



# BROOKNOTES

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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## BWH FRIENDS FOUNDED



*BWH Friends founders left to right: Kem Lee, Membership chairman; Avery Williams, chairman; Belinda Donovan, Communications chairman; and Pamela Watson, Projects chairman.*

by Belinda Donovan

Our Brookwood Hills community has a rich tradition of volunteerism both through individual and group efforts. Not so long ago, Twigs was an active volunteer group in our neighborhood committed to supporting Egelston Children's Hospital. BWH Twigs was highly successful, sponsoring many initiatives to raise money for Egelston. The most anticipated neighborhood party of the year (or so I've been told) was the Twigs annual spring cocktail party which raised money for Egelston and provided neighbors the opportunity to come together for a fun social event.

A volunteer spirit similar to Twigs has been reborn in Brookwood Hills, and it comes in the form of *Friends* – a community based network with the mis-

sion to support children, families and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (the newly merged entity of Egelston and Scottish Rite Children's Hospitals) through volunteer service, fund-raising and advocacy opportunities. On September 28<sup>th</sup>, Avery Williams hosted twenty-five women at her home on Huntington Road to form *BWH Friends*. The *Friends* team that presented to the group was amazed at the number of people who attended the meeting.

In this inaugural year of *Friends*, *BWH Friends* has the honor of being the first "original" *Friends* group. Other *Friends* groups around Atlanta are the result of mergers between Twigs and Scotts. Being the first is not something new to BWH women. Lisa Bankoff of Brighton Road informed the group at the meeting that women in our neighborhood and Peachtree Battle area joined efforts to

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Typically, my columns have addressed updates on business matters facing our Board and neighborhood. However, I want to take an opportunity this month, to discuss what makes our neighborhood so unique . . . the friendship and special relationships that each of us share as a resident of Brookwood Hills.

As many of you know, a fire devastated our home on August 19, 1999. Fortunately, we were not at home when the fire started and no one was injured. A neighbor, Frank Summers, knew we were away for the evening and checked our home when he heard an unusual noise. After discovering that the house was on fire, he called 911, and his parents located us. Frank's quick response to not only an unusual noise but also a critical situation saved our home from being totally destroyed. When we arrived at the fire, the street was filled with caring friends and neighbors offering immediate assistance.

Unfortunately, several hours later, the fire rekindled and once again we faced losing not only what was left of our home but also all of our belongings. The fire department responded promptly; however, it was neighbors who came out of their homes and stopped on their morning walks that truly helped us save many of our irreplaceable treasures. As the Fire Department moved our belongings onto the front lawn, neighbors cleared the way by moving these items safely down the street. Their assistance continued throughout the day as some friends brought us refreshments while others helped us clean our furniture, inventory our household items, and offered assistance in locating the necessary services to help us begin putting things back together. Although many of those offering their help were good friends, we were struck by the number of Brookwood Hills residents that were not personal friends who reached out to help us in a crisis. How lucky we are to live a place filled with caring people!

We want to thank all of you who have touched our lives during the past several weeks. Although our homes, trees and pool are wonderful assets to Brookwood Hills, our neighborhood is truly defined by the people who live here.

We will be living nearby during the reconstruction and look forward to seeing all of you as we rebuild our home over the next several months!

Anne and Dave Sapp

# Street Tree Health Program 1999

Street trees are owned by no one, but enjoyed by all. City budgets do not allow for the proper care of these vital trees, so they are often left defenseless against the assaults of urban life.

In recognition of the huge contribution the trees make by way of their shade, beauty, and character, the Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc. has joined with Arboguard Tree Specialists to honor the trees that help to define our neighborhood.

Arboguard has created a special mixture of fertilizer, Polynure, and beneficial soil fungi that promotes tree health, fosters new root growth, and increases the effectiveness of fine feeder roots. This is the second year that we are offering this program. Last year we enrolled over 150 trees and are hoping to do even better this year. Because of the participation in 1998, Arboguard has given us the special price of \$40 for a large tree and \$20 for a small tree (10" diameter, belt high or less).

How can you participate? Simply fill out the form below to register.

As a recap

- Give your street trees some TLC by funding their treatment.
- Respond by filling out form with your request by Thanksgiving.
- Work will be done in early December.
- Treatment is effective for one year and should be repeated annually.
- Due to the special nature of this project, we can only treat street trees (trees within 6' of curb unless tree is part of our replanting program). Call Arboguard for information on treating your personal trees.
- You can prepay by enclosing check payable to Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc. or choose to be billed by Arboguard after treatment.

