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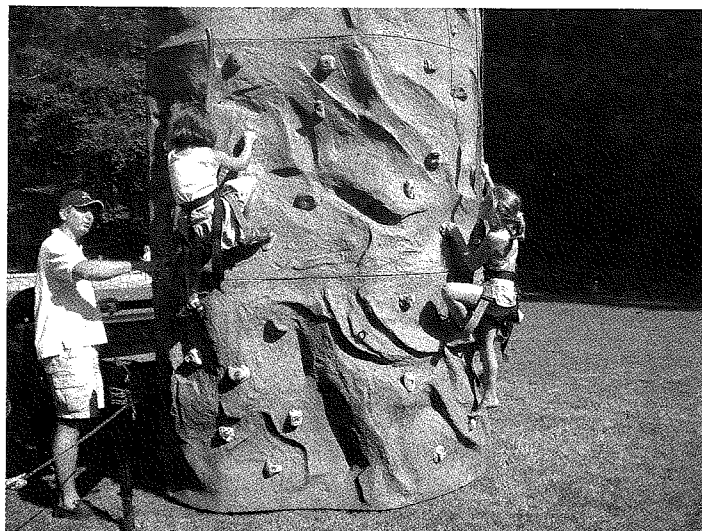
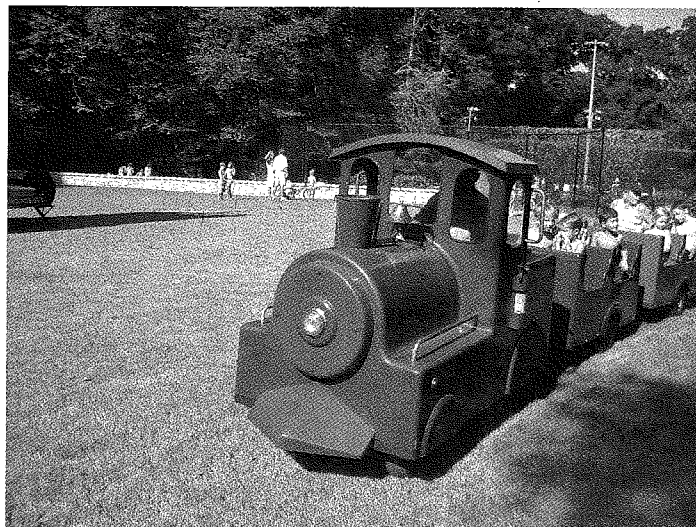
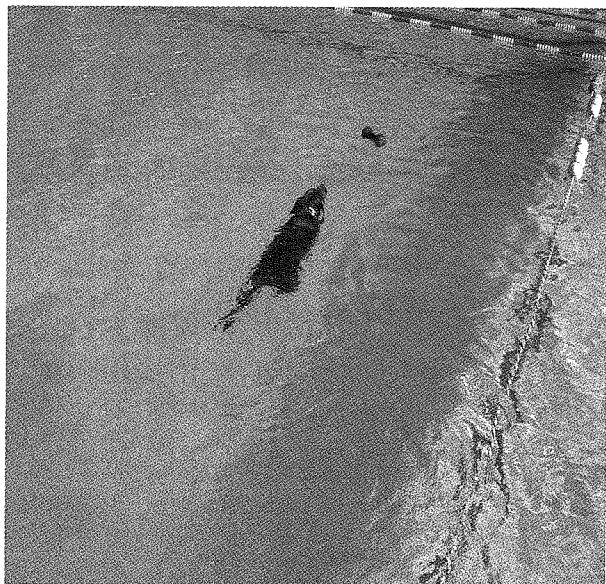
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The Summer Ended With A Splash

The summer of 2005 came to a close with an awesome ice cream social and dog swim. Thanks to all who volunteered to make the party a success!





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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.

Street Paving Update

By Scott Bass

I am sure you noticed the recent paving project in the neighborhood. Brighton, Palisades, and Wakefield have been paved completely and Huntington is almost complete. It's great to have these streets freshly paved as it makes driving, walking, running and bike riding a much smoother experience. It has probably been ten or more years since these streets were last paved, so they were long overdue.

