



# BrookNotes

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## Jimmy Henderson Celebrates His 90th Birthday!



Jimmy Henderson celebrates his 90th birthday at a party held September 20th at First Presbyterian Church. L-R: Edith Primm, Mr. Henderson, Liz Primm (67 Brighton).

Long-time Brookwood Hills resident Jimmy Henderson recently marked his 90th birthday with two parties. Lower Brighton neighbors feted Mr. Henderson in Cindy and Bill Withrow's log cabin. Party organizers Sallie Wilgus, Anne Parker, and Cindy Withrow invited well-wishers for potluck and good cheer and a cake with 90 candles on it. Neighborhood kids snuffed out the candles with one big blow! Neighbors passed around a photo from Mr. Henderson's 70th birthday when he invited all the kids from lower Brighton to his house for a party. Some of those kids like Charlie and Margaret Wilgus and Leslie Walton came back for the 90th. Mr. Henderson celebrated with friends and family another day at First Presbyterian Church.

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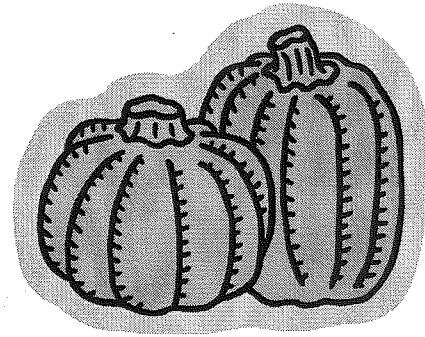
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### Security Alert Signs

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.

## Many Thanks to Sarah Hagood for another Great Pumpkin Giveaway!




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Which house will be  
the spookiest?




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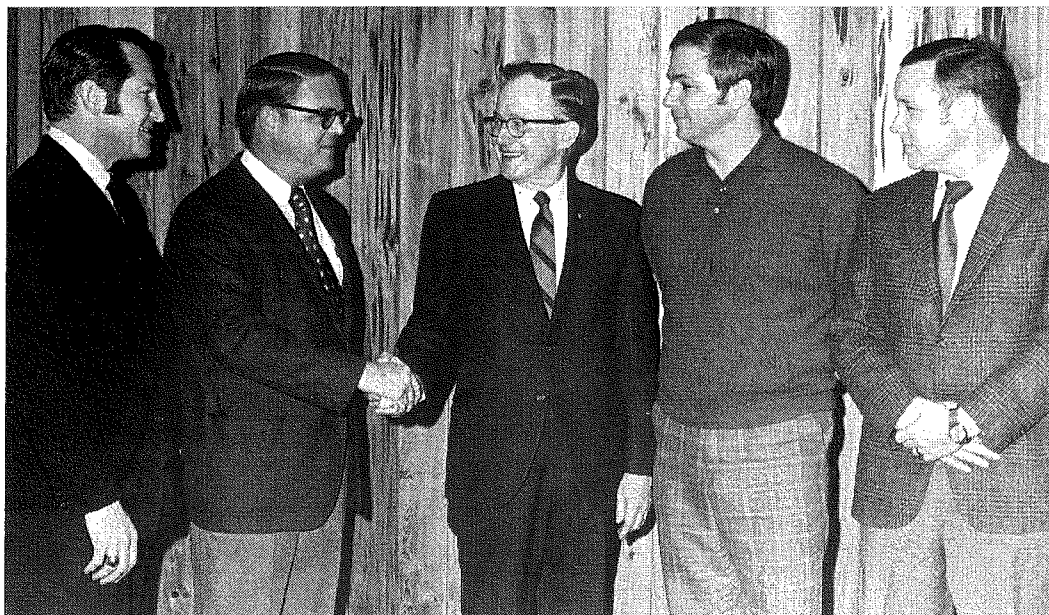
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Jimmy Henderson was born in 1913 in Detroit, Michigan. He moved to Atlanta in 1922 when his father was transferred here by the Packard Motor Company. After graduating from Tech High, he met his future wife Edith on a blind date in 1936. They raised two sons Edward and Ross and now have been married 64 years. Mr. Henderson served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army and is a World War Two Veteran. After the war he went into the insurance business with Spratlin Harrington until he retired.

The Hendersons moved to 250 Brighton Road in 1955 and he and Edith were very active in volunteering in the neighborhood. Mr. Henderson served as Brookwood Hills Community Club President from 1970-71. Edith was a well-known landscape architect in Atlanta. She lectured all over the country and created the landscape design for the first public housing in the U.S.—Techwood/Clark Howell Homes. Together they were quite a team. Edith is now home-bound with Alzheimer's and Jimmy is her full-time caregiver.

