

# BROOKNOTES

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

October 2001, Vol. XIV, No. 8



Whether you knew it or not, when you signed all those papers on closing day, you became a part of history. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980, Brookwood Hills has been recognized as a unique and historic place to call home. Our neighborhood mirrors the historical circumstances of Atlanta's growth and development. For example, some of the bloodiest

battles of the Civil War were fought in our immediate area. Many of the neighborhood's first homes were designed by celebrated architects of the 1920s, and our curvilinear streets and planned tree arbor are in direct response to B.F. Kauffman's familiarity with Frederic Law Olmsted's landscape design. To live in Brookwood Hills means you are a member of a community that believes in preserving its historical status while continuing to provide the neighborhood feeling that was sought by its crafters.

Many of our neighbors are involved in preservation efforts on local, state, and national levels. The Atlanta Preservation Center, for example, is an Atlanta-based non-profit that seeks to enhance Atlanta's quality of life by promoting conservation and preservation of the city's significant buildings and neighborhoods through educational programs and advocacy. Allison Alarcon, Harry Gilham, Elaine Luxemburger, and Lauren Monroe have all served on the APC's board, while many other neighbors are active members. In addition, Brookwood Hills residents have on two separate occasions graciously opened their homes for tours to benefit the APC.

At the state level, The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation is the largest state-wide nonprofit preservation organization in the United States, and many, many BWH residents are members. The

*continued on page 3*



## BROOKNOTES

*Brooknotes is published monthly for residents of Brookwood Hills on behalf of the Brookwood Hills Community Club, 77 Wakefield Drive, Atlanta, Ga. 30309. Brooknotes is sponsored on alternate months by Patti Junger of Coldwell Banker/Buckhead Brokers and Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes, Inc.*

### Brooknotes Staff

Editor : Nicole Cook 404-892-9495  
Co-Editor/Production: Lauren Monroe 404-603-9517

Contributors this month: Andrea Helfich, Teddy Helfrich, Diane John, Clark Landers, Erica Speed, Roy Trimble & Pamela Watson. Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is Thursday, November 8. Submissions may be e-mailed to nicolemiles@mediaone.net, faxed to 404-607-7568 or dropped off at 30 Woodcrest Ave.

### BWH Board – Quick Reference

- President** – Pamela Watson 404-876-6918
- Community Relations** – Roy Trimble 404-874-1690
- Gov't Relations** –Carolynn Cooper 404-351-0555  
Eve Goldstein 404-873-2139
- Membership** – Jean O'Halloran 404-352-0802  
Belinda Donovan 404-817-7551
- Neighborhood Relations** – Karen Mullinax  
404-724-9545
- NPU** – Jill Perkey 404-888-9501
- Park, Tennis, & Common Areas** – Clark Landers  
404-355-3392
- Pool** – Hayes Wilson 404-876-4618  
Sarah Armstrong 404-352-0110
- Security** – Rick Jackson 404-350-3389
- Social/Park Reservations**– Diane John 404-870-0484
- Trees** – Nancy Field 404-352-0877
- Zoning** – Leigh Furrh 404-872-1002

### Security Alert Signs

When you see the **Security Alert** signs posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the **Brookwood Hills Security Information Line 404-325-5114** for details concerning a recent security incident. These signs are a signal that an incident has occurred in the neighborhood and the information has been recorded on the hotline.

## President's Message

By Pamela Watson

On Saturday, September 22, Sarah Armstrong, Diane John, Jean O'Halloran, Hayes Wilson, and I, cleaned out the park storage buildings to "make ready" for the construction that is to begin soon. It was a much dreaded task, but one that became enjoyable.

My time was spent organizing the stacks of community club documents that had piled up over time. There were documents dating back to the 1950's. The vast amount of volunteer hours that have been given to this neighborhood is amazing. As I paused to read some of the documents, I was reminded of what an incredible neighborhood in which we live. I wished I had grown up here and realized how lucky my children are to be here.

I read the first issue of Brooknotes, which was called the "Brookwood By Word." It was published in the summer of 1974. Dan O'Connor was the Community Club President. His daughter Maureen was 7-year-old. (Maureen and her husband recently purchased her childhood home on Northwood.) I enjoyed reading about "Santa In the Park," complete with a bonfire, carols, and hot chocolate. I don't think our current fire marshal would let us revive that old tradition. But that one has been replaced by many other incredible events.