Unfortunately, Camden Road, which has some of the worst street conditions in the neighborhood, is not being paved at this time. Adam Gelb, the Government Relations Chair for the board, has been in touch with our City Councilman Howard Shook as well as people from the City of Atlanta Public Works Department. Apparently, paving of Camden is being paid for out of a different budget and a different paving contractor will be used. The City has indicated that Camden is scheduled to be paved in the next six months. We are trying to move that date forward as much as possible and will let everyone know if there are any new developments. Adam is also checking into having curb and gutter placed on middle Camden where none currently exists. If you have any questions or concerns about the recent or upcoming paving, please contact Adam Gelb at government relations@brookwoodhills.com or myself at president@brookwoodhills.com.

Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is Wednesday, November 9th, 2005. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@yahoo.com or dropped off at 49 Huntington Rd.

N e i g h b o r N e w s

- As we say goodbye to the Taylor's of 57 Woodcrest Avenue, we welcome back Patrik and Carolyn Stefan and their two young sons. The Stefan's previously lived at 243 Huntington Road.
- **E. Rivers Prospective Parents** - On Thursday, October 20th there will be a Prospective Parent Coffee at 7:00 PM, followed up on Friday morning with prospective parent tours of the school. E. Rivers Elementary is a Georgia Department of Education Distinguished School. For more information please contact Cynthia Zeigler at 404-842-1898 or Cynthia.zeigler@mindspring.com or Brookwood Hills neighbor, Pamela Watson at 404-876-6981 or pwatson@mindspring.com.

Clear Creek Easement Passes Board Vote

On Sunday evening October 2nd, a neighborhood meeting was held to review the proposal to sell a conservation easement to the City of Atlanta on 47 acres of land that the Community Club owns along Clear Creek. Dan Bromstad presented the details of the conservation easement and the process that a committee of neighbors had worked through over the past two years. The Clear Creek Committee recommended unanimously to the Board and the neighborhood that we grant the easement in exchange for \$1.76 from the City. The meeting lasted approximately 45 minutes and at the conclusion, the proposal was summed up appropriately by Chad Hood who said "the City of Atlanta is willing to pay us \$1.76 million for something that we tried to do in the past and were willing to pay our own money for...what's not to like!"

The following Monday night, the Brookwood Hills Community Club Board voted unanimously to move forward with the granting of the easement to the City of Atlanta. The conservation easement will be on two pieces of property along Clear Creek: 41 acres of undevelopable flood plain land along Clear Creek, and a 6 acre piece of developable land that is located behind houses along Huntington near the intersection with Palisades. A 3.75 acre tract of land along Armour Industrial Park will not be included in the easement. The conservation easement primarily restricts development of the land and disturbance to the land and vegetation. It will however permit the neighborhood to restore and clean up the property for the benefit of the neighborhood should we choose to do so.

Next Steps

Now that the board has voted to move forward, the City will prepare a survey and baseline document that describes the property at the time of the grant and serves as a baseline for monitoring compliance with the conditions of the easement. If everything is acceptable to the neighborhood and the City of Atlanta, we will move forward with the closing which will take place in 2006.

One of the key next steps is for the neighborhood to determine how to best utilize the proceeds from the sale of the easement. \$1.76 million is a substantial sum of money for the Community Club and we need to make sure the funds are utilized for the long-term benefits of the Club. There are certain tax benefits for spending the money on capital projects over the next three years but taxes are only one of the issues that must be considered. A committee is being formed now to begin the process of putting together a long-range plan for the neighborhood and to determine how to best utilize the proceeds. Expect to hear more on this in the coming months.

Special Thanks

As mentioned earlier, we have reached this point after two years of diligent work by a diverse group of neighbors. Nicole Cook headed the committee and was instrumental in moving the process forward and working with the legal document of the easement. Jerry Luxemburger, Alex Summers, Rod Cook, Dan Bromstad, Eve Goldstein, and Jim and Esther Stokes were all crucial in making sure the Community Club's rights were protected and that we were also compensated appropriately for the easement. The Brookwood Hills Community Club Board extends to each of these individuals a deep and heartfelt thank you.

Brookwood Boys and Girls 2005—2006 Schedule

The Brookwood Boys and Girls joint schedule for the year is as follows. Brookwood Boys and Girls is open to all first through fifth grade boys and girls in the neighborhood or who are pool members, and their fathers, grandfathers or special adult male friends. Any questions can be directed to Larry Pless at 404 892 6024.

