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Farewell, Dog Days of Summer



Woodcrest's Annual Street Fest



by Diane Kellum

A parade of brightly decorated bicycles kicked off Woodcrest Avenue's annual Labor Day street party. Diane and Henry Kellum presided as "Mayors", leading the gang in games that have been a traditional part of this party since its inception 31 years ago - sack races, water balloon toss, apple bob, and watermelon hunt to name a few. The fun-filled day ended with a delicious dinner buffet.



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Letter to the Editor

There are many things we can all do to be good neighbors. Part of being a good neighbor is doing small things that help keep our neighborhood clean and safe for all! Here a just few ways we can all be more considerate of each other and help maintain the charm and appeal of BWH.

- Keep dogs leashed, cleanup behind them and try not let barking become a nuisance.
- Pull trash cans back in a timely manner so they don't block the street/sidewalk or contribute to unsightly street clutter.
- Pick up trash, fallen limbs, etc. in the park, tennis courts or streets .
- "Talk" to children who are abusing park, tennis or pool equipment before they do damage and notify parents when necessary.
- Report suspicious people and refuse to open your door to strangers soliciting.
- Call the appropriate city department to report problems with city services or ask for repairs.
- Volunteer when the neighborhood board committees need helping hands.
- Take down signs to advertise sales, meetings, lost pets, etc. in a timely manner.

Taking an active part in caring for your neighborhood is what makes Brookwood Hills the desirable place we all chose to live in. Let's all do our part.

SANDBOX READY FOR ACTION

by Frampton Simons, Park Committee

The sandbox in the park is ready for action with a new cover and fresh, clean sand. The cover is fairly large so please place it safely away from the play area when using the sandbox and put it back on when you are finished. If the sandbox stays covered, it will keep the cats and rain out of the sand and we will have a nice, clean place for our kids to play.

President's Corner

by Betsy Crosby BWH Community Club President

September is always a good time for catching up with our neighbors. It's also a good time to catch up on what's been going on in the neighborhood. As we go to press, the hot topic is the proposed contract between the Jewish Community Center and Post Properties. Though a committee of neighbors has been in communication with Post, the company has yet to make a firm proposal to the neighborhood. We hope that Post will be able to make a presentation at a neighborhood-wide meeting shortly. **Be on the lookout for a notice about this meeting in the next few days.**

Your attendance will be extremely important. For further details, please take a moment to read the article in this issue from Nick Sears, our Vice President, who has served as the contact person for BWH in the discussions with Post Properties (see page 4).

The pool has had a very successful summer. We have all enjoyed its spruced-up appearance and our nonresident members have been particularly complimentary. Please thank Kathy McCune and Bill Long, Pool Co-chairmen, for all their efforts over the past few months. I don't know how they did it, but they even managed to keep the yellow jackets away this year. The swim team coaches have also received a great deal of praise, particularly

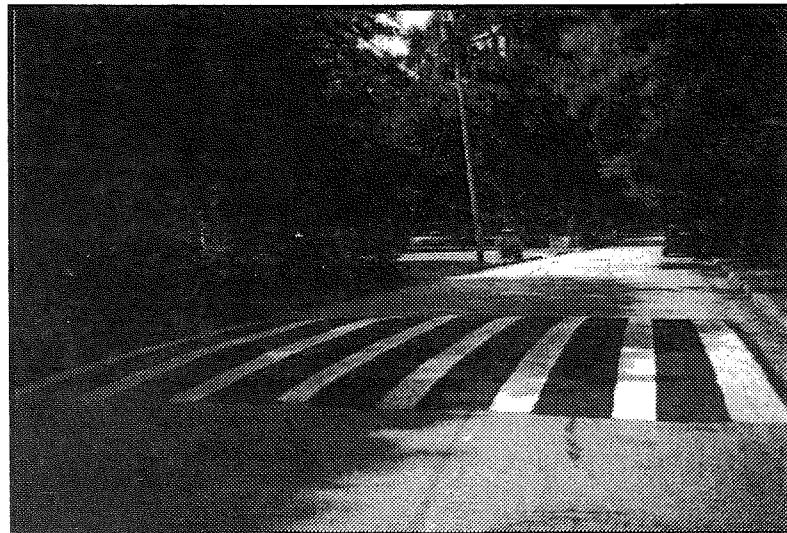
head coach Chad Cook. He and his assistants led the team to a new level of achievement. With 175 swimmers (the most ever), the team was undefeated and finished 2nd in the Fulton County Championships. Best of all, the kids had fun doing it.

The Tree Committee is gearing up with plans for the planting efforts this fall. Orders will be placed shortly for a variety of trees which we hope will be planted sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you know of a yard that needs a tree, this is your last opportunity to alert the Tree Chairman, Celeste Porter (355-8876).

