which you will be hearing more about in upcoming editions of Brooknotes.

We will keep you up to date on further developments in this matter as they occur.

Lee Robinson
Community Club President

Help Beautify the Park

Our park is one of this neighborhood's greatest assets. We all benefit from having it look its best. The park needs some extra attention just now, so a neighborhood work day is being planned for **Saturday, November 20th, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Lots of hands are needed for many different kinds of tasks. Help will be needed for clearing trash, pruning, pulling weeds, and minor carpentry jobs. We would also welcome some volunteers for baby-sitting, so that more adult hands can be freed for other jobs. This will be a great opportunity to visit with neighbors while doing something truly beneficial for our neighborhood. Please call Sarah Ellen Love at 874-4036 or David Forquer at 874-3254 if you're willing to help organize this event.

BWH Play Group Organized

A group of neighborhood moms (our numbers have grown to 17!) with children two years of age and younger, are meeting at the Park on Monday mornings around 10:00 (weather permitting, of course). If you have not been contacted about the group and are interested in joining us, just come on down to the Park with some juice and snack for your little one(s). Feel free to call Linda Harris at 872-0119 if you have questions.

Card & Wreath Sale

The Brookwood Hills Twigs has organized an open house holiday card and wreath sale to benefit the Egleston Children's Hospital at Emory University. It will take place on November 9th at the home of Betty Walker, 145 Brighton, from 10:00 until noon, and again from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The holiday cards, with seven designs created by patients at Egleston, will be available to buy and take home on the 9th. The cost for twenty cards and envelopes will be \$10.00 per package. The wreaths can be ordered on the 9th, with delivery to your home by December 1st. Come by and support Twigs in its effort to raise money for this worthy cause.

Brooknotes Schedule

The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes will be Friday, November 5th. Brooknotes submissions must be in writing and should be dropped off at Alison Caughman's house, 200 Camden Road.

Welcome New Neighbors

Jeff and Donna Mintz have just moved into 110 Brighton with their two children Anna and Martin. Anna, 7 years old, is in the Second Grade at Westminster. Martin, 4, is at the Peachtree Road Methodist Preschool.

Karla and David Morris are the new owners of 225 Camden. They are returning to Atlanta from Birmingham and are expecting their first child in March. David is Vice President of Finance for Central Pharmacy Services Inc.

Safety Alert

Parents, please be aware that a portion of the fence which runs between the cul-de-sac at the end of Camden Road and Clear Creek has come down. There is severe erosion along the creek at that point, and consequently there is a potentially dangerous drop-off which is, no doubt, quite attractive to neighborhood children as a place to play. Besides the drop to the creek, which is sometimes polluted with waste water run-off, the railroad trestle over the water is also close to this spot. If your children are likely to play in this area, please be sure they are aware of these potential dangers.

Mark Your Calendars

All Brookwood Hills parents interested in learning more about our fine public elementary school, E. Rivers, are invited to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, November 18th, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. This year the hosts will be Alison and Wright Caughman at 200 Camden Road. This is a great opportunity to meet Principal Joy Matthews, several teachers, and parents of children currently enrolled. All will be available to answer any questions you may have about the school. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Three years ago there were only five children from Brookwood Hills attending Rivers. The school has worked hard to get the message out to the neighborhood that it is a great place to send children, and there are now thirteen BWH families with eighteen children at Rivers. Come find out if it's the right place for your family too! Parents of babies and toddlers are especially welcome, because it's never too early to start thinking about the many school options available to our children today.

Your Vote Counts

Don't forget that Tuesday, November 2nd, is election day, with many local races which have the potential to impact Brookwood Hills. From the many candidates' signs which have sprouted throughout the neighborhood, it's clear that there is a great deal of community interest in this election. There is even one candidate for Fulton County Commissioner, John O'Callaghan, who grew up in Brookwood Hills on Brighton Road.

The county will once again be making available sample ballots for voters to study prior to the election. These sample ballots should be available at our designated polling place at the Atlanta Jewish Community Center some time next week. Whatever your political persuasion, be sure to make your opinions count by voting on the 2nd.

The Boys Camp Out

The Brookwood Boys will test their manhood in a camp-out on Saturday, October 23rd, at the Forquer's cabin on the shores of Lake Allatoona in scenic Acworth, Georgia. We will leave for the lake from the Park at 3:30. Maps are available from Dave Forquer for those with late afternoon soccer/football games. The cabin is roughly 40 minutes from the neighborhood, so church-going Moms, don't worry, we'll be back in time for services on Sunday morning! Our last outing to the lake featured a lakeside cook-out, touch football games, a memorable nighttime snipe hunt, and a Braves World Series Win. We expect more of the same this year. Take particular note that Lake Allatoona is famous for its population of the aggressive, sharp billed *Snipus Acworthus*. Be sure to bring snipe hunting equipment.