If you didn't have a chance to wish Jimmy Henderson a Happy Birthday yet, be sure to wish him well the next time you see him!



Jimmy Henderson (center) congratulates newly installed BWHCC President Alex Summers in 1971. L-R: John S. Hunsinger, Mr. Summers, Mr. Henderson, Sam L. Donaldson, Barrett K. Hawks.



Mr. Henderson with some of the neighborhood "kids".



Mr. Henderson and assistant candle blowers.

# Annual Tree Planting Program Offered

By Katrina Newton

The annual neighborhood Tree Planting Program will take place this fall thanks to the generosity of the Brookwood Hills Garden Club. The Garden Club earmarked funds in May of 2002 for the fall planting that year, however only about half of the funds were used and so the balance is available for planting in 2003. This donation to the community club will provide for the planting of approximately twelve trees.

A list has been drawn up of the areas where the neighborhood has lost trees and homeowners are being contacted about the planting and care of a new tree. If you are interested in a tree and have not been contacted, please call Katrina Newton at 404-355-6574.

The goal of the annual Tree Planting Program is to maintain the tree canopy that shades our streets and sidewalks and makes our neighborhood so unique. A list of available trees includes varieties recommended by the city, various arborists, and Bold Springs Nursery, which has provided our trees at below market prices for the last six years. Whenever possible, larger trees are planted in a homeowner's yard and smaller to medium-sized trees at the street. Large trees will not be planted under wires due to the risk of unhealthy pruning by utility companies.

The Brookwood Hills Garden Club has been a supporter of the Tree Planting Program on a number of occasions throughout its history. This is in addition to a number of other projects including landscaping and beautification of the renovated Community Club. For the last two years, the neighborhood community club budget has not been able to include funds for tree planting, and so this program would not have been offered except for the generosity of the Garden Club and neighbors that have supported the bi-annual Acorn Auction. Please thank them and encourage your board members to continue to support the Planting Program as well.

If any neighbors are interested in a tree for their backyards, these can be included in our order, but would be the responsibility of the homeowner. The costs of trees planted within approximately ten feet of the sidewalk or street are included and covered in the Planting Program.

Please call Katrina Newton if you have any questions, at 404-355-6574.

| <u>Year</u> | <u># Trees</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Source</u>   |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|---|
| Dec. 2002   | 8              | \$ 1,900    | Garden Club donation to BWHCC                               |
| 2001/02     | 33             | \$ 8,052    | BWHCC   |
| 2000/01     | 44             | \$12,101    | BWHCC   |
| 1999/00     | 58             | \$12,063    | BWHCC   |
| 1998/99     | 73             | \$14,181    | \$3,429 Garden Club donation to BWHCC; \$10,752<br>by BWHCC |
| 1997/98     | 47             | \$ 8,935    | \$4,304 Garden Club donation to BWHCC; \$4,639 by<br>BWHCC  |
| Spring '97  |                | \$ 1,590    | Garden Club donation to BWHCC                               |



## WHAT'S UP WITH OUR TREES?

By Roy Trimble

Look down on Brookwood Hills from the air and you don't see beautiful homes, carefully manicured lawns, kids playing in the park, diving championships or families walking their dogs. What you see is one of the other things that make our neighborhood special. Things that give it character and grace. Our trees. Street trees. Yard trees. Volunteer trees. And park trees.

Trees give us shade from the harsh sun. They add to our property values. They lower our utility bills by up to 50%. They help manage the run-off from rainstorms and shield us from the encroachment of development around us.

Unfortunately, in the past few years our trees have suffered. Unlike forest trees, city trees have a hard life. Pollution and construction choke them, cars park on their roots and improper trimming leaves them vulnerable to disease. Streets and sidewalks channel away precious water in droughts.

All of these factors have taken a toll on our trees and the trees of Atlanta. Water Oaks in particular have caused many problems in the city and in our neighborhood. The stress puts them (and all of us) at risk. Unhealthy trees are not something we can or should ignore. But just because a tree is large or old doesn't mean it has reached the end of its lifecycle. It is not necessarily a hazard to people or property. Properly maintained, many of our grandest old trees have only reached middle-age. A professional arborist can advise you on the health of all your trees and make suggestions for their care. Recently we contacted Cheryl Kortemeier at Trees Atlanta to find out what we can do to improve tree health and safety. She provided a great deal of very helpful advice.