We're making some progress on our issue of controlling speeders. First, we distributed to the Board Members yard signs that urge drivers to slow down. This is a temporary measure, but it appears to have had some effect. The good news is that the City has placed Huntington Road on its

list of approved sites for speed humps. If you will recall from the May issue of Brooknotes, speed *humps* are as wide as the length of a car (22 feet) and thus much more tolerable than narrow speed *bumps*.

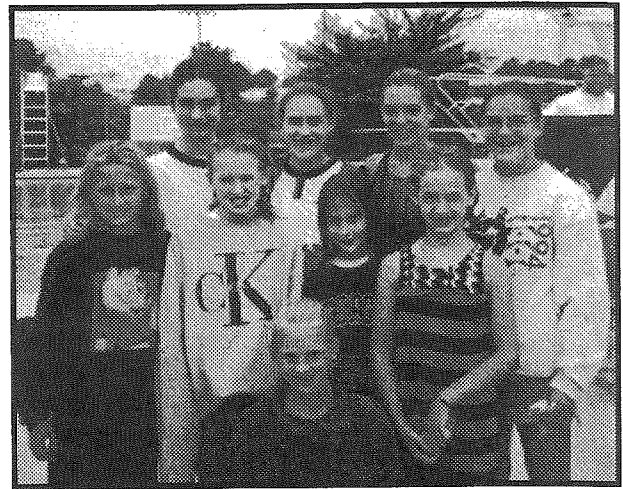
At least 75% of the residents of Huntington Road must approve this installation, and the Board must vote to provide the funds. If approved, there will be *at least* two humps, placed approximately 400-500 feet apart. We will be in discussion with the City of Atlanta over how to mark these humps. Currently, the City prefers "Zebra" stripes (pictured below), but the traffic coordinator admits that the marking process is still being refined. You may want to compare the markings on the humps installed by the City on Hanover Road across from Cross Creek Apartments with those installed by Dekalb County on Shepard's Lane off *(continued on page 6)*



BWH Divers End Season at State Meet

by Kathy Bernhardt

Brookwood Hill Community Club Divers competing in the Georgia Recreation and Parks State Diving Meet in Athens included (front row) Ali Griffin, (second row) Jordyn Griffin, Barbara Jones, Katie Long, Katherine Goode, and (back row) Julie Goode, Gillian Ferguson, Karen Bernhardt, diver and coach, and Sarah Ferguson, coach. Not pictured are Justin Padron and Alex Long. Finishing the season with a 4-2 record, Brookwood Hills sent more divers to the State Meet than any other participating club. All of these divers qualified at a meet held earlier in the summer.



AJCC Property Update

by Nick Sears, Vice President BWH Community Club

In August, the Brookwood Hills neighborhood association was informed that Post Properties and the Jewish Community Center had entered into a contract for the sale of the AJCC property. Under the terms of the contract, Post has, in effect, a free option on the property for a 45 day period ending September 28, at which time Post must either drop its contract or deposit with the Jewish Community Center a significant amount of nonrefundable earnest money. It is Post's stated intention to reach an accord with the neighborhood over its proposed development of the property within that 45 day period, or failing that, to let its option expire. Post has repeatedly stated that it will not attempt to rezone the property without the support of the Brookwood Hills neighborhood.

In an effort to work out a mutually agreeable plan of development, representatives of the neighborhood association met with Post Properties twice in August and once in early September. The development as presently proposed would involve 340 apartment units and approximately 9,000 square feet of retail space along Peachtree. While the density of the proposed presents a problem, other aspects of Post's proposed development, such as quality and design are very encouraging. Further, at the early September meeting Post seemed to indicate that it would be willing to reduce the density to some degree.

Post Properties was scheduled to presents it's plan to the BWH Board of Directors on Monday evening, September 8. At the last minute, Post informed the association that it was not yet prepared to make a presentation because it had not fully worked out the economics of the developement. As of September 15, we have heard nothing further from Post Properties.

When and if Post finalizes its plans for the development of the AJCC property, it intends to make a presentation to the neighborhood at the Rich Auditorium. Please be on the lookout for signs at the Huntington, Palisades and Brighton entrances for details about this proposed meeting.

Brookwood Girls

by Lon Simons

Brookwood Girls begin their Dad and Daughter outings this school year with a campout in the Park September 20th. This will also be a planning meeting.

Each month we hope to have some mini adventure. Past outings have included trips to the Nature Center, ice skating and roller skating, hiking local mountains, bicycling in Peachtree City and visits to pumpkin patches and Indian mounds.

We are always looking for new members from the neighborhood and pool community. The group is made-up of girls in the 1st through 5th grades and their dads or special dad-like friends.

