



# BROOKNOTES

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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## ROCK AROUND THE BLOCK

Labor Day weekend may signal the end of summer fun, but for the residents of Woodcrest and Huntington, the party had just begun. On Labor Day evening, the neighbors on Woodcrest held their 29th Annual Block party, headed by Mayor Michael Murphy. Attendance was strong, now that a new generation of children have grown enough to ensure that the three-legged race could be run on more than 2 1/2 legs.

The grand tradition of the Woodcrest Block Party was started in 1966 by John Hunsinger, who served as mayor for the first ten years. Since then, there has been a new mayor every year. Rumor had it that traditionally the mayor was chosen as the person having a child entering puberty. With so many children grown and off to college, that standard for selection doesn't work anymore. Says Mike Nadal, last year's mayor, the most important part of the job is getting someone to take it on next year. The 1996 Mayor for the 30th Annual Block Party will be Harvey Ross.

Residents brought fried chicken, a side dish, a dessert



*Huntington residents enjoy picnic supper*

and lawn chairs. Activities this year included the bike parade, the water balloon toss, the sack race, and the watermelon scavenger hunt. New neighbors were officially welcomed by the Mayor, and all gathered for a picture under the official banner, which is made of fabric scraps from the draperies of homes up and down the street.

A day earlier, the Huntington Road Block Party took place in front of the home of Sarah Hagood, who has spearheaded the party for the last few years. The Huntington party was especially well-attended by Brookwood's newest residents--the babies. "There were tons of strollers," said Sarah. The responsibilities were spread among several families, with Lisa and Jeff Richardson providing the tables and chairs, Beth Gaffney handling the set-up and table decorations, Lib and Robbie Foster running the children's games and activities, and Ruth Murphy handling the communications and photography. Sarah Hagood made house photo name tags for the 70 families who responded to the invitation. As added entertainment, Suzanna Cullen gave tours of her upstairs addition at her home at 110 Palisades.



*Woodcrest Mayor Michael Murphy officiates water balloon toss.*

## Brookwood Boys: The Legend Continues

By Jeff Bramlett

Brookwood Boys (grades K-3) and their male parental units (no age limit) are invited and welcome to join our neighborhood's loose-knit, low-key father/son group. The Boys conduct more-or-less monthly father/son outings which have in the past ranged from camping, hiking and canoe trips, to sporting events, to a very educational trip to a vineyard and winery.

Participation in Brookwood Boys is an excellent way to get to know your neighbors and your own Brookwood Boy. This year's group is just getting organized. If you would like to participate, please call Jeff Bramlett at 881-4192(wk) or 351-3609 (home).

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Alison Caughman

Your Community Club Board of Directors held its monthly meeting on Monday, September 11th and dealt with a number of issues of interest to the neighborhood.

First, a zoning matter concerning the rules governing the creation of subdivisions has been of concern to the Board. Several years ago, a new Subdivision Ordinance was enacted by City Council. It was passed after two years of meetings, with vigorous debate and compromise between neighborhood groups and developers. The ordinance contained a list of "objective criteria" which had to be met before subdivision development could be approved. These included such measurable items as minimum lot size, the distance between the street and the houses, the layout of any new streets, the means for handling water run-off, and so on. The law also contained a section describing "subjective criteria," which included such features as street design, lot pattern, tree cover, and topographical conditions.

Two years ago, a controversy arose over whether or not these "subjective criteria" had to be adhered to, or whether they should be considered more as philosophical guidelines and not hard and fast rules. The test case for this controversy involved a proposal to subdivide (into two lots) a Brookwood Hills property, located at 75 Palisades Road. After a year and a half of review by various bodies, including the Georgia Supreme Court, it was decided that the "subjective criteria" had to be considered equally with the "objective  
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## Calendar

### ● September 24 Brookwood Girls

The Brookwood Girls will be going to Chattahoochee Nature Center on Sunday, September 24. They will be leaving Brookwood Park at 1:00 and should return around 5:00 p.m. To confirm your interest, please call Scott McCune at 872-1177. Brookwood Girls is open to all neighborhood girls in the first through fifth grade and their dads, grandfathers or special friends.

### ● Oct. 9 BWH Board Meeting

The next meeting of the BWH Board of Directors will be on Monday, October 9, at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Mike and Donna Egan at 97 Brighton. If you would like to attend, please call Mike or Donna at 351-6567. All Community Club members are welcome.

