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Who has the Best Butt in Brookwood Hills?

By Kirsten Kenna & Elizabeth Schaefer
Event Co-Chairs, Brookwood Hills Friends



Presented by the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Brookwood Hills Friends, the 2nd Annual Best Butt in Brookwood Hills BBQ competition is on **Saturday, November 7 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm** in the BWH park. In 2014, this family-friendly event raised over \$10,000 for specialized care and equipment as well as cutting-edge research at CHOA.



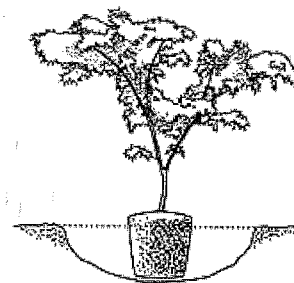
In addition to some of the best BBQ in Atlanta cooked up by your very own neighbors and friends, there will be adult beverages, kid-friendly fare, and music. You can also vote on which team truly has the "Best Butt in Brookwood Hills." So, how can you get involved?

- **Be part of a competition team.** (Limited to 12 teams max.) Prepare and serve up your best BBQ to be voted on by event attendees. To register your team, contact Amanda Baxter at aczabor@gmail.com.
- **Sponsor the event.** Show your support though donating funds or items for the event. The deadline for sponsoring the event is October 17th. Please contact Kirsten Kenna (kirstenkenna@gmail.com or 678-641-3300) or Elizabeth Schaefer (elizaharris@yahoo.com or 678-525-0752) for more details.
- **Attend the event and vote!** Purchase tickets at <https://giving.choa.org/BBBWH>.

Annual Tree Planting: Help Restore Our Trees

By Bryan Kenna, BWH Tree Chair

Neighbors, it's time to roll up our sleeves along with Trees Atlanta staff and other volunteers to restore and keep Brookwood Hills' beautiful tree canopy.



Saturday, November 14th, 9:00 am until noon
Meet at the Pool Pavilion for orientation along with coffee, bagels, and doughnuts.

Sign Up to Volunteer

To volunteer or ask questions, please contact Bryan Kenna (bryankenna@gmail.com or 404-931-8660) by Nov. 10th.
See page 4 for details.

A New Tree for Your Yard?

If you want a tree for your yard or nearby city property, you can sign up to have a tree planted during the event. We will provide you with a list of site-appropriate trees.
See page 5 for details.

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Call for Submissions

BrookNotes welcomes articles, photographs, and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue is **Friday, 11/6/15**. Please email the BrookNotes co-editors at brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com.

Mark Your Calendar!



Huntington Road Party

Pool Pavilion

Sun. 10/25/15, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Huntington Road neighbors, it's time for this (nearly) annual gathering.

Even house numbers, please bring a side dish or an appetizer. **Odd house numbers**, please bring dessert or fruit.

Grillmasters will cook up burgers & hotdogs. Please call Kathleen Waldrop at 404-784-0005 if you have questions.



BWHCC Halloween Party

Brookwood Hills Park

Sat. 10/31/15, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Pumpkins, ginormous inflatable cats, and skeletal tableaus can only mean that the Halloween party is just around the corner. We need volunteers to help make the party happen.

Please sign up on Sign Up Genius.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aafaf2ca4fe3-bwhcc>



Best Butt in Brookwood Hills

Brookwood Hills Park

Sat. 11/7/15, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm



Annual Tree Planting

Pool Pavilion

Sat. 11/14/15, 9:00 am to noon

Brookwood Hills Security

Neighborhood Patrol Cell Phone (404) 242-3321

Going Out of Town? Leave a voicemail for Security. (404) 325-5114

BWH Security Chair security@brookwoodhills.com
 Greg Fiore (657) 229-4728 (text or call)

It's Pumpkin Time Again!



Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes, Inc. Presents

The 32nd Annual Great Pumpkin Giveaway

In celebration of Halloween and the fall season, Sarah Hagood shall give each Brookwood Hills home a large pumpkin. Look for orange flyers to arrive with details.

If you are unable to come October 9th-11th, your pumpkin will await you through the end of October.

- Pick up your pumpkin at 205 Huntington Road.
- One pumpkin per Brookwood Hills residence, please.
- For best selection, pick your pumpkin during the weekend of October 9th-11th.



Sponsored by your neighbor
Sarah Hagood and Specialty Homes, Inc.

Atlanta Architects Scogin/Elam to be in 2016 Venice Architecture Biennale

Reprinted from a www.artsatl.com post by Catherine Fox, Contributed by Jim Stokes

From Jim Stokes:

This is an internationally-significant selection of (Brookwood Hills neighbors) Mac and Merrill worthy of a BrookNotes article.

August 31, 2015

The Atlanta firm Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects is among the 12 architectural teams that will produce *The Architectural Imagination*, the exhibition for the U.S. Pavilion at the 2016 Venice Biennale.

