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Pool Closes for the Season with Fun for All

By Wendy Granot with photos by Burch Hanson



Thank you to Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes, Inc. (on the left, with Burch Hanson) for sponsoring our annual Ice Cream Social and Dog Swim on Sunday, September 14th. It was another grand day in our idyllic community, surrounded by good friends and “man’s best friends.” We started the afternoon with many neighbors pitching in to scoop ice cream for the neighborhood children. A wide variety of Baskin Robbins

flavors from Bubble Gum to Heath Bar Crunch were enjoyed by all. Endless train rides and rock-climbing-wall expeditions were then enjoyed by the adventurous ones. To the right children pack the train while Frankie Sayers waits her turn to board. Below other children eagerly anticipate their chance to climb the rock wall.



Many adults enjoyed catching up with old friends while the dogs waited patiently for five o’clock to celebrate the last day of the pool season for 2008. The customary pandemonium and frivolity prevailed as the dogs reveled in the unaccustomed freedom of being off-leash both in and out of the water. In addition to Sarah, thank you to the many neighbors who rolled up their sleeves and used their scooping arms, with special thanks going out to David Gephardt of Huntington Road, who always pitches in to help us with our events.



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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. The cell phone number for the neighborhood security patrol is **404-242-3321**.

Easy Electronics Recycling

Did you realize that every third Saturday of the month, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., there is an electronics and cardboard recycling program at Grady High School?

The project is a joint partnership among the Keep Atlanta Beautiful initiative, Grady High School, the Midtown Neighbors' Association, Georgia E-Waste, and Pratt Industries.

Accepted E-Waste includes: Audio-visual equipment, computer mice, DVD players, keyboards, MP3 players, power supplies, server cabinets, stereo equipment, TVs, cell phones, computers & their components & peripherals, fax machines, microwaves, pagers, printers, speakers, telephones, vacuum cleaners, copiers, ferrous & non-ferrous metals, PDAs, projectors, steel & alloy rims, VCRs, coaxial & power cables, digital cameras, household batteries, monitors, scanners, steel scrap, toner cartridges, video game systems, Walkmans (Walkmen?), wire, and wireless devices. Cardboard is accepted by Pratt Industries at any time, not just on the third Saturdays.

The few items NOT accepted include: car batteries, household appliances, furniture, lamps, light fixtures and smoke detectors.

The recycling spot is in the 8th Street parking lot of Grady High School, located at 929 Charles Allen Drive, adjacent to Piedmont Park. Look for the big Georgia E-Waste recycle truck, located in the parking lot.

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Wednesday, November 5th, 2008. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 22 Northwood Avenue.

City Evaluates Brookwood Hills Sewers

By Jennifer Carlile, Public Information Manager, Department of Watershed Management

In 2002, recently elected Mayor Shirley Franklin jump-started an ambitious, comprehensive plan known as Clean Water Atlanta (CWA). CWA's overriding goal is to ensure that residents—and our downstream neighbors—have clean, safe water for generations to come. To accomplish this goal, the City is repairing, and in some cases, replacing, water and sewer lines.

Part of the \$4 billion CWA initiative, the Sewer System Evaluation Survey (SSES), is the first step in the City's overall sewer system rehab, repair and rebuilding program. The project currently underway in the Brookwood Hills area is just one part of the overall SSES/Rehab program, and the neighborhood and surrounding communities stand to reap many benefits from SSES/Rehab now and in the future.

SSES uses field techniques such as smoke testing, dye testing, closed circuit TV (CCTV) inspection, flow monitoring, rain monitoring, building service connection location/inspection, and flow isolation to determine the condition of sewer lines. As the data comes in, City engineers decide whether the sewer lines or manholes should be replaced, repaired or scheduled for future repairs.

Once the data is collected, the sewer improvement plan for the area is developed. Improvement methods include a combination of trenchless methods, localized point repairs and some open-cut pipe replacement. The trenchless methods—cured-in-place pipelining (CIPP) and pipe bursting—allow the City to repair or replace some sewers with minimal disruption to the community. CIPP involves the installation of a resin-coated liner that reinforces the existing pipe. Pipe bursting involves pipe replacement that uses a hydraulic "bursting head" to expand and break the existing pipe while pulling the new pipe along behind it. Pipe bursting is trenchless, but it does require excavation of entrance and exit pits, as well as sewer service reinstatement pits.

