



# BROOKNOTES

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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## CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES SPEAK AT BWH BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Brookwood Hills Community Club extended invitations to candidates for the At-large seats of the Atlanta City Council as well as three candidates for President of City Council to speak at the October 6th meeting. The candidates were asked to address the following question: "What do you believe is the most important issue facing in-town neighborhoods such as BWH and how do you think City Council should address that issue?" The candidates were also invited to respond to this question in writing for publication in *Brooknotes*. The following are the responses we received.

### **Doug Alexander, Post 3, At-Large candidate Atlanta City Council**

The biggest challenge is to foster a high quality of life in all our neighborhoods. This means safe streets, secure homes, good schools, cohesive neighborhoods, and well-paid close-in jobs. The goal is to make Atlanta the kind of city that folk want to live in, can

afford to live in, and are safe living in.

The city council, working with the school board, and county and state governments, must enact policies that make government more effective and less expensive. We must provide enough public safety personnel and equipment, focus on providing quality city services and encouraging businesses to locate within our city.

### **Carolyn Long Banks candidate for President Atlanta City Council**

The quality of life for families and communities is the most important issue to me. Atlanta is a city of families! Our families come from various economic, social and cultural backgrounds and they make up the soul of our city. Families linked together make communities. I am confident that we can heal the soul of our city by redefining governance. My City Council colleagues and I will convene the "family members" in a series of issue oriented community forums, pub-

lic hearings, summits and town hall meetings so that we can together develop community governance agendas and legislation which includes the "head" and "heart". Issues would include but not be limited to:

1. a cleaner environment;
2. improved water quality;
3. safer communities through the revitalization of downtown and other commercial and residential districts;
4. more efficient delivery of city services;
5. improved education for our children;
6. more senior citizen services;
7. eradication of violence against women and children so that family life can be sustained and stabilized and
8. fair and equitable pay for all city employees to ensure an accountable and highly motivated workforce.

This is my vision!  
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Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is November 14, 1997. Submissions should be in writing and should be dropped off at Deirdre Stiles' house at 23 Northwood Ave.

### BWH Board - Quick Reference

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# Letters to the Editor

Dear Deirdre,

On behalf of all who are concerned about dogs running loose in the yard - I speak feelingly especially when they do their "business" right at my front door - a complete mess and I stepped in it. Whoever is walking with a dog can surely prevent their going in the yards. Maybe a note in Brooknotes can help! Thank You.

Sincerely,  
Georgia Manry

*Betsy Crosby, President BWH Community Club, received the following concerning the proposed speed humps.*

Wanted to say how pleased I was to hear that "humps" may go in on Huntington Rd. Just hope that perhaps all people on this street feel the same way. I realize if they (the humps) are painted white, vertical or horizontal, they are not all that beautiful. However, if it will bring people to slowing their speed as they travel up and down Huntington, all will be worthwhile. Nothing is more important than adults being positive role models for all our young people.

Sincerely,  
Frances Ann Ferguson

*Our president responds: The Public Works Department of the City of Atlanta has indicated a willingness to mark speed humps with a diamond pattern rather than the less attractive zebra pattern seen on Hanover Road.*

## BWH Garden Club Celebrates 60th

Attention all neighbors! The Brookwood Hills Garden Club has set the date for its 60th anniversary celebration. Mark your calendar now for Friday, April 24, 1998 and get ready to dust off those dancing shoes.

## Correction

Sarah Hagood's pumpkin patch is located at 201 HUNTINGTON RD. The address was incorrectly listed in last month's *Brooknotes*. Sorry for the mix-up.

## Brookwood Buzz

**Elizabeth Stacy**, daughter of **Beverly and David Stacy** of 28 Brighton Road is marrying Tony Traylor on October 18th. After their honeymoon, they will return to their teaching jobs and reside in Decatur.

**Megan Sweeney**, daughter of **Barbara Sweeney** of 219 Camden Road, and Brian Tanner announce their marriage on September 13, 1997. The newlyweds live in Marietta.

# An Artists' Colony in BWH

by Libby Simons

We all know that Brookwood Hills has more than its fair share of doctors and lawyers. What you may not know, however, is that sprinkled among the M.D.s and the J.D.s are a few successful artists. Three such artists call Brighton Road their home and BWH their inspiration.

Jennine Hough is a painter who is best described as a 20th century romantic realist. She currently paints in oils and primarily paints narrative scenes with animals. For a recent show in Santa Fe, Jennine painted the animals of Noah's Ark in front of an adobe Santa Fe church. Jennine also works on commission pieces. Although she does not do formal portraits, she sometimes paints pictures of children in their home environment, cavorting with the family pet or playing outside.