Selected from more than 250 submissions, the teams will come up with propositions that address social, environmental and cultural issues as well as urban design, landscape design and architecture using a specific site in Detroit as a template.

Both Elam and Scogin are familiar with the city and its daunting problems. They have visited Detroit to lecture, and Elam sat on a jury for a project commissioned by Quicken Loans, whose founder Dan Gilbert has embraced the task of reviving the downtown.

They won't be the first architects to focus on the Motor City. "Detroit has been a great fascination of design



Merrill Elam and Mack Scogin, the two principals of Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects, Inc. have worked together in architecture for over forty years.

schools for a number of years," Scogin says. "It's an American story."

And they won't be the last. But the biennale offers an unusual platform. "The biennale presents work to the world," he says. "*The American Imagination* will show how American architects and thinkers are approaching the challenge."

See more at: <http://www.artsatl.com/2015/08/news-atlanta-architects-scoginelam-represented-2016-venice-architecture-biennale/#sthash.1LKIQcNk.dpuf>

Brookwood Hills Annual Tree Planting

By Bryan Kenna, BWH Trees Chair

The Neighborhood in the Forest

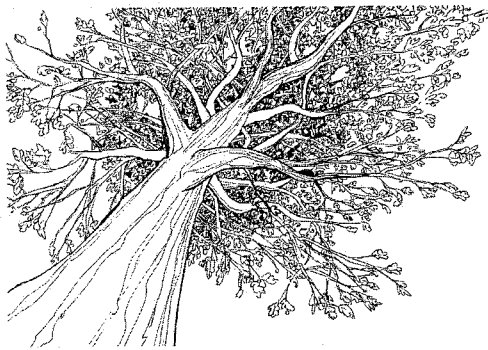
It should be no mystery to any Brookwood Hills neighbor why Atlanta is called “the city in the forest.” A 2014 Georgia Tech study confirmed that a tree canopy covers nearly half the city, making it one of the densest urban tree canopies in the country. Our neighborhood is no exception; we are lucky to have a huge number and variety of trees that add to the character of the neighborhood.

While Atlanta and BWH boast impressive greenery, the city has lost a significant portion of its canopy over the past 30+ years as development has changed the face of our city. Through conscious planning and effort, our neighborhood has done an impressive job to maintain its

standing as a “neighborhood in the forest.” Despite these efforts, we have lost our fair share of tree canopy in recent years as many of the huge, beautiful trees have come down due to age, storms, and disease.

Help Restore & Maintain Our Tree Canopy

One of the key initiatives to maintain and build our neighborhood tree cover has been our deep partnership with Trees Atlanta. Since 2004, we have worked with Trees Atlanta to develop a thoughtful, systematic approach to reforestation and as a result, have planted hundreds of trees. This includes trees planted throughout the neighborhood, along the sidewalks and streets, in yards, and in common areas.



“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is now.”

-Chinese Proverb

Volunteer at the Tree Planting

Whether or not you sign up to have a tree planted, please volunteer to join neighbors, outside volunteers, and Trees Atlanta representatives on Sat. Nov. 14th for some fresh air, socializing, and tree planting.

Last year, a group of volunteers from Trees Atlanta, E. Rivers Elementary School, and the Korean American Community Service Day planted twenty-three new trees in our neighborhood, including one in honor of Harry Gilham.

We'd love to see Brookwood Hills residents roll up their sleeves along with volunteers from outside the neighborhood to restore our beautiful tree canopy

When?

Saturday, November 14, 9:00 a.m. to noon

Where?

Meet at Pool Pavilion for orientation featuring coffee, bagels, and donuts.

Who?

Anyone who can handle a shovel can help; work is not overly strenuous. Experienced Trees Atlanta staff will assist throughout. School-aged children are welcome.

After orientation, the group will split into teams. Trees Atlanta and the BWH Trees Committee will distribute tools, instructions, and trees to the teams who will go to assigned locations throughout the neighborhood.

Sign up to Volunteer

To volunteer or ask any questions, please contact Bryan Kenna (bryankenna@gmail.com or 404-931-8660) by November 10th.

Unable to volunteer at the Annual Planting?

Consider a donation to Trees Atlanta.

Trees Atlanta website: <http://treesatlanta.org/>

Donations:

<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/1431890>

Brookwood Hills Annual Tree Planting
Buy a Tree for Your Yard or Street

To get started, scan your yard & look for gaps in tree coverage.

Consider where you might want or need a tree. To facilitate these efforts, our committee and Trees Atlanta recently conducted a drive-through of the entire neighborhood to identify potential sites for new trees.

Many of you will receive a letter from the BWH Trees Committee encouraging you to plant a tree in your yard or your sidewalk/street area. Please give these letters consideration as a service not just to your home's landscaping, but to the neighborhood more broadly.