For more information about the SSES or other CWA programs, please visit our website at www.atlantawatershed.org or call the Project Helpline at (404) 529-9211. If you have questions related specifically to the Brookwood Hills SSES/Rehab projects, please contact Diane Badger at dbadger@atlantaga.gov or 404-979-6999.

Calendar

- **Friday, October 31, BWH Halloween Party**, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the park.
- **Monday, November 3, BWH Board of Directors Meeting**, 7:15 p.m. at the home of Hayes & Kimberly Wilson, 63 Huntington Road.
- **Tuesday, November 4, Election Day**.
- **Saturday, November 15, Annual Tree Planting**, 9:00 to noon, meet at the park.
- **Monday, November 17, BWH Book Club**, 7:30 p.m., 45 Wakefield Drive.

New Faces by Patti and Sarah



Tina and Jim Alexander have moved from Jonesboro to 199 Camden Road. Jim is an anesthesiologist at Southern Regional Hospital and Tina is a stay-at-home mom with 9-year old Tucker, who is a 4th Grader at Woodward Academy.

Gary and Cannon Sayers announce the arrival of Gary Monroe "Trey" Sayers III, who joined big sister Jackie on Sept. 29th.

Neighborhood Teen Travels to Africa

Editor's Note: From July 18 to 28, Allison Barnhart, daughter of Lisa & Steve Barnhart, traveled to Kenya under the auspices of Bridge for Ten and Buckhead Church. The following is excerpted from a letter she wrote to friends and family about her time in Africa.



It was amazing I could get on a plane and 30 hours later be in Africa. We flew from Atlanta to Chicago to London to Nairobi. [The next day] we drove about an hour south of Nairobi to Joska. Joska is a small community with no running water and tiny one-room houses. The living conditions are very poor, to say the least. We attended their lively three-hour church service and spent the afternoon getting to know the people who worked at the BigStuf House, an orphanage for children in that area.

Monday through Friday we dug a trench for a water pipe in hopes that the people would one day have clean water. We also painted their church and housing facilities and laid concrete around these buildings. Some went into the community to talk about Christianity.

We went to Lake Nakuru to have fun after a week of hard work. The Lake Nakuru National Reserve is home to many wild animals. We stayed in the Lake Nakuru Lodge in the middle of the park. It was incredible to wake up in the morning and see zebras eating outside the window. [The trip] was a wonderful experience. The villagers we helped were very thankful. I do believe we helped make a difference in their lives. I know this experience made a difference in mine. We all have much to be thankful for.

BWH Book Club to Read Water for Elephants

At the next meeting of the BWH Book Club, 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 17th, we will gather at the home of Susan Brooks, 235 Brighton, to discuss Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen. The novel, told in flashback by nonagenarian Jacob Jankowski, recounts the wild and wonderful period he spent with a traveling circus he joined during the Great Depression. In January we'll read House of Mirth by Edith Wharton. For more information contact Maureen Zent at mzent1@bellsouth.net or 404/724-0959.

A Tree Grows in Brookwood Hills

By Carla Fackler

Plans are underway for a living memorial to “everybody’s buddy,” the late Charlie Brown. (See *BrookNotes*, April 2008.) Members of the Brookwood Hills Community Club, Inc. Board of Directors have approved a proposal to plant a memorial tree in the park. Neighbor Harvie Abney, who knew Charlie for some 20 years and spoke of his love of flowers, has suggested a tree with blossoms. Neighborhood landscape designer Esther Stokes will assist with the planting, which will include a plaque.