I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER FOR THE STREET TREE HEALTH PROGRAM.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I have \_\_\_\_ large street trees, \_\_\_\_ small street trees (10" diameter belt high or less), and \_\_\_\_ small trees from the replanting program in my yard.

My check payable to Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc. is enclosed \_\_\_\_\_.

Please have Arboguard bill me \_\_\_\_\_.

Return to: Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc., 77 Wakefield Drive or to Susan Connell, 385 Camden Road; FAX: 404-351-0134; e-mail: [connellprop@mindspring.com](mailto:connellprop@mindspring.com)

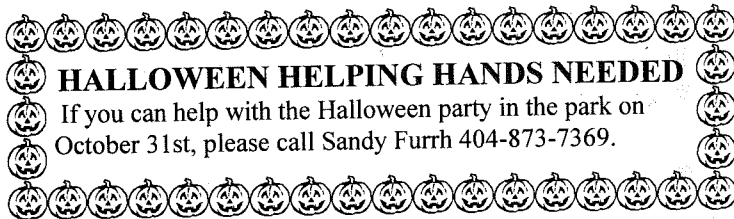
# HALLOWEEN PARTY IN BWH PARK

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

### 4:30 – 6:00 PM



Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes, Inc. and Halloween in Brookwood Hills go together like caramel and apples, so don't miss this wonderful party she is sponsoring before the trick-or-treating begins. Come for great bites – pizza of course – and ghoulish drinks. This residents only party will include a Halloween costume contest for children 12 years and under and a pumpkin carving contest, too. (Don't forget to bring your pumpkin, one entry per family, please.) Just clip this coupon and bring it to the park on October 31st.



### HALLOWEEN HELPING HANDS NEEDED

If you can help with the Halloween party in the park on October 31st, please call Sandy Furrh 404-873-7369.

## GREAT PUMPKIN GIVEAWAY



Sarah Hagood and Specialty Homes, Inc. are pleased to sponsor the 16th Annual "Great Pumpkin Give-Away"! Sarah is giving to each Brookwood Hills home a large pumpkin in celebration of fall and Halloween. Look for the orange flyers to arrive with details. The event will take place at 201 Huntington Road in Sarah's front yard. One pumpkin per family please.

Mark your calendars: Friday, October 15th, 2 PM to 7 PM, Saturday the 16th 9 AM to 6 PM and Sunday the 17th 9 AM to 6 PM. If you are unable to come at these times, the pumpkin will be waiting for you to pick up until the end of October.



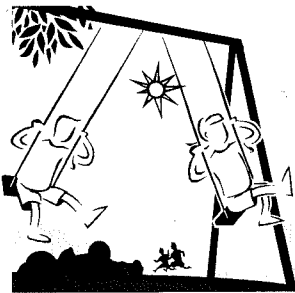
## BWH BOOK CLUB

The BWH Book Club will meet on Thursday, October 21 at 7:30 PM. The book club welcomes new members. We will be discussing *Stones from the River* by Ursula Hegy. The book may be purchased at Chapter 11 Books in the Peachtree Battle shopping center. Be sure to ask at the desk for the BWH discount. For more information about this month's meeting or joining the book club, call Carolyn Cooper 404-351-0555.

## Atlanta Opera Bridge Club

BWH neighbor and Atlanta Opera supporter Anne Louise Rutherford is part of a wonderful new fundraiser, an open bridge club at the Atlanta Opera Center on first the Wednesday of each month from 11:30 until 4:00. The afternoon includes lunch and bridge playing. Players are encouraged to bring their own foursome but individuals are welcome. For more information please call Mary Bray at 404-881-8801 ext. 287.

# PARK NEWS



by Frampton Simons, Park co-chairman

We recently had our annual inspection on the park play structures. The inspector reminded us that the most important rule for a safe playground is adult supervision. The larger play structures have drop-offs and possible entrapments that could be hazardous for smaller children. The play structure next to the metal "horses" is more appropriate for children under 5 years. Please make sure that your child is using the appropriate equipment and is properly supervised. Also, please keep children off the park hills and banks. This is especially important on the hill above the grill area. Protecting the hills will help prevent both falls and further erosion.

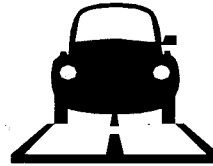


## FALL CLEAN-UP November 7th 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Please come help tidy up the park on what will hopefully be a beautiful Fall day. We will have snacks, drinks, and a list of jobs – large and small for all ages. The camaraderie is great and it is tons of fun. We will provide tools, just bring yourself and your family. Whether you can come for a half hour or a couple of hours, please come help us care for one of our great neighborhood meeting places.