TRIP LEADER	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Boyd Gentry	Sunday, October 16 th *	Cagle's Dairy Farm Outing	1:00 p.m.
Fernando Duralde	Sunday, November 13 th	Stone Mountain	1:00 p.m.
Art Waldrop	Saturday , January 7 th	Georgia State Varsity Basketball	Early p.m.
Roland John	Sunday, February 12 th	Bowling, Delk Road	1:00 p.m.
Guy Palmer	Sunday, March 19 th	Atlanta Aquarium	1:00 p.m.
Jim King	Sunday, April 23 rd *	Chestatee River	12:30 p.m.
Frank Bellavia	Sunday, May 14 th	Braves Game	p.m.
Larry Pless and Miles Cook	Saturday and Sunday, June 10 & 11	Lake Rabun Overnight	Saturday 1:00 p.m. – Sunday

All departures are from the Parkdale entrance to the park.

Please mark your calendars accordingly. Reminder emails from coordinators will go out approximately two weeks before each event, and the trip leader will assign various responsibilities for the overnights in the days leading up to then.

Brookwood Hills Community Club

Halloween 2005

Pizza, costumes contest, parade, monster mash

Monday, October 31st

4:30 to 6:00

Brookwood Hills Park

Sponsored by Joe Noah & Associates

COOKIES WITH SANTA

December 11, 2005

3:00-5:00

**At the home of Pete and Agnes Law
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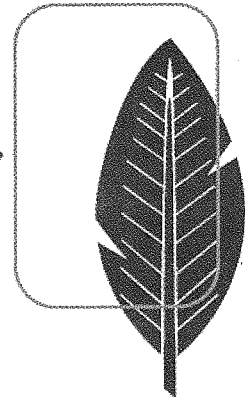
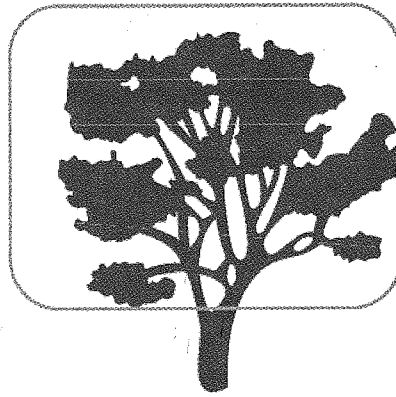
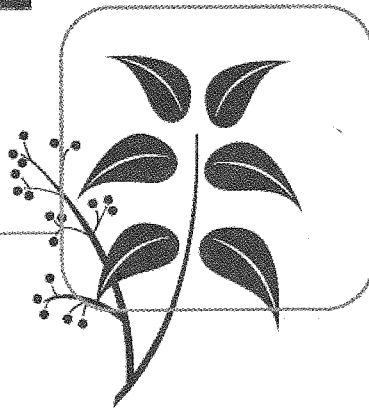
TICKET PRICE: \$35 PER FAMILY

BENEFITING CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA



SECOND ANNUAL BROOKWOOD HILLS TREE PLANTING

**DON'T MISS IT / PLEASE COME AND HELP
PLANT THE TREES THE NEIGHBORHOOD
NEEDS.**



In case you missed the article in last month's Brooknotes, once again we are going to be working with Trees Atlanta to plant trees around the neighborhood. As was the case last year, they will be providing volunteers but since it is for our benefit we would like to see as many neighbors as possible volunteering as well. We need you.

As for the program itself, here's how it works. If you have not already been contacted, someone either from the neighborhood or an arborist from Trees Atlanta will come to talk to you about your yard and what kind of tree would fit in with your landscaping. You will have the choice between a 10 gallon or 25 gallon tree. The 10 gallon trees are free. That's right.....FREE, but as a non-profit organization, Trees Atlanta is asking for donations and we are suggesting \$25 for the 10 gallon tree and \$50 for the 25 gallon tree..

If you want a tree and have not been contacted please call Katrina Newton or Eve Golstein. In any case we all greatly appreciate your help.