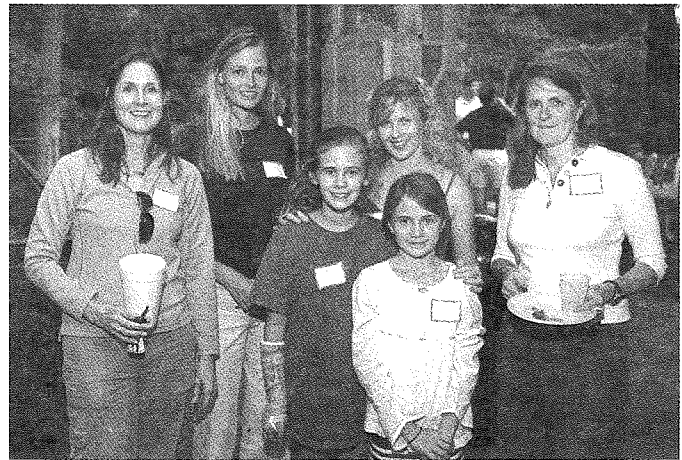
Thank you to everyone who helped with the expense of Charlie’s funeral and headstone. His family was very touched and recognized many donor names from Charlie’s warm narrations about his Brookwood Hills friends. His sister, Sarah, who wrote thank-you notes to nearly every donor, keeps in touch with Harvie. She would love to hear just one more “news bulletin” from Brookwood Hills, as Charlie, cell phone to his ear, washed down a patio, cleaned the gutters or tidied up a yard.

If you would like to help with the cost of the tree planting and plaque, please call Harvie Abney, 404/874-0682. Charlie’s family and Brookwood Hills neighbors will be invited to a dedication ceremony later in the fall. Please check *BrookNotes* for updates.

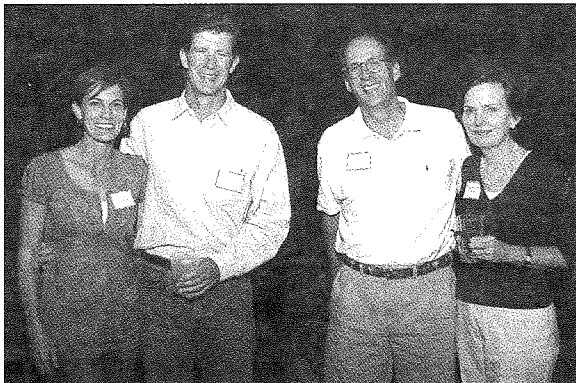
Huntington Road’s Annual Party

By Maureen Zent with photos by Hayes Wilson

Huntington Road neighbors gathered on a pleasant Sunday October 5th at the pool pavilion to welcome the many new families on our street. Over 100 adults, kids, and babies visited through the evening over barbecue, salad, and Alex Summers’ pear pie. As Hayes Wilson snapped photos and the Webster twins cooed, old friends and new chatted. Even some of Huntington Road’s favorite canines put in an appearance, scavenging for morsels of pulled pork.



Above, Kathleen Waldrop, Natalie Fuson, Savannah, Kem, & Charlotte Lee, and Maureen Zent take a break from the party for a picture. At left, new neighbors Judy & Dave Higgins are welcomed by Mike and Elizabeth Nadal.



We were especially pleased our former neighbor, Barbara Ingram, was able to attend. Many thanks to Kathleen Waldrop for organizing this wonderful annual event.

Brookwood Hills Neighbor Spotlight: Linton Hopkins

By Lee Wilder

Q. Let's get the big picture first – you are a professor in the Department of Neurology at Emory?

Linton: Yes, my clinical specialty is peripheral neuropathy and muscle weakness, especially myasthenia gravis. I've been on the medical faculty at Emory since 1974, and Priscilla and I have enjoyed living on the corner of Wakefield and Camden since 1975.

Q. You might have the only house in Brookwood Hills with a badminton court.

Linton: It's the perfect social game, and when we lost a big tree in our yard about 15 years ago, I looked up the dimensions (44'x20') and realized we had the perfect space. I play with the grandkids now, and really enjoy watching Bobby Jones scholars and medical students play too.

