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Restore Our Canopy- Plant a Tree!

Annual Tree Planting on Saturday November 10th

By Edward Katz, Brookwood Hills Tree Chair

You may have noticed that every month another one of our majestic trees has been removed, leaving nothing but an ugly stump. Brookwood Hills is losing trees at a record pace. To restore our beautiful "urban forest", it is critical to continue our annual neighborhood plantings. Less trees result in hotter summers and the disappearance of the classic "leafiness of this historic neighborhood. Large canopy trees (oaks and maples) are an important part of what makes our neighborhood so special.

It's not just street trees that are crucial for our canopy, but front yard trees as well. In front yards, trees have more root room and don't have to contend with Georgia Power lines. Are you a NIMFY (Not In My Front Yard)? I used to be one also. I don't want a tree there, I thought! I love that perfectly manicured yard...a tree would spoil the view of my classic architecture... If you fit this description, please reconsider!

It's time for the annual neighborhood tree planting sponsored by Trees Atlanta. Last year we planted 23 trees in the neighborhood. It would be great if we could beat this number this year.

Here's what you can do to assist:

1. Join your neighbors and participate in the upcoming November 10th planting (see details below).
2. Purchase and plant an oak or maple tree by the street, in your front yard, or your back yard.

WHEN: Saturday November 10th- 9 am to 12 pm.

WHERE: We'll meet in the Pavilion in the Brookwood Hills Park for bagels and coffee.

WHO: Anyone can help. The work is not overly strenuous and there will be experienced Trees Atlanta Staff to assist us. This is appropriate for the entire family. This is also a great way for our teenagers and scouts to get service hours! Please send Edward Katz an e-mail if you plan to attend so we can get a good count for breakfast.

If you would like to plant a tree in your front yard or at the street, you may choose a tree from a list of "site appropriate" trees that are better adapted to urban conditions and will cause fewer problems than the water oaks that were planted many years ago. Trees Atlanta will provide small trees for \$40.00 and large trees for \$60.00. These are deeply discounted prices and include planting by volunteers. Trees Atlanta is also offering the opportunity to purchase trees for your back yard, but the cost will be slightly higher, and you will be responsible for planting these trees yourself.

If you want to purchase a tree and you live on Brighton, Camden, Montclair, or Wakefield, please contact Katrina Newton at kfnewton@bellsouth.net. If you live on Huntington, Palisades, Northwood, Woodcrest, or Parkdale, please contact Eve Goldstein at eve.goldstein@att.net. If you want to volunteer for the planting or you have any tree related questions, contact Edward Katz at [404-291-9303](tel:404-291-9303) or at ewkatz@comcast.net.

Donations to Trees Atlanta are also welcomed, especially if you cannot participate in the planting. Donations made in memory or honor of individuals will be published in BrookNotes.



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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 at 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**.

Many Thanks to Nancy Walton for 27 Years of Extraordinary Service to the Neighborhood!

After serving as bookkeeper for the Brookwood Hills Community Club for 27 years, Nancy Walton is retiring and moving to Athens. Cannon Sayers has been selected to take over bookkeeping responsibility for the club. Cannon grew up in the neighborhood and has a 16-person bookkeeping firm. She will personally handle all the details of managing the BWHCC books. Nancy has agreed to help transition the responsibilities over to Cannon in the coming months.



Huntington Road Party

Mark your calendars for the Huntington Road Party on Sunday, Oct. 28th from 6-8 pm at the pool pavilion. Food truck, BYOB, neighbors & fun! (Rain or shine)

Reminder Re. Brookwood Hills Junior Tennis Program

The Junior tennis program is limited to the children of Brookwood Hills members. Please do not invite friends who are not members to participate, as it is against club policy. Thank you!

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Friday, November 9. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 118 Brighton Road.

Stump Removal is Now a Charitable Deduction!

