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Brookwood Hills Ice Cream Social & Dog Swim

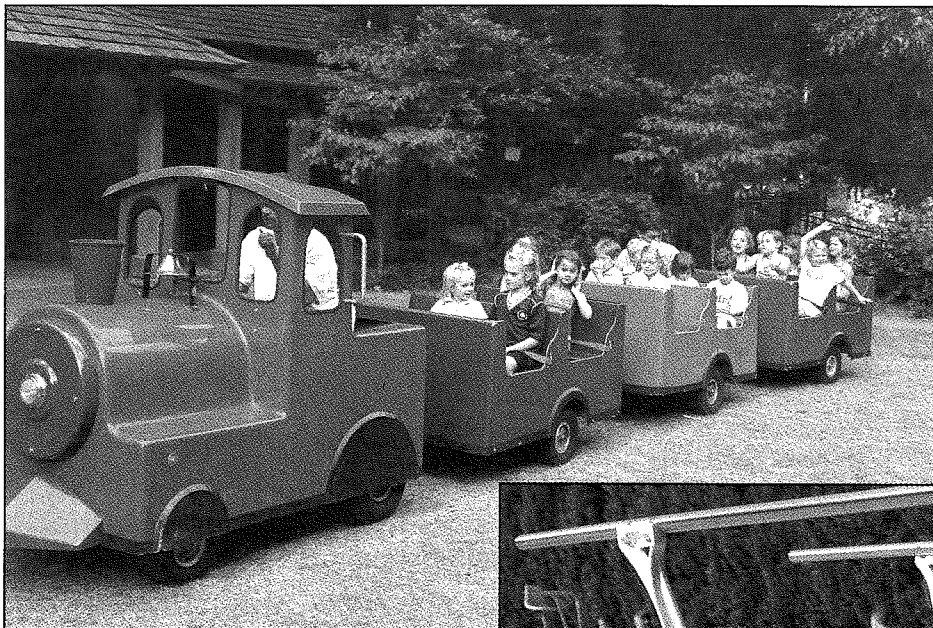
By Sarah Howe



Thank you to Sarah Hagood and Specialty Homes Inc. for sponsoring our annual Ice Cream Social and Dog Swim on Sunday, September 17th, 2006.

As each lovable local pooch waited patiently for their once a year Brookwood Hills bath, all of us two-legged folks enjoyed yummy Mayfield ice cream.

There was no shortage of participants on the rock climbing wall and no shortage of labs in the pool. While the pictures speak for themselves, as always, it was the perfect kick off to the fall.





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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.



Mark your calendars for
 Tuesday, October 31st

for the

**BWHCC Annual
 Halloween Party**

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Brookwood Hills Park

*Pizza, Chick-Fil-A, Haunted House
 and Costume Contest*

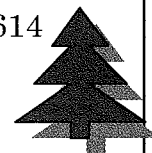
Don't Forget the Third Annual Tree
 Replanting Program

Saturday, November 11th, 8:30 a.m.

BWH Park Pavilion

Help us plant, water, and mulch the
 trees. We need as many volunteers as
 we can get!

Contact Andrew Whitney at 404.350.9614
 with questions



BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of BrookNotes is Tuesday, November 7, 2006. Submissions may be either e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 49 Huntington Rd.

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

- Please welcome Angela and Bob Batterson to 62 Camden Road.
- Please remember that our coyote trapping near Clear Creek will continue through October 28th. Traps are set near the creek, so please ensure that your children and pets do not wander back that way. This is especially relevant for residents on lower Camden, as well as on the creek side of middle/upper Camden, Wakefield and Huntington. These traps are humane and will help rid our neighborhood of this potentially dangerous situation.
- Neighbor Ginna Pope will be exhibiting her artwork at the *2006 All Saints' Fine Art Exhibition Sale*. The exhibition features over 30 All Saints' artists and benefits the artists and the Journey to Adulthood (J2A) pilgrimages of All Saints' youth. It takes place on Saturday, November 4th from noon to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The address is 634 W. Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

Clear Creek Easement Update

On September 28, 2006, the City of Atlanta and the Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc. (BWHCC) closed on the sale of the easement on the neighborhood's Clear Creek property. The final proceeds to BWHCC were \$1,760,000. Special thanks go to everyone that has worked extremely hard on this transaction over the past several years. Of special note, Nicole Cook, Dan Bromstad, and Alex Summers diligently moved this transaction along, and Benning Grice was instrumental in perfecting the final documents.

The next step is to begin the process to develop a plan to invest these funds into the neighborhood. According to our tax advisors, any funds invested in capital improvements to the neighborhood over the next three years would be exempt from capital gains taxes. Earlier this summer, a committee of a diverse group of BWH residents was formed to study how to invest these funds. This committee will work together in the coming months to develop a long range plan for the neighborhood and an investment plan for the proceeds.

We have a unique opportunity to make a substantial difference in Brookwood Hills. Please be assured that no decisions will be made without the full input of all Brookwood Hills residents. In the near future, surveys will be sent to all residents to solicit feedback, opinions, and ideas.

Thank you,

Scott Bass

Immediate Past President of BWHCC and Chairman of the Clear Creek Conservation Easement Committee

What Stories Does Your House Tell?

By Kay Summers

We bought our house from the heirs of the Burkes, who said they had bought it from the Blacks, who had built it around 1926. OK, sounds reasonable.