Jennine's studio is on Peachtree Street. Although she has been with many galleries in Atlanta, her work is now sold out of her studio and various galleries around the country, including Zinc Gallery in Seaside and Contemporary Southwest Gallery in Santa Fe. The first gallery Jennine was with in Atlanta was the David Heath Gallery. BWH

resident Amanda Brown-Olmstead bought one of her paintings and was so intrigued that she told David that she wanted to meet the artist. At the time, Jennine was living in a dilapidated Inman Park house and, having been invited to Amanda's house, she drove all over



*BWH artist Donna Mintz with one of her works*

Brookwood Hills lost, looking for it. On this first view of the neighborhood, Jennine says her head was hanging out the window looking at all the beautiful houses. Little did she know that some years later, she would meet and marry BWH resident Joe Myers, an attorney with Alston & Bird. Together they now live on lower Brighton. If you are interested in seeing Jennine's work, she has a few, small paintings at

the Peurfoil antique at 2300 Peachtree. Otherwise, talk to the artist herself, your neighbor.

Donna Mintz has lived in BWH for four years with her husband Jeff and two children. Donna's oil paintings are described abstract, multimedia works. She also uses clay, fabric and textures in her work. "You name it, I've slapped it on the canvas," exclaims Donna. In fact, Donna was driving by Katie Bollman's house one day and spotted some burlap on the ground which had just been taken off some root balls. Donna called Katie, who had no problem parting with the burlap. Up on a canvas it went.

Although Donna has a science background, she trained with Sandy Crow at Atlanta College of Art, and she now works everyday out of her studio on Brighton. She recently opened a one-woman show at the Toulouse Gallery (underneath the Toulouse restaurant on Peachtree). The show runs through November 2, and is well worth the visit. There you can see her work "theodora" which is plaster and an old photograph over - you guessed it - Katie's burlap. As Donna says to her BWH neighbors, "watch what you throw away, because it may  
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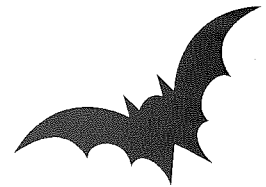
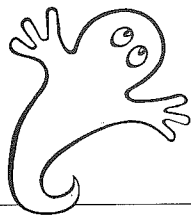
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just end up on my canvas."

Mary Ann Massey and her husband Knox have lived in BWH for 33 years and raised three children here. Mary Ann is a sculptor working in clay and has a studio in the back of her home on Upper Brighton. Mary Ann's sculpture is a natural outgrowth of her interest in art. She has long been a devoted and active supporter of the arts here in Atlanta. Although most of Mary Ann's sculpture work has been portraits of family and friends, she is starting a new venture with two friends who own the jewelry store Migliore. She will be doing miniature (three to five inches) portrait sculptures in clay, which will then be cast in bronze and bejeweled. These are sure to be very special pieces, so sometime in the near future visit Migliore to view them, or again ask your neighbor the sculptor if you can take a look.

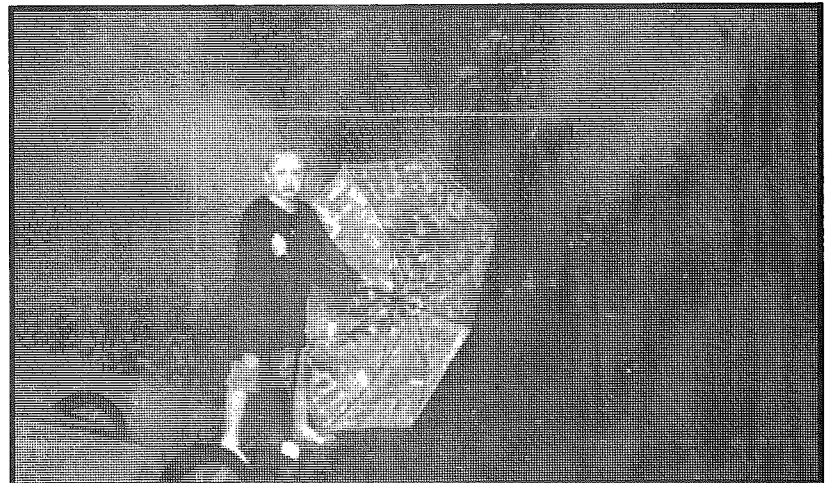


Calling all ghosts, goblins, witches and spooks, the annual **BWH Halloween Pizza Party and Parade** is creeping up. This year's new sponsor Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes is inviting each trick-or-treater 12 years and under to gobble up complimentary pizza. No trick - wow, what a treat! Parents can join in for \$1.00 a slice. Beware....of being late. The party begins at 4:30 p.m. Halloween Eve. We will be offering glowsticks for \$1.00 to ensure the children's safety on the streets.



## FALL PARK CLEANUP

Calling all volunteers for the annual fall park cleanup **Saturday, November 8th 9 am to noon.** We appreciate any amount time you have to spend and all helping hands are welcome - large and small. Breakfast goodies will be waiting. Let's all do our part by pitching in to care for one of BWH's greatest assets. It's also a great way for new residents to meet their neighbors.



Like the fairy tale boy with his finger in the dike, Ben Ross tries to stem the flow of a broken water line on Wakfield by the park using an umbrella.

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**Paul Bolster, Post 1 At-large candidate Atlanta City Council**

The vitality and creativity of Atlanta's neighborhoods is remarkable. People all across the city are rolling up their sleeves. Atlanta's residents and neighborhoods deserve a city government that is a competent partner in this struggle.