Andrew Whitney

DATE: NOV. 12, 2005

TIME: 8:30 AM

**Where: We will meet at the Pool Pavillion
for Coffee and Donuts and go from there.**

Edith Henderson, pioneer landscape architect

Brookwood Hills neighbor and prominent landscape architect Edith Harrison Henderson passed away last week. She is survived by her husband Jimmy Henderson, a former club president and resident of Brighton Road. Donations can be made in her memory to First Presbyterian Church.

By LEE MAY

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Travel around Atlanta a bit, and you're likely to see a space that reflects Edith Henderson's fine design — a church garden here, residential one there, even the grounds of a MARTA station.

In her 50 years as a landscape architect, she crafted thousands of gardens and other spaces throughout the region, gaining a reputation for elegance and simplicity, a legacy that will survive her death this morning at age 94.

"Edith Henderson's Home Landscape Companion," published in 1993, reflects the directness and common-sense nature of the woman. Both the woman's and the book's fine qualities are enhanced by charm and humor.

Her design work and her views on what it meant were honest and open, thus accessible to many who may have felt put off by the daunting task of taming a space and making it good to look at throughout the year.

One chilly autumn day, she referred to the stripped-down trees, the skeletal honesty of the season, saying, "I like to see a garden as it is: no camouflage." She could have been talking about her profession, which she practiced with great candor and zest.

She talked about how, with her plain notebook in hand, she'd visit clients: "I'd ask, 'What do you want here instead of what I see?' And they'd say, 'I just don't like that flower.' I'd say, 'Well, pull it up.'" A simple and confident assertion, grounded in her talent.

Her self-assuredness was all the more remarkable for the times in which it was built.

It was unusual to see women designing gardens in 1934 when she graduated from Lowthorpe School of Landscape Architecture in Groton, Mass.

Undaunted by doubts that landscape architecture was women's work, she went on to prove it was. Moreover, she was the first director of Rich's garden center; had a 20-year run as gardening columnist for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution; and was the first female Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the highest award by that organization.

She spruced up Atlanta for 60 years. One of her many projects was the landscape design in 1939 for Clark Howell Homes, the first federally funded housing project in America, later known as Techwood Homes. She was hired by its principal architect, the famed Philip Shutze.

Her artifacts are housed at the Atlanta History Center's Cherokee Garden Library. The collection consists of her original 3-by-4-foot pen and ink rendering of the Clark Howell project, several hundred slides of her landscape designs, and original manuscripts of the weekly columns she wrote for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution 1955-1977.

Experienced landscapers and gardeners learn from her work. Her use of prickly holly plants at the Hightower MARTA station was a practical way of preventing rambunctious youngsters from trampling plantings.

Visitors love the Memory Garden at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. In a word, it is peaceful. It is quintessentially Edith Henderson; evergreens dominate. Once, gazing at the church garden, she explained how evergreen trees and shrubs make good garden design: "It's always there; you never lose the design."

Over the years, that truth prevailed, through fine-formed hemlocks, hollies, rhododendron, pieris and other plants, with dwarf mondo the main ground cover.

In later years, Ms. Henderson geared down, mostly lecturing, writing and making book appearances.

Even as the Alzheimer's disease progressed, she had a huge store of memories about her designing days, many centering on her special love of residential projects. She worked hard, and she had fun.

Her designs, in their beautiful simplicity, were not plant heavy. This sparseness often saved clients money and future hassles of deleting overplantings. She would laugh when she recalled clients who "had so much money I had to step on them and hold them down so they couldn't mess up the whole blessed business" by putting in too many plants.

Much of what she put in stands still, enriching us all.

— Lee May is a retired Journal-Constitution gardening columnist.