BWH Neighbors - Many of you have been frustrated by the City of Atlanta's policy of not grinding down and removing the unsightly tree stumps that result after the removal of old and dying trees. We have great news! The neighborhood has partnered with non-profit Keep Atlanta Beautiful (KAB) to make the payment for stump removal tax deductible. We have chosen a vendor who will remove stumps at a fair market price. Residents still have to pay for the removal, but they will write a check in the form of a donation to KAB, a 501c3 charitable organization. This deduction can effectively discount the price by more than 33%. This is also great news because removing stumps will allow Trees Atlanta to plant more trees and replace BWH's rapidly disappearing tree canopy. Our annual tree planting is scheduled for Saturday, November 10th. We already have bids for current stumps, and we can quickly generate price quotes for the removal of any future stumps. Please contact BWH tree chair Edward Katz at ewkatz@comcast.net with any questions regarding this new program.

Open Positions on the Brookwood Hills Board

Serving on the board is an important and exciting way to help keep Brookwood Hills the great neighborhood that it is. The positions that are opening as of January 2013 are: **Clear Creek Preserve Chair, Government Relations Chair, Brooknotes Co-Editor, NPU/Zoning Co-Chair, Park Chair, and Website Chair**. Each member's term lasts for three years, and members attend monthly meetings, during which they play an integral part in arriving at policies that affect the neighborhood in various areas. To give an example of topics covered in the board's monthly meetings, the following items were addressed in this month's meeting:

- Nancy Walton, BWHCC's bookkeeper for 27 years, is retiring, and Cannon Sayers has been selected to take over bookkeeping for the club. Nancy has agreed to help transition the responsibilities over to Cannon in the coming months.
- Alissa Anderson has been appointed as the Social Co-chair and will work with Caroline Normark on social event planning for the club effective immediately.
- Neale Fisher has been selected to take over the Treasurer duties for the club beginning in January of 2013.
- Repairs to the tables and treatment of the teak furniture in the park were completed in September.
- The following upcoming expenses were approved in the October board meeting:
 - Planting of 12 trees in the preserve area.
 - New signage for the tennis courts displaying tennis court rules and hours.
 - Repairs to the club perimeter fence on Huntington Rd, Wakefield Dr and Parkdale Way.
 - Landscaping on the hill to the north side of pool for beautification and to prevent erosion onto the pool deck.

A full copy of the minutes from the October meeting as well as previous meetings can be found on the Brookwood Hills website.

If you have an interest in any of these positions, please contact BWH Board President Matt Tolleson. Or, if you just want to know more about each role's responsibilities, feel free to contact the board member currently holding that position.

Shed Some Light on Brookwood Hills this Halloween!

By Amanda Szwast

Every year, almost 100 Brookwood Hills neighbors join together to form our neighborhood FRIENDS group, one of 35 such groups around metro-Atlanta. These groups together raised more than \$2 million for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta in 2011/12. Last year, Brookwood Hills FRIENDS was recognized for having the most new members. Many thanks go to Kellam Mattie & Caroline Wilbert, BWH FRIENDS 2010-2012 co-Presidents for leading the group to great success.

As a fall fundraiser this year, BWH FRIENDS is selling Brookwood Hills imprinted, swivel-head flashlights just in time for ghouls and goblins to trick or treat safely! They are fun, like a toy, but useful for safe walking after-dark or when the electricity is out! Buy one for every child. Stash one in every drawer! 75% of the proceeds benefit the Sibley Heart Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

Remember to return your order form (delivered in mailboxes earlier this month) by October 25th to receive them in time for Halloween! Drop off your order to 238 Camden Road (checks payable to Eva Walker). First flashlight is \$10. Each additional flashlight is \$5 each. Email Eva Walker (evangeline.walker@gmail.com) with any questions regarding placing your order.

Stay tuned for news of other fun activities and fundraising events with BWH Friends this year. Our amazing co-Presidents, Betsy Armentrout and Liz Davies, have many exciting things planned (including group outings like the recent member rafting trip pictured). Contact either Betsy (betsyarmentrout@gmail.com) or Liz (liz@esdhomes.com) to get involved and help your neighbors make a difference for our children.