Sign up to have a tree planted in your front yard or nearby city property.

If you have identified a good spot for a tree, contact a Trees Committee member to sign up to have a tree planted during our annual planting or to discuss the planting options.

- **Live on Brighton, Camden, Montclair, or Wakefield?** Please contact Katrina Newton at kfnewton@bellsouth.net.
- **Live on Huntington, Palisades, Northwood, Woodcrest, or Parkdale?** Please contact Eve Goldstein at eve.goldstein@att.net.

We will provide you with a list of site-appropriate trees. With our partners at Tree Atlanta, we can work with you to make sure you get the right tree in the right place, considering all relevant factors including size, location, obstructions (i.e., power lines), etc.



Cost of Trees and Deadline

Most trees are offered at \$50 (15 gal.) and \$75 (30 gal.) and include planting by volunteers. This is a significant discount compared with sourcing and planting trees yourself.

You can even take advantage of this program to purchase trees for your backyard, though the cost of the trees will be slightly higher. You will be responsible for planting backyard trees yourself.

The deadline for purchasing trees is October 30th, but we encourage you to sign up sooner to ensure ample time to work with Trees Atlanta and the BWH Trees Committee on tree and site selection.

On the Fence?

If you are unsure about adding a tree to your front yard or nearby city property, consider the huge benefits trees provide you and the neighborhood - creating a habitat for animals that eat pests, providing shade for cooling, removing pollutants from the air, reducing noise, and enhancing property values and happiness. Studies have shown all to be true.

The Trees Atlanta program has been hugely impactful in our neighborhood and is tailored specifically to our needs - maintaining aesthetic appeal and character while providing functional benefits and mitigating problems and risks down the road.

Have Trees Questions or Concerns?

If you have tree questions or concerns, please contact Brookwood Hills Tree Chair Bryan Kenna (bryankenna@gmail.com or 404-931-8660).





E. Rivers Elementary School Updates

By Elizabeth Wickland

New Beginnings for Brookwood Hills Kids

Last May, five Brookwood Hills children celebrated their graduations from E. Rivers. Two now attend the Middle School at The Westminster Schools, and three have gone to the new Sutton Middle School 6th grade-only campus at Chastain.

There are many exciting things going on at E. Rivers this year for the 33 currently-enrolled Brookwood Hills children you see riding the bus or walking to school. We have 11 neighborhood children in kindergarten at E. Rivers, many of whom were teammates on the Bullfrogs swim team. These lil frogs are thrilled to see Coach Tim Storsteen and his wife Angie, both teachers at E. Rivers.

Spanish-English Dual Immersion Program

Don't be surprised if you hear five E. Rivers kindergarteners talking (and singing!) to each other in Spanish with impressive Columbian accents. A group of 40 E. Rivers kindergarteners are enrolled in the school's inaugural Dual Immersion program which will grow each grade level and follow these children to middle school.

These kids spend half of every day in an exclusively Spanish speaking homeroom and the other half of the day in an English homeroom. The children receive math and science instruction daily in Spanish, while Social Studies and Language Arts are taught in English. These kids get a double dose of phonics and reading curriculum daily, both Spanish and English. The research behind Dual Immer-

sion education for the young child is amazing; I'd be happy to send you more information.

The program requires that the Spanish teacher be a native speaker. The school was thrilled to hire an International Baccalaureate trained, experienced kindergarten teacher from Cali, Columbia whose has a deep passion for Dual Immersion for young students. She uses songs, movement and hands-on learning in her classroom...all in Spanish. The English portion of the program is led by kindergarten teacher Adrienne Mather, a phonics master, who has taught many Brookwood Hills children throughout her illustrious E. Rivers career.

Lion's Pride Annual Fund Drive

E. Rivers kicks off its Lion's Pride Annual Fund Drive mid-September with the goal of raising \$120,000 through tax-deductible donations to the E. Rivers Education Foundation. The foundation aims to enhance classroom learning by providing E. Rivers with the resources students and teachers deserve, beyond those provided by Atlanta Public Schools. Look for signs in the yards of BWH donor families and consider supporting your neighborhood school!

More about E. Rivers Elementary

Check out the school website eriverselementary.com if you are interested in taking a tour and seeing the beautiful, state-of-the-art new campus! **For more information, please contact Elizabeth Wickland 404-375-7455 or lizzy.wickland@gmail.com.**

E. Rivers Rising Kindergartener Ice Cream Social

Pictures by Anna Cate Little & Suzanne Derizo

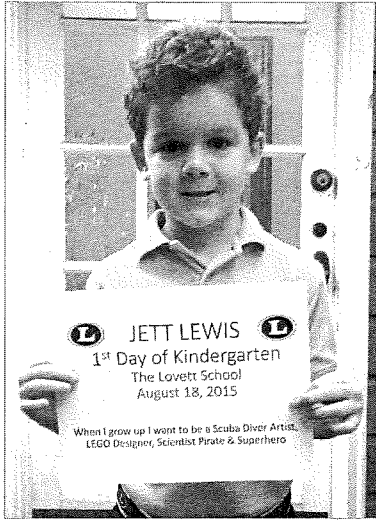


On July 11th, all eleven of the rising E. Rivers kindergarteners met at the Littles' home for an ice cream social.