### ● Oct. 13 Brooknotes

The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is Friday, October 13. Submissions should be in writing and should be dropped off at Betsy Crosby's house, 34 Brighton Road, 351-8821.

### ● Oct. 13-15 Great Pumpkin Patch

Sarah Hagood, your neighbor and owner/broker of Specialty Homes, Inc., wants you to join her in celebrating Fall and the upcoming Old Hallows Eve by picking a plump pumpkin from the GREAT PUMPKIN PATCH at Sarah's home, 201 Huntington Road. Pumpkins can be picked up on Friday, October 13, 3-6 p.m., Saturday, October 14, 9-6 p.m., or Sunday, October 15, 10-6 p.m. (If you are out of town that weekend, please come by as soon as possible to claim your pumpkin.) If you would like to have your

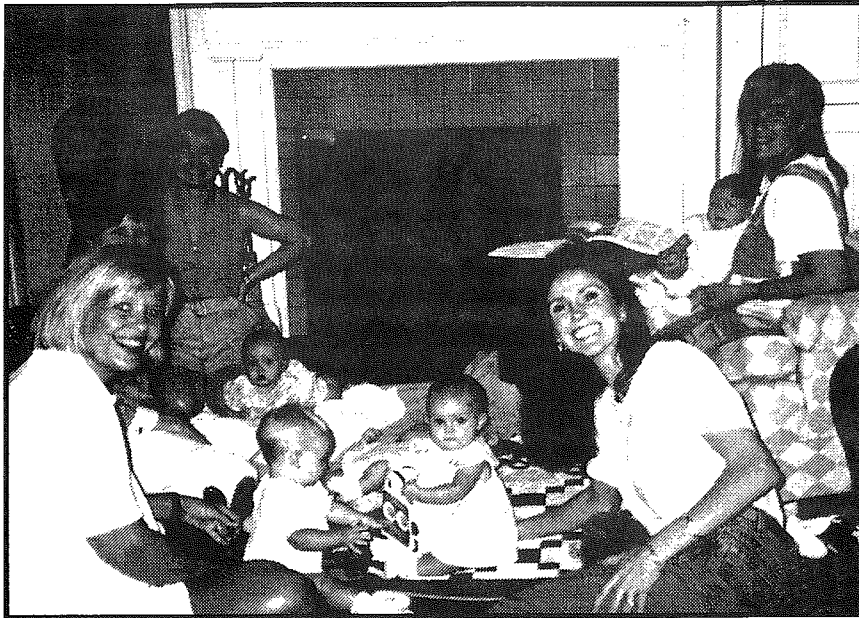
pumpkin delivered to your home, please call 231-5678 and let Sarah know. One pumpkin per family, please.

### ● October 31 Halloween Party

Laranne Oser and Chuck Wood of Dorsey-Alston Realtors are once again sponsoring the annual Halloween Party. Ghosts, ballerinas, witches and ninja warriors, come to the park at 5:00 p.m. for a parade and refreshments. Sodas and treats will be provided; cheese pizza will be \$1.00 a slice.

### ● November 4 Park Clean-Up.

From 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Come for a morning of gardening, camaraderie and refreshments at the annual Park Clean-Up. Please join us--the park is a special gift for us all. Call Laranne Oser, 351-4825 to volunteer (or just show up!).



From left: Beth Gaffney, Lombard Puri, Mitzi Michaelson (non-BH resident), Dina Adamson (holding Wood); Dana Foley. Babies on floor: Astrid Michaelson, Thomas Puri and Kathryn Foley.

# The Baby Brigade

Libby Simons had a great idea last February. She would ask all the pregnant women in Brookwood Hills, as well as those who had just had babies, to a party. The party was set for February 23, 1995, but on February 22, little Frampton Simons upstaged his mother's social plans by arriving early.

Needless to say, the party was put off--and put off and put off. By the time it was rescheduled for August 7, most of those pregnant ladies had had their babies. Libby provided lunch for the moms, but it was (BYOB--Bring Your Own Bottle) for the babies.