If you have any questions about the play equipment or the clean-up day, call Frampton Simons 404-355-5005.

# SPEED HUMPS STILL ON TRACK

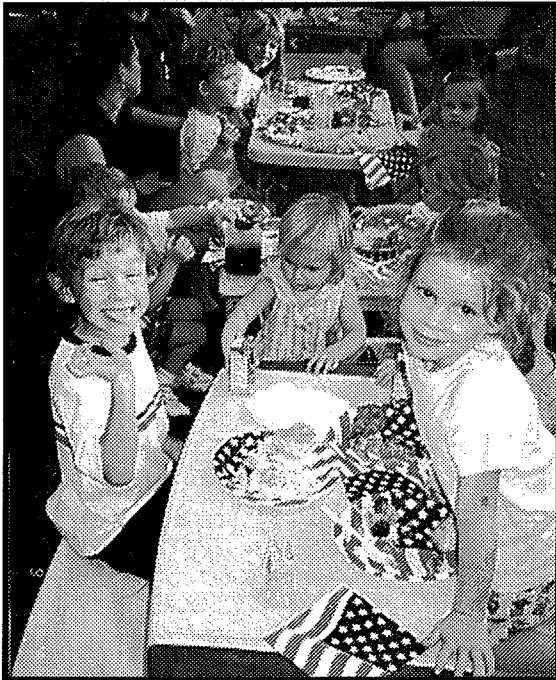


by Carolyn Cooper, Government Relations Co-chairman

According to the City of Atlanta's Traffic and Transportation Department speed humps are coming to a street near you next year. We are scheduled to have speed humps and the necessary signage installed on Brighton Road in February and Huntington Road is scheduled for March. Please keep in mind that weather effects the ability of the city to do this work. If we should have an extremely rainy period the city will, of course, need to finish their current projects before they begin work in our neighborhood. One positive effect of this year's drought was that the city work crews had fewer rain delays through summer.

We are still working to have the storm drains on Montclair re-graded so that our cars do not fall into these large holes. The city did work on the manhole covers on Montclair and smoothed over those areas. In addition, we are requesting the city do a ride through of the neighborhood to look at our streets for possible repaving. The City of Atlanta does not do the actual repaving but sets the priorities for the State. The State actually does the work or contracts it out to private firms. A ride through was done last year, but since some of our streets are deteriorating at an alarming rate we want to keep Brookwood Hills a priority.

# Woodcrest Street Party is 33 years old!



*Connor Perkey, Sarah Porter and Caroline White enjoy the Woodcrest Labor Day festivities.*

by Jill Perkey

Woodcrest neighbors celebrated Labor Day with their annual labor of love – the 33rd annual street party. Mayors Jill and Rich Perkey oversaw the day with loads of activities including: a Bike and Trike parade, face painting, balloon toss contests, sack races, and a Watermelon Scavenger hunt. Miraculously, all the contests ended in a tie. New Woodcrest neighbors (the Carter, Hatcher, McLain and Porter families) were welcomed and initiated into Woodcrest rituals. Prior to adjourning to the Dog Swim at the pool, mass quantities of chicken were consumed. Mike and Dana White were named Mayors of Woodcrest for the year 2000 by unanimous vote – with two abstentions.



## ACORN AUCTION 2000

It's time again for the Brookwood Hills Garden Club's Acorn Auction. This much anticipated neighborhood event only comes around every other year – or more. This year's new millennium celebration will include a wonderful dinner party with both live and silent auctions. In the past, items donated have included exciting vacations, food and wine, tickets to sporting events, landscape services and more. The wide range of prices ensures that everyone can go home with a special treasure or a funny find. Many of us remember the wildly successful 1996 auction as one of the highlights of the year. The monies raised helped replace many of the trees lost during hurricane Opal. Proceeds from Acorn Auction 2000 will go toward neighborhood beautification.

Though party will take place in late April, the Garden Club is already busy planning the evening and collecting items for the auction. Now is the time to let the Garden Club know if you have items or services to donate. Nothing is too small or unusual. Part of what makes this neighborhood event so much fun is the terrific support and participation of so many neighbors. Invitations will be delivered to all BWH residents. So plan to Donate, Participate and Come to Acorn Auction 2000!

If you have any questions or wish to be a part of this event, please call Dana White 404-873-0023 or Lombard Puri 404-355-9101.

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form the first active Twigs group in Atlanta.