To add yourself to our mailing list or gather additional information, please call Lon Simons (404) 892-0802

Eager Children Await Pumpkins



Excited neighborhood children are ready for the 13th annual Great Pumpkin Giveaway. Pictured lft to rt : Callan Donovan, Ellie Gaffney, Hali Hill, Ivy Bollman, The Scarecrow, Sam Crosby, James Porter, The Happy Witch, Colin Hill, Ben Ross and Katie Ann Delesalle.

Mark your calendars! Once again, Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes, Inc. will be giving away pumpkins for Halloween. Sarah's pumpkin patch at **201 Woodcrest** will be ripe and ready for harvest **Friday, October 17th through Sunday, October 19th**. Please bring the enclosed orange flyer and arrive early - due to last year's surplus we have ordered fewer pumpkins. Please remember - one pumpkin per family. Call Sarah Hagood at 881-0808 with any questions you may have.

Brookwood Boys Make Plans for Fall

by Xavier Duralde

An organizational meeting was held on August 24, 1997 to schedule upcoming fall activities. We are very excited about our Fall plan which include the following three outings:

1. Fall camp out - Saturday October 4, 1997
2. Canoeing on the Chestetee - Sunday October 26, 1997
3. Bowling - Sunday November 23, 1997

We plan to take the month of December off and we have a variety of options for the rest of the year. If you are interested in participating in Brookwood Boys, please call Xavier Duralde at (404) 874-7863.



Back to School Drive Cool

As many Brookwood residents return to the routine of bus stops or carpools, it is a good time to remember to be especially cautious in the morning and afternoon hours when children are loading and unloading in the streets.

Below are some safety tips to help make this another safe school year in Brookwood Hills.

- ◆ When picking up or dropping off children, pull into a driveway whenever possible.
- ◆ Make sure that all children are clear of the car and clearly visible before leaving.
- ◆ Remember to stop behind or in front of school buses.
- ◆ Drive slowly and cautiously when passing a car that is loading or unloading children.

With many older students driving themselves to school, we as parents must make sure our teenage drivers are also aware of these safety tips. For a child to hit a child would be a double tragedy.

ELMO AT PUPPETRY ARTS FALL FESTIVAL

The real Elmo with puppeteer Kevin Clash from Sesame Street will be the lead attraction at the Center for Puppetry Arts annual Fall Festival October 18th.

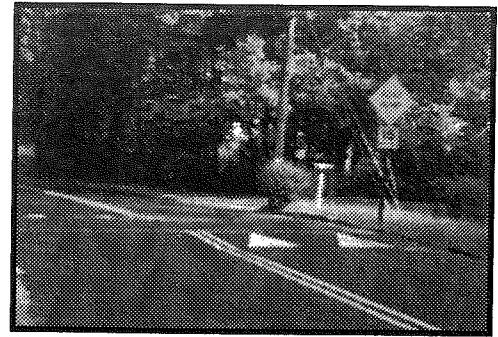
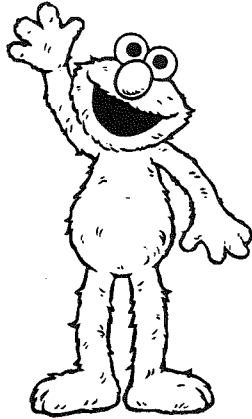
The event kicks off with breakfast with Elmo at 9:30 and the doors open at 10:00 am. Activities will include puppet making, street performers, museum tours, a video festival, puppet

shows and live performances all day long.

Two Atlanta favorites, Henri's Bakery and Mayfield Dairy Farms will be on hand with plenty of delicious food for all ages and appetites.

The festival hours are 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Advanced tickets are available at all

Kroger stores for \$10 and at the door for \$12.



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LaVista Road. In the next few weeks, the City will be reviewing Brighton Road, Montclair Avenue and Palisades Road to determine whether any of these street would benefit from speed humps. Hopefully, this review will be completed before Montclair is repaved, which should be some time in November.

Let us know your thoughts and concerns. Drop off your comments in the mailbox at the pool/tennis entrance - 77 Wakefield.

CLASSIFIEDS

635 sq. ft. office space located at 1819 Peachtree Road (corner of Palisades). Immediately available for 12-15 month lease. Contact Barbara Thome at Central Pharmacy Services, Inc. (404) 351-8366.

New baby needs loving babysitter. Seeking experienced sitter for a few weekday hours, Friday/Saturday nights. Please call Laura Doman 607-9912.

Adorable Dog needs Home. She was found crossing N. Roswell Road and we had to rescue her. Wonderful and sweet Beagle-mix, approximately 6 mos. - 1 year old. Please help us locate a loving home for her. Call Sarah, 231-5678 (off.) or 881-0808 (res.).

Help needed - Peridot Distinctive Gifts. Christmas help: flexible hours, M-W 10-6, Thurs, Fri., Sat. till 8 pm Sun. 1-5 pm. Retail experience would be great. Also seeking Customer Service Reps to answer phones, encode orders on computer & pack boxes. Flexible hours 9 am - 9 pm Mon-Sat. Call Dina at 355-0735.