According to Libby, there was a lot of rolling around on the floor on the part of the babies, and a lot of gabbing on the part of the moms. Efforts to talk about world affairs degenerated into conversations about baby sleeping positions, developmental milestones and birth experiences. Hardly a tear was shed, even when Frampton had to leave for

an early nap.

There was a fairly even split between boys and girls, which augers well for future social gatherings. Present at the party were: Libby & Frampton Simons (born February 22), Lynn and Isabelle McAlevy (April 8), Beth and Ellie Flint Gaffney (January 23), Dina and Wood Adamson (June 25), Lombard and Thomas Puri (June 30), Dana and Kathryn Foley (February 6), and Millie and Harris Reed (December 9, 1994). Deirdre Stiles and baby Nicholas Delesalle were unable to come. Both Larkin Preston and Lisa Richardson came pregnant to the party. Since then, Larkin and her husband Richard have had a baby girl on August 26, Cecily Adaire Cohan. As *Brooknotes* goes to press, Lisa Richardson is eagerly awaiting her first contraction.

If anyone has had a baby in 1995, and would like to join the group, please call Libby at 355-5005. There will be future events.

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criteria," and on that basis the subdivision proposal on Palisades was not allowed to proceed.

In early August, the City Council, over the strenuous objections of Lee Morris, Clair Muller and Mary Davis, passed an amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance which removed the "subjective criteria" from consideration when reviewing a proposal to subdivide property. The proposal to subdivide 75 Palisades was resubmitted to the City Planning Department and, under the new language of the ordinance, may ultimately be approved. In the meantime, however, Council member Morris, in conjunction with many NPU's and neighborhood groups (including our Board) worked hard to reverse the action of the Council. His amendment to restore the "subjective criteria" language to its former position finally passed the City Council on September 18th. Hopefully, the protective language is there to stay. The 75 Palisades proposal will, however, be decided on the basis of whether or not it meets the criteria of the Subdivision Ordinance that was in effect at the time the proposal was submitted.

## Park

The Board approved a proposal by Laranne Oser and Sarah Ellen Love to hire John Sell, our sidewalk contractor, to repair the french drain in the park which had collapsed from the weight of trucks bringing supplies down to the pool each summer, causing a permanent swamp in one corner of the playing field. The roadway into the park will also be enlarged at the play circle, so that the trucks no longer run over the play area. The barbecue pit and surrounding area will also undergo repairs, making the area a more pleasant place to host a gathering. Look for some big equipment and disruptive work activity in the park over the next month while these repairs are being made.

# See the New E. Rivers

by Alison Caughman

When was the last time you were inside E. Rivers Elementary School? You've probably noticed (with relief) that the construction traffic has gone and that the addition to the school appears complete. If you'd like to see what's been done, you'll have your opportunity on Thursday, October 19th, between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. On that date, the PTA will host an Open House to showcase the school's new media center, gymnasium, and classrooms. E. Rivers alumni, who stretch all the way back to 1917 when the school was founded, are especially invited to return for an evening of nostalgia and fun.

In addition to "sightseeing," those attending will be able to enjoy "A Taste of the World," culinary delights from across the globe, prepared by some of Atlanta's best chefs. There will also be a silent auction of wonderful donated gifts, art, vacations, and dinners prepared by chefs from across the city.

As Atlanta has expanded in population and diversity, Rivers has worked hard to keep pace, meeting the challenge of change with optimism and a steadfast commitment to children. Over twenty countries are represented in a student body which is enriched daily by this cultural diversity. The PTA is attempting to raise \$35,000 through this event to support its programs. These include partial funding for the daily French instruction which all classes receive, the creation of a hands-on science lab and resource center, the purchase of physical education equipment for the new gym, and many other projects which directly benefit the students.

If you'd like to help underwrite the PTA's efforts, or if you're just curious to see what the school looks like now, stop by for a moment on your way home from work.

## Directory Change

"A" Member Alex Doman at 44 Northwood recently got married. His wife's name is Laura Doman. Please add this change to your directory.

## Gas Line Repair

Yes, those repairmen have been working along Huntington Road a long time. Expect to see them for the next several months repairing gas lines throughout the neighborhood.

## WORD OF MOUTH

### Aquarius Pond and Aquarium Company

Jesse Watson 393-8503

Felton and I have recently used Aquarius to repair our fish pond and fountain in our yard. Jesse Watson, the owner, is a very knowledgeable, businesslike and reliable young man. His work repairing our problems was most satisfactory. He nows plants and fish, as well as masonry. Give him a try.