Q. Tell me about Bobby Jones scholars.

Linton: This is a 30 year old student exchange program between Emory and St. Andrews in Scotland. Each school selects 4 top students during their Senior year to spend the next year abroad. Surprising to most, golf is not part of the process. It was established by friends of Bobby Jones: Frances 'Buster' Bird, who lived many years on Brighton, was the real force behind it, but Jimmy Sibley and the legendary Coca-Cola Chairman Robert Woodruff helped him get it going. Then others, most notably Charlie Yates, nurtured the program to its current success. A recent scholar, Robbie Brown, is an Atlanta native and Westminster graduate. He made national news by donating a \$10,000 cash award bestowed upon him to a classmate's orphanage in India. Robbie is back in Atlanta as one of 3 New York Times correspondents covering the Southeast.

Q. You are a Bobby Jones scholar yourself, but in a different fashion. You wrote a book about him.

Linton: Where Bobby Learned To Play was my "mid-life crisis." My grandfather knew Bobby Jones' father and loved the East Lake Country Club. He taught my dad and his brothers to play there around 1910. I fell for the place when I first saw it, and wrote down stories told by his friends. When it hit me that I had enough information to let visitors imagine playing with Jones himself, I got excited. That's when my casual scribbling quickly turned into a book for the pro shop.

Q. And you are Atlanta born and bred? Did you have your heart set on medicine as a child?

Linton: Except for education and 2 years in the army, I have lived right around here all my life. My neighborhood was also part of The Battle of Peachtree Creek, and just like Brookwood Hills, there were Civil War bullets to be dug up. I never thought about medicine before college at Davidson.

Q. You raised two children in Brookwood Hills. Where are they now?

Linton: Daughter Laura Stone is a former Brookwood Hills swimmer who now lives in Asheville with her great husband and three children. Linton and his wife, Gina, live in Peachtree Hills and their 2 children attend my old grammar school, E. Rivers. I even work at the same hospital where I was born, so I'm clearly where I want to be. We're blessed beyond belief.

Q. Perhaps you are now the less famous Linton Hopkins. Tell us about Linton's interest in cooking.

Linton: He credits Priscilla's father, Eugene Holeman, for sparking and cultivating his interest in cooking, and he's honoring his grandfather's memory with Restaurant Eugene, Holeman & Finch Pub, and H&F Bakery. Eugene always had a ham curing in the basement and Linton grew up cooking with him. Since Eugene was head chemist for the Department of Agriculture in Tennessee with primary responsibility for food purity, Linton tagged along when his granddad called on farmers. He grew up with an appreciation of what it takes to produce food on the farm and in the kitchen.

(Brookwood Hills Neighbor Spotlight, cont.)

Q. Back to medicine. Your monthly field trips are the stuff of legend.

Linton: Emory established a genetics clinic in Dalton a few years before I arrived. In the 1970s, we added a neuromuscular clinic, and I've been involved since 1974, now as co-director with Emory's Pediatric Neurology Chief, John Sladky. We take 10-12 medical students and 1-2 undergrads with us every month to this clinic. Everyone appears at 95 Wakefield at 7:30 a.m. for a lecture on the unusual disorders our patients coming that day have to deal with. We ride up together so I can prattle on about rivers and Georgia history as well as neurology. Occasionally, 3 or 4 friends have come along with other stories. One wanted to come because her son had been diagnosed with one of the rare diseases, so that month our students got a unique and personal mother's perspective. The patients loved meeting her. For a period of time, we were writing about a large family up there with a rare type of dystrophy, but now our focus is on diagnosing new patients referred with weakness and we make them stronger if we can. Unfortunately, for most genetic disorders we're still waiting for effective treatments, so we manage the symptoms we can. We also make an effort to offer hope by having students use the computer in the clinic and after they get home to search out new approaches and clinical trials for our patients. The students are required to write up a patient to present to their peers and to the faculty as part of their grade, and it's gratifying when they focus on someone they saw at the outreach clinic in Dalton.

Q. Is there another book in your future?

Linton: I'm slowly revising, Where Bobby Learned To Play, hoping for a new edition soon, and I've done about 30 pages for an Atlanta tour I give to students we're recruiting. It highlights the area between Emory and Grady, ground they will get to know very well. Since I rode past Jessica Tandy making the movie on Lullwater one day, it's called, "The Driving Miss Daisy to Grady Tour." I re-work that every year when a new batch of "recruits" arrives, but doubt it'll ever grow up and be published.