CALENDAR

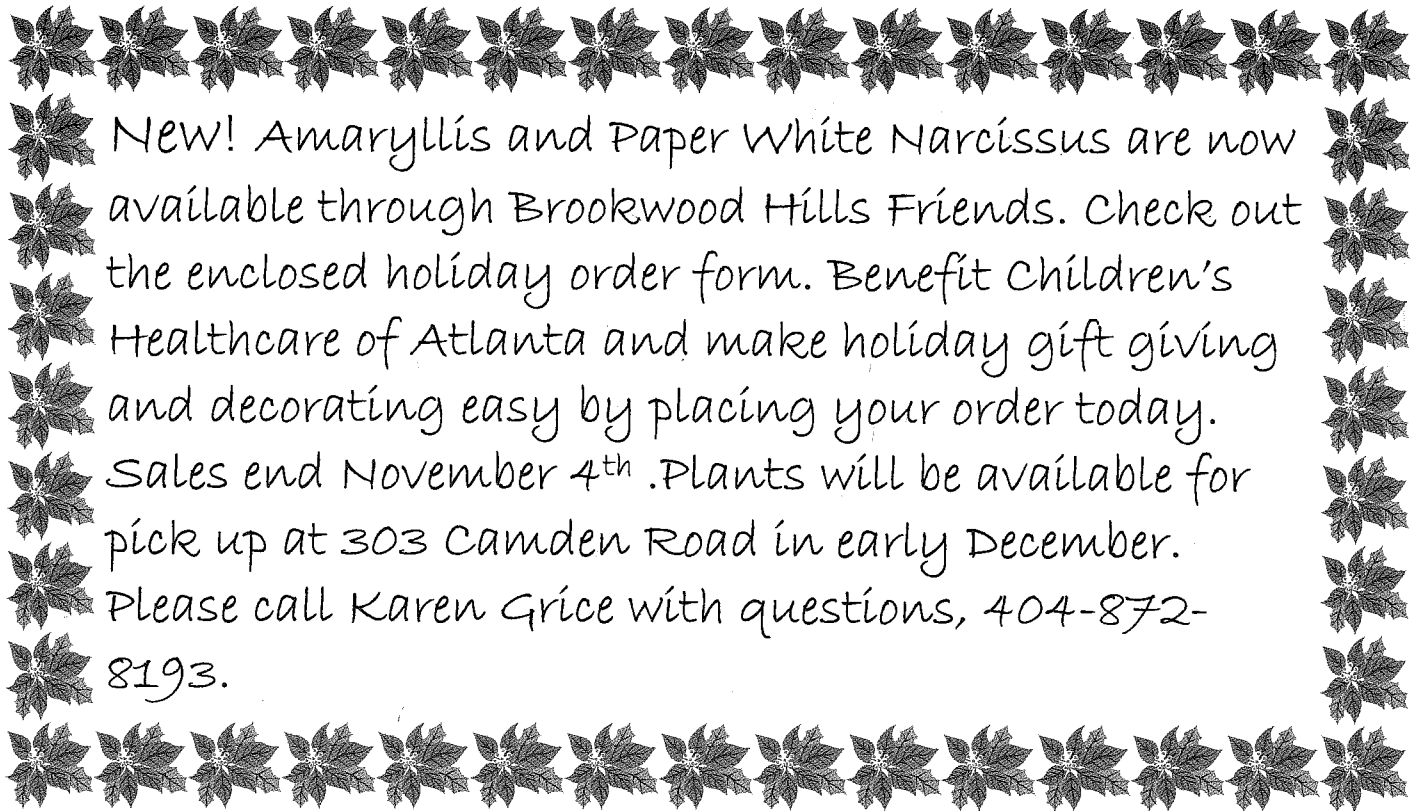
Monday, October 31st — BWHCC Halloween Party, 4:30—6:00 PM at the park

Tuesday, November 8th—Brookwood Hills Friends, 7:00 PM at the home of Denise Wilbert, 31 Northwoods

Monday, November 7th — BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, at the home of Lisa Barnhart, 310 Camden Road

Saturday, November 12th—Fall Tree Planting, 8:30 AM, Pool Pavilion

Monday, December 5th — BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, at the home of Lauren Whitehurst, 114 Brighton Road



New! Amaryllis and Paper White Narcissus are now available through Brookwood Hills Friends. Check out the enclosed holiday order form. Benefit Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and make holiday gift giving and decorating easy by placing your order today. Sales end November 4th. Plants will be available for pick up at 303 Camden Road in early December. Please call Karen Grice with questions, 404-872-8193.

C L A S S I F I E D S

- Our young, energetic housekeeper has some days available and is interested in taking on more clients in this area. We would willing to give her excellent references. Please callCarolynn Cooper (404.351.0555) or Sallie Topfl (404.870.0397) for references. To contact Lidia directly call her at 678.499.4479.

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