BULLETIN BOARD

BWH Board Meeting

The next meeting of the BWH Board of Directors will be held on Monday, October 6th at 7:00 pm at the home of Betsy Crosby 34 Brighton Road. The Board plans to extend invitations to all the candidates for the at-large City Council seats. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please call Betsy Crosby at (404) 351-8821.

Brookwood Boys

BW Boys Fall camp out Saturday October 4, 1997. For more information call Xavier Duralde (404) 874-7863.

Brooknotes deadline is October 10th.

Neighborhood Safety News

by Walter Bland, Security Chairman

Reporting Suspicious Persons

A homeless person has circulated through the neighborhood soliciting money from residents. As we go to press, this person is still in the neighborhood. He may be sleeping the park or nearby. He is described as a black male, 25-30 years old. His behavior is erratic. If you see this person, please call 911 immediately and then report it to the BWH 24-hour Security Hotline.

It is not a crime to walk the streets and solicit money, however, you should not hesitate to call 911 if a person appears suspicious or behaving in a suspicious manner. When you call 911, tell the dispatcher that you want to report a suspicious person. Give a description and explain that you believe the person might be a threat to you or your neighbors. If enough people call, a police officer will be dispatched to the neighborhood. You might also consider calling your neighbors and warning them about the individual and encourage them to call 911. If we coordinate our response to situations such as these, we will be more successful in keeping our neighborhood safe.

BWH Security Hotline
325-5114

Just a reminder, if you are the victim of a crime, vandalism or harassment or if you want to report a suspicious person you should call 911. You should then call the BWH 24-hour Security hotline and leave the following information: your name, address, telephone number, the date, time and nature of the incident.

You may also use the hotline to notify the security patrol of dates you will be out of town. In this way, Barry Miller and his men will be alerted to check your house specifically during their rounds. You should not leave this information in the Community Club mailbox at 77 Wakefield.

All calls/information are kept strictly confidential.

Protect Your Car

About a month ago, two sets of hub caps were stolen on the same night from cars in BWH. These cars were parked on the street overnight. Atlanta City Police indicates that the theft of car parts and car break-ins are the most common crime in the city. They also say that prevention is the only effective way to combat this type of crime. Some ways to protect your car are:

- Do not park on street if possible; pull into your driveway.
- Never leave a cellular phone in your car.
- Always lock your car

If everyone takes these steps, criminals will get the message that BWH is not a good target.

Little Kids Signs

We have three more yellow "Little Kids" signs available that we would like to place. These signs help remind drivers that the speed limit in BWH is 25 mph. If you would be willing to have one in your front yard, please call the Hotline and leave Walter Bland a message.

BROOKWOOD BUZZ

Laura and Alex Doman of 44 Northwood announce with great joy the birth of their son, **Joshua Scott**, on August 10, 1997. Josh was born on his maternal grandparents' 39th wedding anniversary and was "the best present they could ever receive!" Josh looks just like his daddy, who can't wait to start training him on the tennis courts as soon as he can hold a racket

Lee King, tennis coach to many BWH residents and friend to many others, is recovering at home after undergoing knee surgery. She hopes to be back teaching again soon although she will have additional surgery to repair a torn ACL later this year. We all wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back on the courts again very soon!

Katherine Murawski and **Buddy Frank**, son of **Butch and Cookie Frank**, 272 Camden Road, announce their elopement on July 9, 1997. The newlyweds are residing in Decatur.

Katie and Freddy Simon are the proud parents of a new baby girl, **Carson Katherine**. Carson was born August 19th and you may have seen Freddy strolling with his daughter in his arms. He is so smitten he won't put her down.

Jennifer and Charles Dalch have moved into 247 Brighton Road. Both are originally from Richmond, VA but have most recently moved from Warsaw, Poland where they lived for three years. Charles is with Deloitte & Touche. Between them, they have four daughters who are in college or are recent college graduates.

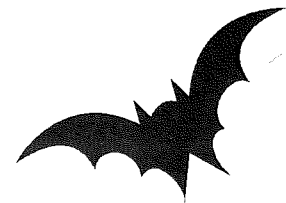
Rick and Lisa Jackson recently moved to 211 Brighton They had an easier move than the Dalch's as they just came up the road from 25th Street. They have a son **Richard** who is 21 months old. Rick is self-employed.

Steve and Sharon Moore and their four children have moved into 355 Camden. Steve is in marketing with Outback Steakhouse and Sharon has her hands full with **Erin** (age 6), **Sam** (age 4) and twins **Dylan and McLean** (age 2 1/2).



Graveyard takes a Break from Katie Bollman

Neighbors, sorry to announce I will not be doing the graveyard this year. Stay tuned for next year.



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