At the *BWH Friends* initial meeting, the evening started off with a short social period followed by several presentations detailing the organization's purpose and goals. In addition to on-site hospital volunteer opportunities available to the group, Friends is charged with raising money to support four important current initiatives which will enhance Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's commitment to children. These four initiatives are: a Response Transport Ambulance to safely and efficiently bring children to the hospitals when a child requires specialized tertiary care; establish for the first time a research fund for the physicians that will allow them to apply for seed grants to carry out new and exciting clinical research in such areas as cardiology and neurosurgery; support the purchase of the Lightspeed CT Scanner, a critical piece of diagnostic equipment that quickly locates otherwise undetectable, life-threatening conditions or possible brain trauma; and provide The Big Apple Circus Clown Care Unit, professional doctors of delight who conduct clown rounds five days a week and treat the children's funny bones.

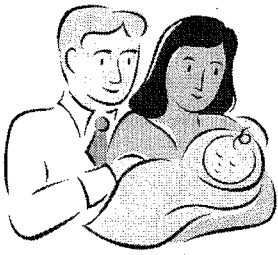
The next *BWH Friends* meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19 at the home of Lombard Puri (52 Brighton) at 6:30pm. If you were unable to attend the first meeting but are interested in joining friends, please come to this upcoming meeting or contact Kem Lee, Membership Chairman at 404-892-3406. We hope more of you will want to become a part of this wonderful group.

## TAKE THE HECTIC OUT OF YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season is fast approaching and with it the challenges of decorating, shopping and making time for family and friends. This year let *BWH Friends* take the hectic out of your holiday season by supporting its first two fundraisers – a poinsettia sale and a holiday card sale. Every home in Brookwood Hills recently received a poinsettia sales flyer and a holiday card catalog introducing the two fundraisers. Every dollar raised from these two initiatives benefits Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and the children it serves.

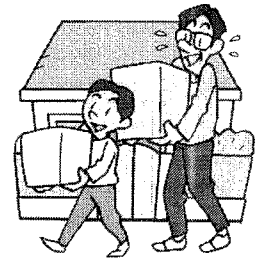
This holiday season, there's no need to endure long lines at your local nursery to order poinsettias. *BWH Friends* is taking orders for these beautiful plants and will have them conveniently delivered to our neighborhood for you to pick up. Just complete the order form you recently received and return it with a check payable to *BWH Friends* to the person identifies on the bottom of your form by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Delivery of the plants is set for the first week of December. You'll be notified of the location once it has been determined. Please contact Belinda Donovan, Poinsettia Sales Chairman at 404-817-7551 with any questions.

Sending seasons greetings is another holiday tradition for many of us. However, shopping for holiday cards can sometimes be daunting. *BWH Friends* is delighted to offer you – our neighbors and friends – the opportunity to purchase some extremely special holiday cards created by children artists. All proceeds from the card sale directly benefit the AFLAC Cancer Center of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. To order your card, simply review the card catalog you recently received, select the one you like best and place your order. Imprinted orders must be submitted by November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Joan Jones, Holiday Card Sales Chairman at 404-685-0979 with any questions.



# New Faces

By Sarah and Patti



83 Brighton Road. **Michelle and Leon Jones** with daughter **Camille** moved into the former home of Jane and Buddy Young this summer. The Joneses moved from Ardmore Road. Camille is 3 1/2 years old. Leon is a practicing attorney in town.

**Katie and Freddy Simon** of 22 Brighton Road are thrilled to announce the arrival of **Marshall William** on September 16th. Marshall was expected to join the family on Labor Day but arrived 11 days late. Two year old sister **Carson** seems delighted with her baby brother.

## CALENDAR

**October 21, Thursday, 7:30 PM. BWH Book Club.** See page 4 for details.

**November 1st, Monday, 7:15 PM. BWH Board Meeting** at the home of Mary and Bill Long 30 Montclair. All BWH Community Club members welcome. Please contact the Longs at 404-352-3463 if you plan to attend.

**November 3, Wednesday 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM Atlanta Opera Bridge Club.** See page 4 for details.

**November 7, Sunday BWH Park Clean-up 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** See page 5 for details.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Looking for a babysitter?** Please call Anna at 404-892-6024. Age 14 years and lives in Brookwood Hills. Loves children.

**Housekeeper Available.** Our reliable housekeeper who has worked for several families in our neighborhood for the past 10 years has afternoon openings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. For further information call neighbor references Mary O'Connor at 404-874-2143 or Florence Sumner at 404-872-3207.

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