Julie Jenkins, 199 Camden, 355-8439

## Letter to the Editor

*Brooknotes* received the following from Alex Summers of Huntington Road.

Trash on the streets in Brookwood Hills is at an intolerable level. Trees and limbs that came down during the end of June storm are still on the curb. Georgia Power no longer chips-up or carries off limbs from trees on wires.

For removal, call:

Atlanta Sanitation Department - 330-6250. Talk to Eddie Jacobs if possible.

For quicker response, call:

Lee Morris, City Councilman and complain - 330-6050.

Georgia Power Representative for Tree Removal:

Tony Ward - 526-3615

*Editor's Note: At the last BWH Board meeting, JoAnn Hagaman, Trees Chairman, reported that she expected some response soon to her phone calls on behalf of the neighborhood regarding limb pick-up.*

## Volunteers Needed

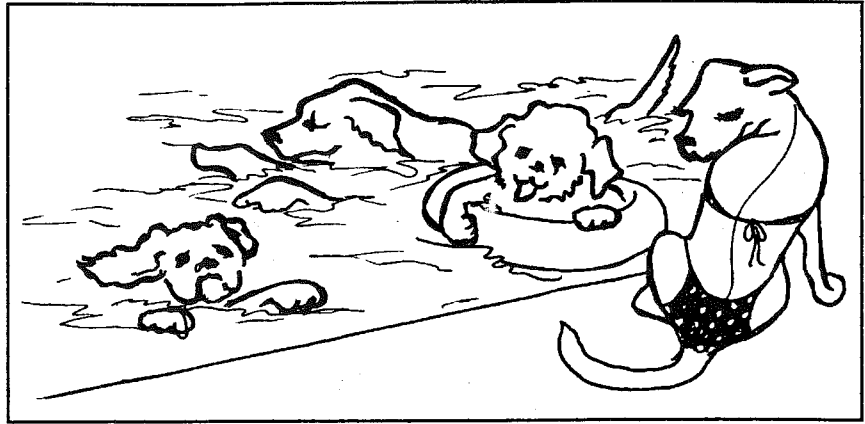
Downtown Atlanta Senior Services (DASS) is looking for volunteers to help deliver Meals on Wheels on Tuesday and Thursday. All routes are in Midtown or Buckhead and all routes start from First Presbyterian Church (1328 Peachtree Street). Volunteers need to be at First Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m. and it usually takes an hour to deliver the meals and return the containers to the church.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Dick Rust at DASS, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (404) 872-9191. If you know of an elderly neighbor who might need this service, call the same number.

# DOG DAY AFTERNOON

by Ginger

It was one of those dog days, but it was September, instead of August. Sleeping on the air-conditioning vent didn't even help, and my tongue had gotten sun-burnt from hanging outside my mouth all day. Day after day all summer long I had watched my folks, Kim and Steve McCollum, pack up Grace and head for the pool. Did they ask me along? Never. They just locked the door and left me to dream of mountain streams and pristine lakes like any other golden retriever. That's city living for you.



*Drawing by Kay Summers*

Why they take baby Grace swimming is beyond me. It's not as if she even knows what to do in the water. She can't go off the diving board. She can't fetch. She can't even dog-paddle.

Finally, its Labor Day, the last day of the pool season, and all day long Kim and Steve are saying, "You want to go swimming, Ginger? You want to go swimming?" (They always ask questions twice. It drives me nuts.) I'm watching the clock and starting to get a little worried. Three o'clock, four o'clock, five o'clock--when are they going to get this show on the road?



Ginger

Can you believe this? It's 6:30, and here they come saying "Come on, Ginger, let's go swimming!" How do you like that? The pool closes at 7:00. Still, I'm not one to complain. I mean, when you only get to go swimming once a year, you learn to make every minute count.

I galloped down to the pool where there were about fifteen or twenty of my friends lined up waiting for the kids to get out. Well, we could have waited there all day--those kids weren't leaving, so we dogs just decided to go ahead and get in.