It was interesting to see that some issues remain the same. Here is an excerpt from one of the letters I found that was addressed to the neighborhood:

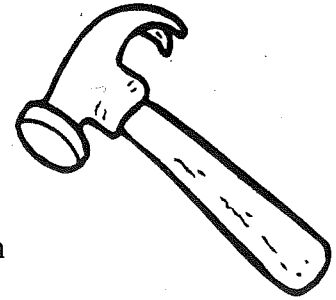
"We have received many complaints regarding speeding and reckless driving not only in the heavily congested area of the pool and park, but on most of the streets in Brookwood Hills. Such irresponsibility has created a most hazardous condition for both children and adults throughout our residential area.... We are requesting your cooperation in eliminating this totally unnecessary hazard to life and limb and assist us in keeping Brookwood Hills a safe and pleasant place in which to L-I-V-E."

This letter was written July 24, 1961 by Edmund Rhett, Chairman of Traffic and Safety Committee. It was sad to read this letter, especially since the problem continues today. Please keep this in mind as you drive our streets and talk to the young drivers in your home.

But despite the speeding issue, our neighborhood is certainly one of America's finest. There are stacks and stacks of documents as proof. Thanks to all of you who continue to be good neighbors and keep our community so special.

## Destructive Volunteers Needed:

By Clark Landers, Park/Tennis



Remember the old days when we used to volunteer twice a year to clean up the park? Where have those days gone you ask? They're back, except this time we are tearing it down — the playground equipment that is. We need all able-bodied adults to volunteer to rip out the old to make room for the new. By volunteering your time, you will save BWH thousands of dollars in contractor fees, which can in turn be used to buy safe and fun playground equipment for our children. So, bring your tools, gloves, sledge hammers, shovels, chains, socket wrenches, chain saws, etc. to the park on **Saturday, November 17th, at 9 am**, for an enjoyable morning of destruction! We are in need of a Bobcat or two, so if you have access to one, or are an experienced driver, please let me know. Due to the nature of the work, we will not be able to allow child-helpers. All salvageable components will be auctioned off at the Annual Garden Club Auction in the Spring. If you have any questions, please contact Clark Landers at 404-909-3207 or email [clanders@cisco.com](mailto:clanders@cisco.com), if you plan on attending. Thank you in advance for your participation.

*continued from page 1*

Trust's objectives are to reclaim historic properties from neglect and destruction, to restore places of historic interest to their original luster, and to revitalize communities and neighborhoods in disrepair or threatened by unplanned development. Brookwood Hill's own Bradley Hale is a past board President of the Georgia Trust, and currently serves on the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Sheffield Hale, his son, also has been a tireless advocate for preservation, and is currently serving as chairman for the Georgia Trust. BWH neighbor Frank White oversees The Trust's Revolving Fund, through which houses are designated and deeded to The Trust for resale and preservation.

The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation sponsors several events throughout the year, and its biggest annual fund-raiser — The Preservation Ball — is being chaired this year by Erica and Stewart Speed, of 172 Huntington. Many other BWH residents have worked to ensure the Ball's success: Lyn and Sam Boykin, Nicole and Miles Cook, Gayle and Dave Demarest, Mindy Duryea and Sandy Draper, Francie and Bradford Ladd, Kem and David Lee, Amy and Paul Mattingly, Jill and Rich Perkey, Lombard and Everett Puri, Jackie and Mark Swiecichowski, Katie and Freddy Simon, Ester and Jim Stokes, Karlenne and Roy Trimble, Avery and Taylor Williams, Sharon and Mark Williams, and Dina Woodruff. The Ball, which is to be held at the beautifully restored Biltmore Ballrooms on November 16, will include a cocktail buffet, silent auction, and music by the League of Decency. Tickets are \$85 per person and all proceeds benefit The Georgia Trust.

If you would like more information about The Georgia Trust, or would like to purchase tickets to the ball, please call 404-881-9980 or visit the website at [www.georgiatrust.org](http://www.georgiatrust.org). If you would like additional information about the Atlanta Preservation Center, you may call their office at 404-876-2041, or visit their website at [www.preserveatlanta.com](http://www.preserveatlanta.com)

## ***Everyone Should Have This Much Fun!***

By Andrea Helfrich

Last year, on October 13, 2000, (a Friday the 13th and a full moon) Wakefield Drive had a street party. It was the first Wakefield party that I remember in my 18 years of living on the Drive. To prepare, Margaret Shirley and Diane Light and I met for about an hour, dividing the food and invitations. We sent a flyer to the neighbors that the party would be the next Friday. Barbecue was ordered, neighbors called to "bring stuff," and the Lights provided tables and chairs for the diners from their business, Artlight. As Sims Bray said that night, "This is pretty pitiful, but I'm having a great time!"