But when the Legacy Ladies launched the Home History project, and announced it in this newsletter, it was read by someone who knew far more than we. Genna Brown, a resident of Camden Road, contacted us with pictures of her mother, Virginia H. Brown, in front of our house. These incredibly clear snapshots, processed by CONE'S ATLANTA QUALITY SERVICE MAR 1925, show Virginia, an adorable toddler, with her parents, Dr. Mattison W. Henderson and Florence Garrett Henderson (see next page for photos). The Hendersons built the tan brick house in 1924, and the Blacks became the second owners about two years later.

The Brookwood Hills connection continues, for Virginia Henderson grew up, married Dennis Brown, and moved back into Brookwood Hills for a period as her two daughters were growing up. The Hendersons moved into 54 Camden, and later the Browns moved into that home and stayed until Mrs. Brown's recent death, at age 79. Virginia Brown's daughter has returned from Florida and is maintaining the Brookwood tradition.

The next owner was Eugene Black who was President of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank in the 1930s. His wife, Augusta, was the daughter of Henry Grady, the famous journalist. One of their sons was Eugene R. Black, President of the World Bank in the 1950s and 60's. Another son was the father of Grady Black, who was a Camden road resident, and he was the father of Laura Inman and Libby Simons, who both lived in this neighborhood with their children.

The third owners were George and Mona Burke, who were sixty-year residents. Frances B. Tenney, their daughter, told of sitting in the room closest to Northwood one evening in the early 1930's and having a car run into the house. It was being chased by two police cars and was going too fast to make the turn from Huntington. The four men inside were "carried off to jail for having a car full of moonshine." The Burkes enclosed the side porch, built an addition on the back of the house, painted the brick white, and made the house into a duplex in the early 1950's, when Mrs. Burke's arthritis prevented her going upstairs. Widowed in his nineties, Mr. Burke, dressed in a green jump suit and paisley ascot, would do yard work and tend the Queen Elizabeth roses his wife had planted.

Alex and I moved into 60 Huntington after twenty-six years raising a family next door at 66 (a new house, not built until 1927.) We renovated the house, made an addition on top of the Burke's, painted it a new color, and began our history here. These old pictures show how little this wonderful house has changed. The thin young trees grew large and mighty, and too old, and had to be removed in the last few years, but the house stands proud of all its history in Brookwood Hills.

*Please join in the **Brookwood Hills Legacy Project** by collecting and sharing the stories of your home for future generations to enjoy. Please submit your findings to Bonnie Burgess at 4 Montclair Road. You can find more information on our Web site at www.brookwoodhills.com.*



The Return of the Brookwood Hills Book Club

The Brookwood Hills Book Club is starting up again. Get to know your neighbors better as you discuss all sorts of books—classics and current, fiction and non-fiction. We'll kick off the group with the book March by Geraldine Brooks. This Pulitzer Prize winning novel imagines the Civil War experience of Mr. March, the father of the girls in Little Women. We'll meet to discuss March and pick future books on Thursday, November 2nd, 7:30 p.m. at 122 Huntington Road.

Please contact Maureen Zent at mzent1@bellsouth.net if you would like any more information.

CALENDAR

**Tuesday, October 31st, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. —
BWHCC Halloween Party, Brookwood Hills Park**

**Thursday, November 2nd, 7:30 p.m. — BWH
Book Club, 122 Huntington Road**

**Monday, November 6th, 7:15 p.m. — BWHCC
Board Meeting, at the home of Allyson Greene, 53
Huntington Road**

**Saturday, November 11th, 8:30 a.m. — 3rd An-
nual Tree Replanting Program, Park Pavilion**

**Tuesday, November 14th, 9:30 a.m. — FRIENDS
Meeting, 47 Brighton Road**

**Sunday, December 10th, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. —
Cookies With Santa, 47 Northwood Avenue**

C L A S S I F I E D S

- **NANNY AVAILABLE:** Recently retired school teacher, resident of Brookwood Hills, mother of two grown boys, available to be a nanny to your children while you are out of town. Will stay in your home, transport your children to school and activities, and assist with homework. While you're away, your mind will be at ease. Neighborhood references available. Please call Letsa Marietta at 404.872.2888 (home) or 404.314.3101 (cell).
- **BABYSITTER AVAILABLE:** Jennifer Elwell is a young professional interested in babysitting on weeknights/weekends. Experience includes: t-ball coach, after-school program coordinator, middle school fine arts teacher, and various babysitting jobs. Lives in Loring Heights with reliable transportation. For a BWH reference, call Patti Junger at 404.504.0801 or 404.872.3652. Contact Jennifer directly at 404.870.3152 or jennifer.elwell@gmail.com.
- **MILK DELIVERY:** Milk delivery is available in Brookwood Hills. Preston Born of Born Home Services can deliver milk, juice, eggs, and other dairy products to your doorstep. If you are interested, please contact either Preston at 404.243.0565 or Laurie Hood at 404.875.5452 for a reference.
- **DRY CLEANING PICK-UP & DELIVERY:** Buster Bentley of Buster's Delivery Service picks up and delivers dry cleaning in Brookwood Hills on Mondays and Thursdays. Many neighbors use this service and are very pleased with the quality and convenience. If you are interested, contact either Buster at 770.437.6529 or Laurie Hood at 404.875.5452 for a reference.
- **NEED A PLAYHOUSE?:** Adorable child's playhouse available for FREE. Please contact Kathleen Waldrop at 404.815.7500 by November 30th if interested.

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