Q. Well, you do continue to publish in a fashion with lights on your yard.

Linton: I do enjoy my "yard art." I started about 5 years ago when I cooked up the idea of making the outline of a big snowman in Christmas lights to surprise those Asheville grandchildren when they arrived over the holidays. I was probably jealous I couldn't provide real snow. At a neighborhood party a neighbor with a small child heard someone ask what in the world was I doing. I told her it was a snowman, surprised it wasn't obvious. The child instantly said, "I'm going to call them Santa's landing lights." That really got me going, so the next month I decided to honor the coincidence of Franklin's 300th and Mozart's 250th birthdays. Out came "Ben 300" and "M 250" in lights. It was wonderful to have both friends and people unknown to me stop and wonder what was going on. Now that our pitiful water-starved grass is going dormant, my wish is that other Brookwooders would take it up. It could become our unique winter tradition to spell out favorite greetings or dates, anniversaries or birthdays, etc. It's easier than lights on bushes, and imagine how pleased your children or grands will be when surprised with their initials in lights. The only equipment needed other than ordinary lights is a 3 foot "grabber" to spare the lower back. It's fun to do, and even more fun to watch everyone struggle to figure out your message.

Election Tip

This is a lot to type, but it is a link to all the races on which you will be asked to vote November 4th.

Go to http://www.fultoncountyga.gov/county/elections/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=6&Itemid=1. Click on Sample Ballot Page 1-2 and on Sample Ballot Page 3-4.

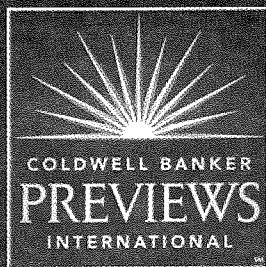
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Scholarship Assistance. You can help provide scholarship assistance for children to attend Sophia Academy, the only Christian school in Georgia specifically for children with learning differences, without spending a cent of your own money. Just use a Publix Partners card with Sophia Academy's name on it each time you buy groceries from any Publix in Georgia. Publix will contribute a percentage of the purchase price to the school. A friend of the school has agreed to match all Publix Partners funds raised this year. Sophia Academy was founded ten years ago by Marie Corrigan, daughter-in-law of longtime Brookwood Hills resident Eileen Corrigan. Currently two Brookwood Hills Community Club members serve on the school's Board of Trustees. Call Betsy Primm at 404/735-6554 or email her at betsyprimm@aol.com and she'll get you a Publix Partners card. Betsy is also interested in knowing about any church, civic, or service groups that would be interested in hosting a free speaker about Sophia Academy.

Electrician. Lori and Greg Fiore enthusiastically recommend their terrific electrician, James Remick for all your electrical projects: kitchens, baths, basements, additions, service upgrades, and landscape lighting. He specializes in the unique needs of older homes. Call Remick Electric at 404/361-7964 or go to www.remickelectric.com.

Doors Available. We just moved to 64 Montclair this past April. The previous owners left several antique decorative French doors in the garage. They're really cool but we don't have a need for them. Someone creative or artistic might be able to use them. Some panels don't have windows and are a bit smaller than the ones with windows. They are available for \$75—\$100. Laurie & Mark Bird, 404/351-9048.

Babysitting. Robin Martin (404/352-8285) & Mindy Duryea (404/467-1865) highly recommend Matilda Molina ("Nana") as both babysitter and housekeeper. She is hard-working, honest, dependable, and loves children. When not busy with the children she will do small jobs around the house such as laundry, ironing, changing beds, and cleaning up the kitchen. Available Mondays and possibly every other Wednesday.



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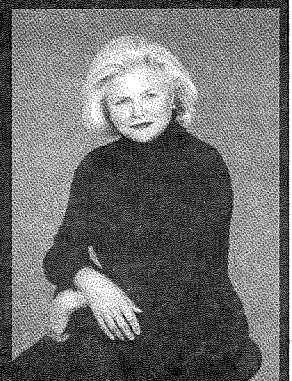
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