### Be aware.

Look at your trees. Are they visibly stressed? Full of dead limbs? Leaning? Vine-covered? Damaged from abuse or weather? Infested with insects?

### Have your trees checked.

Contact a professional arborist to evaluate any tree you have questions about. They may recommend thinning the canopy, pruning, fertilization, treatment for insects or disease, cabling weak branches, mulching and even something as simple as watering. They may also recommend removal if appropriate. But, if removal is necessary, you must adhere to the City Tree Ordinance ([www.ci.atlanta.ga.us](http://www.ci.atlanta.ga.us)) and apply for a tree removal permit. This is not a "nice-to-have". It is required by law. For more information, contact the City of Atlanta Arborist Office at 404.330.6076.

### Care for your street trees.

Mulch them year-round. Water them weekly during times of drought. If you think a street tree needs to be evaluated, trimmed or removed you should contact the City Arborist In Charge of Public Right-of-Way at 404-817-6853. One word of caution, once you engage them they may take more extreme measures than you had anticipated.

### Keep planting trees.

People with great vision planted these wonderful trees for us years ago. They thoughtfully placed them to line our streets, shade our homes and beautify our views. Let's do the same. For ourselves, our children and the many families that will live here in the years to come. Cheryl had a number of suggestions for what to plant. Ideally we should plant trees that will have a long life provide ample shade and that are disease resistant. Trees planted should be able to tolerate our warm climate (Zone 7/8). Native varieties such as those recommended by The Georgia Forestry Commission ([www.gfc.state.ga.us](http://www.gfc.state.ga.us)) are ideal.

For fast-growing varieties consider Red Maple or Nuttall Oak. For the best shade: Oaks and Tulip Poplar will grow tall and spread wide. For a long life, look for Oaks or Lacebark Elms. Bradford Pears and Silver Maples don't provide the long lasting benefits of the hardwood. These last two varieties typically become hazardous after a few years due to their weak branching structure. Of course the neighborhood wouldn't be the same without our ornamental Dogwoods and Crape Myrtles.

You might check out the Trees Atlanta 4th Annual Tree Sale on October 18th in Piedmont Park. It's a great time to find over 100 varieties of replacement trees.

## Friends News

The Brookwood Hills Friends group held their monthly meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turnout and a lot of fun! We have a few important events coming up this fall. First up is **the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual BWH Friends Run for Kids 5K**. The run will be held on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. It should be a fun event for the whole family with runs for adults, big kids and little ones, too! ALL proceeds benefit Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. For a registration form, please contact Joellyn Bass at 404/355-7887. Next, mark your calendar for the **Holiday Shopping Extravaganza** on the evening of November 11<sup>th</sup> at the home of Sheree Boyd, 81 Wakefield. Alice Kamerschen and Christina Whitney are organizing this fun night. There will be vendors selling purses, toys, stationery, gifts and much more. We will have more information to you shortly, but mark your calendars and tell your friends now!

Please remember to order your poinsettias through BWH FRIENDS. Decorate your home or office while benefiting Children's Healthcare. Look for the red order forms delivered to your door or call to door or call Renee Bellavia at (404)351-7407.

If you are interested in joining BWH FRIENDS, please contact Sharon Williams at 404/355-5988 or Christy Payne at 404/350-9369.

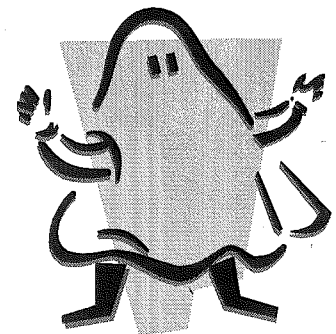
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# **BOO!!!! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE BWH HALLOWEEN PARTY!!**

## **Friday, October 31st from 5:00 -6:30 pm in the Park**

The Brookwood Hills Community Club is sponsoring this year's event and wants to treat your family to pizza, pinatas, a parade and a costume contest for the young and the young at heart! (Adults, come dressed up and you could win a gift certificate to a wonderful neighborhood restaurant!).

We hope you'll come join in the fun and get into the Halloween spirit!!



## News from E. Rivers Elementary – October 2003

Fall is here, and E. Rivers is busy with autumn activities!