Brookwood Hills Goes Back to School

August 2015, Photos by Proud Brookwood Hills Parents



*Jett Lewis,
Kindergartener at Lovett*



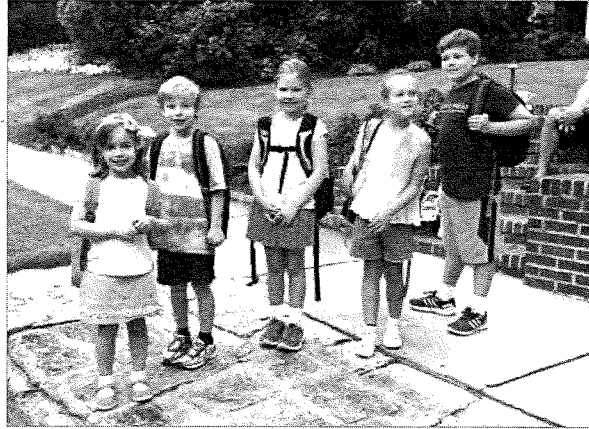
*Mary Hodges Wamberg & Hadley Smock,
Kindergarteners at E. Rivers*



Campbell Adams & Sophia Kuykendall show Bing Mock the way to class at E. Rivers Elementary.



*Sarah & Jordan Webster
2nd Graders at E. Rivers*



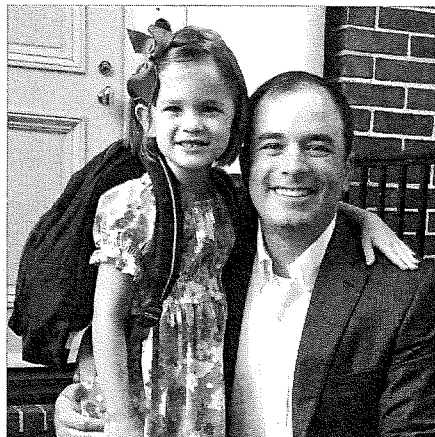
*Hadley & Conner Smock, Campbell Adams and
Katie & Beau Koebler wait for the bus on Brighton.*



School bus drop-off on Brighton Road



*Neighbors and Pre-Firsters Annabelle Fransen &
Radha Retnasaba at Pace Academy*



*Caroline Little with her dad, Matt Little
Caroline is a kindergartener at E. Rivers.*



*Olivia Granot,
4th Grader at E. Rivers*

The Cookie Studio

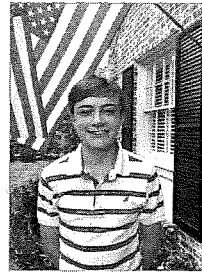


Susan Brooks recommends The Cookie Studio at 30 Pharr Road for coffee, breakfast, lunch or a fabulous cookie on their large patio. There is an added bonus of supporting a small, local business.

Susan says The Cookie Studio is also the perfect stop for a delicious gift or to buy their cookie mixes. Pets are welcome.

Visit their website to see photos, a menu and gift options: thecookiestudio.com

Math Tutor



Anton Mertens, an 8th grade honor student at Sutton Middle School and Huntington Road resident, is available to tutor your child in math.

Anton has enjoyed tutoring students as a volunteer since the 5th grade, and he's ready to turn this skill into a business!

He will come to your home for \$15/hour (or \$7.50/half hour), and he looks forward to helping your 3rd to 8th grader make math homework fun! You may reach Anton at **(404) 249-7279**.

DEFINE body & mind

Libby Barge recommends DEFINE body & mind, a holistic lifestyle brand and boutique fitness studio offering barre, cycling and yoga-infused classes opened in September at 1833 Peachtree Rd. (near the Palisades intersection).

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DEFINE prides itself in creating physical transformations while offering clients a balance of sustainable health and wellness services and education in a fun, encouraging and supportive environment.

To find out more or to schedule a class, please visit www.DEFINEbody.com.

Ring Video Doorbell

Based on a recommendation from Security Chair Greg Fiore, Matt and Meghan Holbrook installed the Ring Video Doorbell in September. They are big fans of the doorbell. "You don't even have to be home to answer the door. Ferris Bueller could have used one of these!"



- Video doorbell that connects to your smartphone
- Answer the door from anywhere
- Battery lasts up to 1 year per charge
- Weather-resistant and easy to install

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