Please let Dave Forquer (874-3254) or Wright Caughman (355-7662) know by Wednesday the 20th if you plan to come, so we can be sure to have on hand a sufficient supply of non-nutritious food, high in sugar, fat, cholesterol, and other politically incorrect ingredients.

You're Welcome to Come

The next meeting of the BWH Community Club Board of Directors is scheduled for November 1st, at 7:00, at the home of JoAnn and David Hagaman, 115 Palisades. All members of the Community Club are welcome to attend. In order for the Hagamans to have an idea of how many people to expect, if you would like to attend, please call them at 876-2606.

Pick Up Your Pumpkin

Sarah Hagood, your neighbor at 201 Huntington Road and Broker/Owner of Specialty Homes, Inc., is pleased to once again celebrate the beginning of Fall by offering a plump pumpkin to every Brookwood Hills home. You may pick up your pumpkin at any of the following times:

- Friday, October 15th from 3:00 - 6:00
- Saturday, October 16th from 9:00 - 6:00
- Sunday, October 17th from 10:00 - 6:00

If you are out of town that weekend, please stop by as soon as possible the following week. If you would like to have your pumpkin delivered, please leave a message at Specialty Homes, Inc. at 231-5678. Remember, one per family please.

Zoning Update

As previously reported in Brooknotes, an application had been filed to subdivide the lot at 75 Palisades (on the corner of Palisades and Woodcrest). The Bureau of Planning has since granted preliminary approval for this division of the existing lot into two lots. Final approval is contingent upon the removal of an existing garage, gazebo, driveway, and walkway.

Picnic in the Park

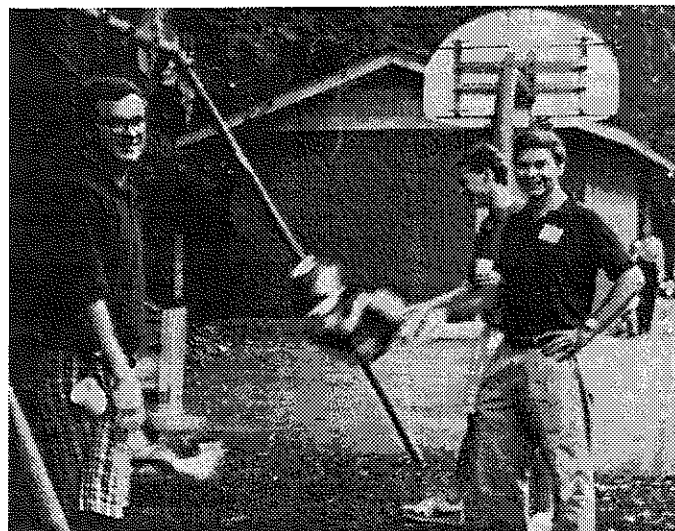
Over one hundred neighbors and friends came out to enjoy an afternoon of barbecue and sunshine at the first (and hopefully) annual Brookwood Hills Dinner in the Park on September 19th. Michael and Elizabeth Nadal provided equipment for an impromptu game of baseball. Players of all ages and skills participated with vigor. Face painting was another popular activity enjoyed by the children and adults alike. Many Braves designs and tomahawks were sported, along with Egleston rainbows. Some of the photos taken at the event appear on the next page of this Brooknotes. Thanks to everyone for getting Twigs off to a great start for the year! We hope to enjoy this level of neighborhood participation throughout the year.

Twigs exists to provide support to Egleston Children's Hospital at Emory University. If you are interested in joining Brookwood Hills Twigs, please call either Paige Hays at 875-6165 or Susan Northington at 874-1139. Most BWH Twigs events are scheduled during the day and in the evening to accommodate all schedules.

SCENES FROM PICNIC IN THE PARK



Casey Dunlevie and a friend branch out from face painting to hand painting.



From left, Hank Harris, Russ Hardin, and Floyd Newton keep the swings busy.



Left to right, Katrina Newton, Linda Harris, and Melanie Hardin (with Noel) enjoy the Picnic In The Park.



From left, Susan Northington, Paige Hayes, Leslie Harris, and Melanie Hardin help themselves to the barbecue spread.



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