Kim and Steve had brought my pool toy, a retrieving bag that I think they got from Ducks Unlimited or someplace. I had a pretty great time chasing that with Steve, that is, until I saw the green water noodle. I'd never seen anything like that before. Some kid had let it float away, so I figured he wasn't using it anymore. It didn't taste so good (being foam and all), but it was pretty fun to chew since it didn't sink to the bottom. Kim got mad at me for making teeth marks in it and said we'd have to buy the kid a new one.

I found out I didn't really like heights when Steve got me up on the diving board. Once was enough. The one who did like the board was Bubba, who belongs to pool members Jim and Beth Beskin. Bubba would wait at the bottom of the diving board, then run up and jump in after his pool toy. (Show-Off.)

I saw one poor husky getting a bath. His master brought shampoo and washed him right there. You know, if they let us go swimming everyday, we wouldn't ever need a bath. Fleas hate chlorine.

I liked the mix of dogs that showed up. Of course, there were lots of golden retrievers, but also labs, schnauzers, a corgi, cocker spaniels and a long-haired dauchsand that looked like an otter when he got wet. Although wet dogs all tend to smell alike, there was still some interesting sniffing going on.

Probably the best part was when we got out. I liked to stand next to the driest, best-dressed person I could find and then do my water shake. Those ladies in the shorts really jumped when I got them with my tail.

All in all, it was a great half hour. I only hope I don't have to wait till next year to do it again.

# Garden Club Auction Set

by Sandra Player

The date for the next Brookwood Hills Garden Club Auction is set for April 12, 1996. As in previous Garden Club fundraisers, all proceeds will be put back into the neighborhood for beautification (island and pool plantings and maintenance) and other neighborhood needs, such as sidewalk repair and tree replacement of those oak trees that have succumbed to disease, age or weather.

The Garden Club needs your donations to help make this auction a success for the neighborhood. They would appreciate donations of vacation homes, tickets for concerts or Olympic events, special outings,

paintings, antiques and small furniture in excellent condition, donated services such as catered meals or babysitting for a weekend, portraits, etc. Please contact Sandra Player at 352-9253 with your donations or any questions.

Garden Club is composed of 45 members who are committed to maintaining (often with their own hands and resources) the beauty of the neighborhood. If you are interested in joining, please contact Sara Jean Burke at 355-6288. Membership is by invitation only. There is currently a waiting list.

## In Memorium

Our heart goes out to Pat Wilson and her family at the passing of on August 12, 1995 of her husband Dr. Rick Wilson. The Wilsons moved into their Huntington Road home in Brookwood Hills in 1966, where they raised their three children Patricia, Susan and Hayes. Hayes and his wife Kimberly still live in the neighborhood on Huntington Rd.

When Dr. Rick Wilson arrived in Atlanta in 1966, he was the only physician trained in the specialty of Rheumatology in the state. He founded and was chief of the Division of Rheumatology - Immunology at Emory. He was active in Breakthru House, a halfway home for women struggling with substance abuse. He will be sorely missed.

## CLASSIFIEDS

- **Part-time housekeeper/babysitter needed.** 1-2 days a week. Flexible with days. We have recently moved into the neighborhood and would love some good references if you know someone who has extra time. Please call Page Dickens at 351-7277.
- **Babysitting.** Responsible 7th grade student available for babysitting children ages 2 and older. Also available to take care of your pets, plants, papers, mail and garbage when you are out of town. References available. Pelham Wilder (Jr.) 876-0716.
- **Sample Sale of Outdoor Equipment and Clothes by Manufacturer's Reps.** Saturday, Oct. 15, 10-5 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 16, 1-5 p.m. Held by Tim and Ann Luxemburger at the Luxemburgers' home, 14 Palisades Road, in the garden, or in the garage in event of rain. For information, call 874-0634. From The North Face Company: tents sleeping bags, back packs, day packs, book bags, men's and women's jackets, pants, shorts, etc. (in medium and large sizes only). Gortex weatherwear, fleece and pile clothing, down parkas, shell jackets. Also, Vasque hiking boots, TEVA sandals and Simple Shoe samples (in men's size 9 and women's 7 only). Wholesale prices. Check or cash only, please.
- **Tennis Lessons.** Mimi Hardie, former Brookwood resident and Club member will teach children and women's B & C levels. Available mornings, and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Rates are \$17 per half-hour, \$36 per hour, or \$10 per person per hour for classes of 4 or more. Call 851-9746.

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