*Andrea Helfrich, Margaret Shirley, and Diane Light enjoying the Wakefield Drive street party.*

I urge all streets to get together this fall for parties; it's a great way to get those checks for FRIENDS. We won't let the closing of the park deter our getting together. As my seventh grade basketball coach in Nashville, Georgia used to say: "That's all they are to it!"

## ***Brookwood Girls Revived and Running:***

By Larry Pless

The September outing of the recently revived Brookwood Girls — climbing Kennesaw Mountain (in an astute last minute switch after considering the Yellow Daisy Festival traffic at Stone Mountain) — was a resounding success. In October, the Brookwood Girls set off again, this time to Burt's Pumpkin Farm in the shadow of Amicalola Falls, on a beautiful sunny fall afternoon under a cloudless dark blue sky. Two SUV-loads of fathers and daughters attended, including Fernando and Pilar Duralde, Mark and Julia Johnson, Larry and (former Brookwood Girl) Anna Pless (kindly sitting in as assistant leader and proxy for her sister Deane, who had a birthday conflict), Bob and Anna Heller, and Mark, Lydia and Isabelle Potts. The afternoon's highlight was a hayride through the countryside around Burt's farm, complete with stream crossing. The girls eagerly explored and chose from a plethora of pumpkins — more than the eye could see, and some of them huge (and expensive), then returned to Atlanta by late afternoon with cargo bays filled with the harvest. It was a fine time.

Here is a list of other activities planned for the year: Nov. 3-4: Burge Plantation overnight, near Mansfield/Robert Brown, leaving Sat mid pm, returning Sunday midday; Jan 6: Ga State Women's Basketball and Varsity lunch; Feb 3 : Atlanta Rocks climbing; March 17: Stone Mountain (may be joint with Brookwood Boys); April 7: Atlanta Beat women's soccer game; May 5: Chestatee River canoeing near Dahlonega; June 1-2 : Lake Rabun overnight, leaving Sat mid pm, returning Sunday midday. All outings leave the Parkdale entrance to the Park on Sunday at 1:30 pm, unless otherwise noted.

Brookwood Girls is open to all BWH neighborhood and community club 1st-5th grade girls and their fathers, grandfathers, or other special friends. Please contact Larry Pless at 404-892-6024 or [ldp@welchspell.com](mailto:ldp@welchspell.com), if you are interested in joining.

## NEIGHBOR PROFILE: *MARION VENTULETT*

By Diane John



Often, there is more to a neighbor than meets the surface, especially in Brookwood Hills. That is definitely the case with neighbor Marion Ventulett. Having first met Marion with her children (who have similar ages as my own), conversation naturally drifted to parenthood, schools, and other child-related topics. What I didn't know, until recently, is that Marion also happens to own and run a very successful spa.

The name of her spa "Cortex" stems from her first business venture, running and owning a hair salon. Cortex relates to the science of hair and altering the cortex of the hair.

After ten years running a hair salon, Marion bravely branched out to include spa services. She started her spa, also named Cortex, in July of 1998, a mere one month before giving birth to her first child. There are two locations: one at 1177 Virginia Avenue in the Virginia-Highlands area, and another (conveniently located) in Midtown at 1121 Peachtree Walk.

Marion offers more than 20 spa services — from facials to "Marine Algae Body Masques," and, as always, a full service hair salon. Based upon my personal experience, I would highly recommend the deep cleaning facial and the body massage.

Cortex is a first-class Spa. The prices are comparable to other spas around town, but Marion will make it more advantageous to BWH residents by offering a 15% discount on all spa services and a 10% discount on all retail products. All you need to do is show your drivers license to receive the discount. Cortex is also a fabulous corporate gift idea and they will hand-deliver corporate gift certificates.

If you haven't met Marion yet, it is as much of a treat as is her spa. She resides at 89 Huntington with her husband Jonathan and two children, Nicholas age 3, and Isabella age 16 months.



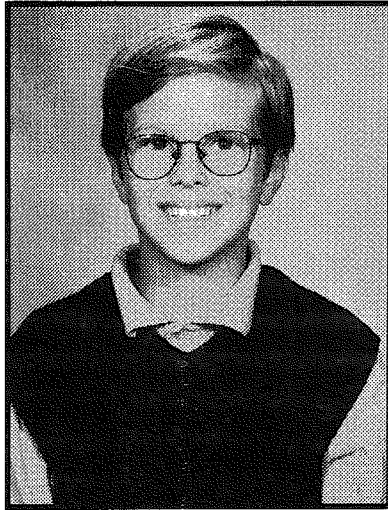
### *BWH Friends Poinsettia Sale*



*Begin decorating for the holidays and support Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Please remember to submit your order form by Thursday, Nov. 1.*