The most important service the city should provide its citizens is personal safety. It is the most fundamental reason for government itself. We need a philosophy of proactive community policing, a plan to strengthen the partnership between police and community. We need to bring the force to its full completion of officers, and implement a 311 system to unclog 911.

Change never comes easily, but I want to be a part of the solution, and, I have resources to offer. I founded the neighborhood organization in Ormewood Park; I authored and passed a long list of legislation to help the city in the Georgia House (12 years). My wife, Riki, and I have been committed to making the public schools work for our three children, and for the children of Atlanta.

**Chester Dixon, Post 1 At-Large candidate Atlanta City Council**

The ability to maintain and enhance the quality of life of in-town neighborhoods is the most important issue. "What can City Council do to address this issue?" Maintain and encourage a solid zoning and planning process that will protect neighborhoods from encroachment of extensive com-

mercial development. This also includes effective traffic control plans to address cut-through and spill over traffic.

Improve public safety in neighborhoods by providing housing incentives for police officers to live in the neighborhoods they protect, as well as, increasing police foot and bike patrols.

Improve the overall efficiency of city government in order to reduce the burden of property taxes.

Maintain an aggressive code enforcement policy.

**Julia Emmons, Post 2 At-large candidate, Atlanta City Council**

Each of us has chosen to live in Atlanta's in-town neighborhoods for much the same reasons - character and style of the houses; mature magnificence of the trees; the ease of travel to work and entertainment; and the cultural interest and diversity that makes in-town living so interesting.

The major issue facing these in-town neighborhoods is that they must be served by a government who takes their concerns seriously. These concerns include effective public safety, streamlined delivery of services, efficient use of taxes, and support of the physical environment which makes Atlanta such a delight.

In addition, we must face the challenge of an aging infrastructure, and the ever present tensions between residential neighborhood and fringe business development.

The Atlanta City Council must put aside its petty squabbles and self-serving behaviors and unite to work for the common good. As Director of the Peachtree Road Race, the world's largest 10K,

I pledge to bring the same organizational style to City Hall. After all, if one can get 50,000 people all trotting cheerily down Peachtree, getting 14 fellow council members to join together in a common vision of service should not defy reason.

**BWH Mothers Group**

It seems no matter what time of day you go outside you're almost always bound to run into a new mother walking, running, jogging, or strolling with a baby. Well, it's time we all got together to share our happy moments during this very special time in our lives. So far we have five members. All mothers with babies of all ages are welcome to join. We will be meeting Thursdays at 1:30 for a fun social gathering for mother and baby. Please call Peggy Johnson (351-9080) for the location of the next meeting.

**Babysitting Co-op**

Due to the fact that there is such a low supply of baby-sitters in this area, we are starting a neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op, similar to the Garden Hills Co-op. Anyone interested in joining the BWH Baby-sitting Co-op please call Peggy Johnson at 351-9080.

## BROOKWOOD GIRLS CAMPOUT IN PARK



On Saturday, September 20, the Brookwood Girls camped out in the BWH park overnight. It was definitely roughing it at its urban best. The accommodations may have been tents and sleeping bags, but the cuisine was definitely high-grill. The menu ranged from burgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings for dinner with s'mores and incinerated marshmallows for desert to glorious egg, bacon and donuts for breakfast. That's not to say we only ate. The girls had a great time playing capture-the-flag, and baseball in the dark, going on snipe hunts and playing on all the park equipment.

Our next outing is November 9th. Please contact Mal Phillips at 875-2162 for details..

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Garage Apartment/Duplex sought.** A teacher at Holy Innocence school is looking for a garage apartment or duplex in the Buckhead area. Please call Sister Hood at 233-3646, neighbor reference - Elizabeth Nadal 874-9534.

**Christmas on Camden.** Come shop at "Camden Collections" 3rd annual Holiday Gift and Decorative Accessory Show Thursday, Nov. 6th and Friday Nov. 7th, 9 am - 4 pm and Saturday Nov. 8th, 10 am - 1 pm. Mary Coleman Bradshaw and Lynda Usilton.

**Slipcover Maker Wanted.** Looking for the name of a person capable of making new style baggy slipcovers at a reasonable price.

**Want a Jeep?** Abby Klare's 1994 black Jeep Wrangler is for sale. \$11,000. Shown by appt. at 101 Brighton Rd. Call 352-0101.

## BROOKWOOD BOYS CAMPOUT IN FAYETTE COUNTY

Xavier Duralde

The Brookwood Boys ventured into the wilds of Fayette County on October 4 for our annual Fall campout. The crisp fall weather made a perfect backdrop for the gourmet meal enjoyed by our adventurous group. Although no fish were caught and the elusive Snipe once again escaped our grasp, the s'mores, roman candles and unplanned swim by one of our boys in the lake should leave unfading memories of the trip.

Our next outing is an afternoon of bowling Sunday November 23rd. Please contact Leigh Furrh at 873-7369 for more information.

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