Our annual Fall Clean Up Day on October 4 was a great success. Parent volunteers joined volunteers from Hands on Atlanta to help spruce up our outdoor plantings and beds, clear brush and pressure wash sidewalks. Our Hands On Atlanta group was from The Cathedral of Christ the King. Many thanks to our hard working volunteers and to Hands On Atlanta for organizing this worthwhile project. The school looks great! Come on by and take a look.

A big thank you to the Brookwood Hills Neighborhood Association for allowing us to hold our Fall Parent Party at their pool pavilion! The event was catered by Casa Grande Restaurant. The Fall Parent Party promises to be a yearly tradition, and was a fun way for parents to get to know one another as well as raise funds for the school.

We hope to see you on Saturday, October 11 at the Peachtree Battle Shopping Center Fall Festival. We will be hosting our annual Fall Bake Sale and would love to see our neighbors and friends come out to visit us! There will be many other fun activities for families, including a petting zoo, pony rides, and a rock-climbing wall. Stop by and get some home baked goodies from the E. Rivers PTA!

Our neighborhood Chick Fil A at Peachtree Street and Collier Road will be hosting an E. Rivers Spirit Night on Thursday, October 16. Drop by and tell the cashier that you are a friend of Rivers, and a portion of the proceeds from the evening will go toward the PTA. Chick Fil A is a wonderful business partner and we appreciate their generosity.

Come and get in the Halloween spirit at Rivers during the week of October 27 – 31! We will be having our annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest, and each class will use their design skills to create a most imaginative display of pumpkins. The pumpkins will be displayed in the front lobby and will be judged on October 30. You will be amazed at the creative ideas the children come up with to decorate the pumpkins!

The Prospective Parent Evening and Tours will be held this year on November 6 and 7. We will be sending invitations to families in the E. Rivers school district with preschool age children. This event is a great way to find out more about your neighborhood school, meet teachers, the principal and other parents, and to see the school in action. We encourage you to come and see what we are all about! Please contact Ann DuPre at 404-351-7765 or [anndupre@comcast.net](mailto:anndupre@comcast.net) to make sure your name is on our mailing list. We hope that you can join us!

Please visit our school website at [www.erivers-elem.org](http://www.erivers-elem.org) to find out more about E. Rivers!

# CLASSIFIEDS

**Selling my royal blue Baby Jogger Twinner II** with 20" wheels for \$325 (or best reasonable offer). Only 2 years old and in great shape (has been covered at all times when not in use). This stroller retails for \$425-\$450 and best discount offer at [dealtime.com](http://dealtime.com) is \$385 ([babybungalow.com](http://babybungalow.com)). Please call Lauren at 404-355-7166 if you are interested or want to check it out to see if you are interested.

**Toy Sale.** Amazing and Stupendous bargains. Something for every pocketbook. Bring your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters (and dollars). Toys, books, games, puzzles, and more. Saturday October 25th, 9:30—11:00 AM, 122 Huntington.

**Housesitting/Extended Stay and Overnight Babysitting** Amy Levesque, Trinity School teacher, is available for all services listed above. If interested, please call 404-240-9466 or email at [alevesque@trinityatl.org](mailto:alevesque@trinityatl.org)

**HOUSEKEEPING:** Ten years experience cleaning BWH homes. Neighbor references upon request. Please call Agnes at 770.831.8849 (cell phone: 770.855.7523).

**Housekeeper available** two days per week. Has worked for various families in the neighborhood for years. Also available to help with parties (including polishing silver, setting up, serving and cleaning up). Please contact Val Alexander at 404-603-3672, neighborhood references available.

**Looking for a great spot for spring break or just a place to get away?** How about a 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath luxury residence at the Ritz Carlton Club, St. Thomas, USVI. Enjoy all of the amenities of the Ritz Carlton St. Thomas as well as an additional pool, restaurant and beachfront for club members. Unit includes beachfront terraces off of the living room and one bedroom, a full kitchen (which can be stocked with food and drink), laundry room, dining room, as well as a sleeper soft in the living room (unit sleeps up to six). Available February 28 thru March 13 for \$725.00 per night. 5 night minimum. Other dates available during the year. If interested contact Chad Hood at 404-875-5452.



**Do you have a tux you need to replace?** Why not donate your old tux to the "Chuck Your Tux Drive" for the Midtown Assistance Center? The Midtown Assistance Center is an interfaith ministry that provides emergency assistance to the working poor of Midtown Atlanta. Many clients hold catering and other service jobs requiring tuxes. So if you have one to spare, please contact Maureen Zent, 404-724-0959.

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