*Thank you.*

## Books Needed



A new school is being born, and they need your help. The Saint Sophia Academy, a Christian school for children with learning disabilities, is trying to get reference books to start a library. The school goes from 1st grade to 7th. If you have any

reading books, learning books, or chicken soup books for that age group, or if you would like more information about the school, please do not hesitate to call me, at 404-228-5350. Thanks you so much for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely,  
Teddy Helfrich

## *E.Rivers Wins Georgia Statewide Pay for Performance Grant!*

Congratulations to the faculty at E.Rivers. For the third straight year, the E.Rivers faculty has earned the Georgia Statewide Pay for Performance Grant by achieving school improvement goals set for the 2000/2001 school year. This is a very impressive accomplishment. Statewide, only five grants were awarded out of an initial 25 applications. Indeed, only three elementary schools in the entire Atlanta Public School System earned the grant. Congratulations to the E.Rivers faculty, staff and students for all their hard work and effort toward making the school a great place to be!

## **What's the Poop?**

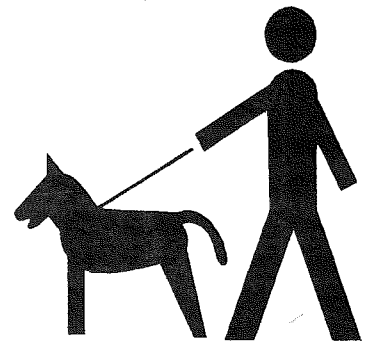
By Roy Trimble, Community Relations

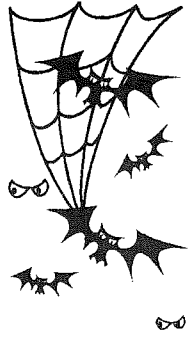
Brookwood Hills is a beautiful neighborhood. People move here for the grand canopy of trees. And the beautiful old homes. They look forward to spending time in our lovely park. And they admire the meandering sidewalks, until they actually try to walk on them. The majestic trees have spread their roots over the years and have lifted and rearranged the sidewalks like California on a bad day. So most people end up walking in the streets. And so do their dogs.

A number of people have raised an issue with the Board about those dogs. Actually it's about the owners. The owners who don't guide their dogs to a spot out of the path of others to do their business. As a result, people on walks around the neighborhood end up, not just discovering this problem, but stepping in it. Poop.

If you have a dog, your neighbors are asking that you scoop the poop. Or make sure they go in a spot where others won't come across it. I see many a dog owner letting their pups go in my ivy. While I don't want the entire neighborhood bringing their dogs over to potty, I really don't mind these folks making use of my facilities. Since I rarely take a casual stroll through my ivy it's a pretty safe place to go.

The Board asks that you be considerate of your neighbors. Be considerate of their shoes. Their yards. Their walking areas in the streets and on the sidewalks. Be considerate of their olfactory nerves. And ultimately of their fine Persian carpets. Thank you.





Please join us for the  
Annual  
**BWH Halloween  
Party,  
Parade, and  
Pizza**

Wednesday, Oct. 31

4:30-6:00

(Location to be announced)

Pizza provided by Sarah  
Hagood and Specialty  
Homes, Inc.



**POPCORN ... GET YER POP-  
CORN HERE!**

I am selling delicious popocorn: a 54-oz three-way tin for \$30, a 24-oz chocolate caramel crunch for \$15, a 28-oz gourmet caramel corn with almonds and pecans for \$15, a 15-pack butter flavor microwave for \$10, a 15-pack butter light flavor microwave for \$10, a 12-oz caramel corn with peanuts for \$7, and a 2.5 lb popping corn tin for only \$7. **You do not want to miss out on this deal!** Even if you don't like popcorn yourself, these tins make great Christmas presents. Also, **35 percent of the profits will benefit our Boy Scout troop and the rest will go to the September 11th Emergency Relief efforts, plus any money raised for the September 11th funds will be doubled by an anonymous donor!** Please make all checks out to BSA or Troop 197. You can pay in cash also, but please pay at the time of purchase. Call Teddy Helfrich at 404-228-5350 or come to 52 Wakefield Drive to fill out the order. Orders must be received by October 30th. The popcorn will arrive sometime in November. Thanks you for your time and help. If you have second thoughts about buying the popcorn, just remember the fund!

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**PLAYGROUP STARTING:** I have a 5 mo. old and would like to start a neighborhood play-group with others who have new babies. Interested persons, please call Wendy Granot 404-352-3058.

**HIGHLANDS, NC HOUSE FOR RENT:** 3 bedroom/3 bath updated house with lots of extra sleeping space for kids. Great for families. Contact Sandy Furrh 404-873-7369.