Pictured from left to right: Jennifer Lamson, Diana Fetta, Mimi Decker, Burch Hanson, Sabina Carr, Liz Davies, Betsy Armentrout, Lisa Barnhart, Cara Mulcahy, Amanda Szwast



Sarah Hagood

and Specialty Homes, Inc.
are pleased to sponsor the

29th annual

“Great Pumpkin Giveaway!”

If you have not yet picked up your home's pumpkin, please remember that it will be waiting for you at 205 Huntington Road through October 31st. One pumpkin per family please.



Amanda Szwast Debuts as Neighborhood Band's New Vocalist at Woodcrest Avenue Street Party!

Woodcrest Avenue held their annual street party on Saturday, October 13. After an evening of food, fun and games, the event culminated with a performance of the Brookwood Hills neighborhood band at the house of Edward and Lisa Katz. Brookwood Hills residents were first introduced to our neighborhood band at the New Neighbor party in June. Since then the band has acquired a new vocalist: Amanda Szwast of Huntington Road! Other band members are Edward Katz, Mitch Wickland, Tom Dierdorff, Dan Malino, and Jon Hedgepeth.



Coyote Common-Sense

Whether we think they're fascinating or a nuisance, the fact is that from time to time our habitat and that of coyotes will overlap. Recently, neighbors have heard the unmistakable yelping of coyotes along middle Camden and Wakefield adjacent to the nature preserve. While coyotes serve an important role in the environment by controlling rodent populations, they can also pose a threat to domestic pets. The first reaction to the presence of coyotes is often to suggest trapping, but it is important to know that the majority of scientific studies conclude that trapping results in an overall increase in the population, because the remaining members of the species competitively over-breed to fill the gap created by trapping. Instead, studies find that removing the things that attract coyotes to our homes — such as pet food left outside, food residue on outdoor grills, outdoor fish ponds and exposed trash — will reduce the chances of conflicts between coyotes and humans. The Fish and Wildlife Services Website (<http://www.fws.gov/sachuestpoint/images/News/HomeChecklist-Coyotes.pdf>) provides a checklist that can help you identify actions you can take to help keep coyotes at bay.

C L A S S I F I E D S

Apple Expert at Your Fingertips - 13-year-old Parker Berman of Huntington Road can help you solve any of your Apple issues or provide Apple support services for things you don't have time to do. Parker's rate is \$15 per hour. No job too small! iPhone, iPad, iPod, iTunes, iMac. Contact Parker at (678) 882-6826 or at georberm09@gmail.com. References available.

Nanny Available - Molly and Ramsay Battin of 55 Montclair Drive would like to recommend their nanny Nicole Vickers to help with any childcare or household management needs that neighbors may have in the mornings (Nicole works with the Battins in the afternoons). Nicole has worked with the Battins for 2+ years and is extremely responsible, helps with household errands and even prepares dinners to make life easier at the end of the day. You can reach Nicole at [404-904-6322](tel:404-904-6322) or nvickers70@gmail.com. Feel free to call the Battins for a reference at [404-355-5998](tel:404-355-5998).

Piano for Sale - Patti Junger has a Sohmer & Co. ebony upright piano for sale – approximately 15 years old. If interested, please email Patti at pjunger@mindspring.com or call Patti's office – [404-591-6522](tel:404-591-6522).

CALENDAR

North Atlanta Girls' Lacrosse Breakfast: Saturday, October 27, 8 AM - 11 AM, Pool Pavilion.

Huntington Road Party: Sunday, October 28, 6 PM - 8 PM, Pool Pavilion.

Halloween Party: Wednesday, October 31, 4 PM - 6 PM, BWH Park.

Mary Stuart Bland Remembrance Event and Family Fun and Fitness Day: Sunday, November 4, 2 PM - 5 PM, Pool Pavilion and Tennis Courts

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