**FOUND:** silver charm bracelet at the park. The bracelet contains an ice cream cone, rabbit, angel, heart and cross. To claim, call Rick Jackson at 404-607-9321.

**BABYSITTER AVAILABLE:** Responsible, mature 13-year-old available for weekend evening babysitting. Please call Madeline Hagaman, 115 Palisades Rd. at 404-876-2606.

**WANTED:** used baby bed that meets current safety regulations in white or maple. Please call Mary Lynn Eckl, 348 Camden Road, 404-351-9876.

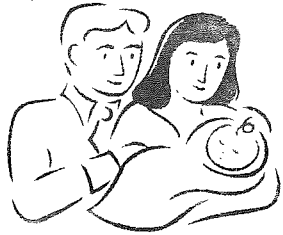
**Small HOUSEKEEPING COMPANY** seeking additional BWH homes to clean. Very reliable. Lots of neighborhood references. Call Agnes Drop at 770-682-7523

**THE GREAT PUMKIN GIVAWAY:** Sarah Hagood, 201 Huntington, invites you to come by for your pumpkin if you have not picked it up yet. One pumpkin per family, please.

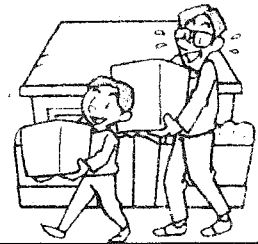
**FOR SALE:** Maytag Dependable Care Washer and Dryer (white). Excellent condition, large capacity. Asking \$350.00. Also an upright freezer (size of small refrigerator)...great for basements. Asking \$125.00. Call Kelly Bernot at 404-685-9959.

**PRIVATE ART INSTRUCTION.** Private painting lessons in your home (or in my in-town studio, if preferable). Instruction in drawing and mixed media also available. Flexible scheduling. Experienced instructor. References available. Julie Jones 678-361-8937.

**FOUND in park:** blue denim baby gap hat with pink flower. Size 2-4. Please call Mindy Duryea to claim.



## New Faces By Sarah and Patti



Don and Elizabeth Cook, 110 Palisades, announce the birth of Dylan McHale Swinton Cook, born September 22, 2001. Dylan was 8 lbs, 1.3 ozs, and 19 3/4 inches. Look for them walking around BWH this fall. Elizabeth would like to form a playgroup, and can be reached at 404-249-7004.

Chris and Christy Payne, 210 Brighton, welcomed Christopher Morgan Payne, Jr. on October 11, 2001. Morgan weighed 7 lbs, 10 oz. Big sister Emily is thrilled with her new playmate.

Anne and Greg Kelly had a baby girl, Julia Clark, on October 1. She weighed 8 lbs. 7 ozs. Her brother and two sisters are thrilled by her arrival. Congratulations!

Please welcome our new neighbors, Mark & Burch Hanson. They are newlyweds and new homeowners of 109 Wakfield Drive. Mark is a Partner with Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue. Burch is Recruiting Manager for the same firm.

## CALENDAR

Don't miss the annual **BWH Halloween Party**, on **Wednesday, October 31, from 4:30-6:00 pm.** At the park unless otherwise posted.

**Brookwood Girls** overnight to Burge Plantation on **November 3-4.** The group will be depart midday on Saturday, November 3 and return around the same time on Sunday, November 4.

**BWH Friends Cocktail Party** benefitting **Children's Hospital of Atlanta** will be held on **Saturday, November 3.** Please remember the ongoing street competition because 100% of the contributions will go directly to the hospital.

**Preservation Ball**, at the beautifully restored Biltmore Ballrooms on **November 16.** Includes a cocktail buffet, silent auction, and music by the League of Decency. Tickets are \$85 per person and all proceeds benefit The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation..

Help **Clark Landers** and the **Park Committee** "undo before the redo" and join others for a "morning of destruction" (old park equipment) on **Saturday, November 17, at 9 am.**

**E. Rivers** is offering **Bob's Famous Frasier Fir Christmas trees** for sale to the community beginning **Friday, November 30 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm** and **Saturday, December 1 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Trees from six to ten plus feet, tree stands, wreaths and garland will be available.

**BWH Friends** meeting will be held on **Monday, November 19, at the home of Terri Comer, 11 Camden Road.** Please note that this meeting is on a Monday and not the usual Tuesday evening.

**BROOKNOTES**  
*sponsored by your neighbor*  
**Sarah Hagood**  
Owner/Broker  
Office 404-231-5678  
Fax 404-231-5681

*Specialty*  
**Jones**  
*Inc.*

*"Selling Select Properties from  
the Quaint to the Grande."*

Residence 404-881-0808