

# BROOKNOTES

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## BROOKWOOD HILLS DIVERS SPRING TO SUCCESS



Taking a break from GRPA Diving competition are (front row, left) Jordyn Griffin, Cami Fenton, Barbara Jones; (back row, left to right) Julia Goode, Ali Griffin, Katherine Goode, and Karen Bernhardt, coach.

Early morning practices beginning at 6:30 am, long hours on the board, a lot of hard work and a great deal of enthusiasm paid off for the 18 members of the Brookwood Hills Dive Team. On July 15th, the team participated in the Fulton County League Championships at St. Ives bringing home the 1998 Runner-up trophy, thanks to outstanding performances by dive team members: Marshall Wathen, Anderson Harper Wathen, Addison Lange, Elena Wathen, Emily Kaplan, Anderson Wathen, Alex Long, James Morse, Meredith Williams, Barbara Jones, Katherine Goode,

Cami Fenton, Kevin James, Katie Long, Ali Griffin, Justin Padron, Jordyn Griffin, and Julia Goode. The members of the team also participated in the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association 1998 State Swimming and Diving Championships in Athens on August 5-6. Both Katherine Goode, 10 & up, and Julia Goode, 14 & up, brought home medals in the women's competition on the 3-meter board. Katherine Goode, Barbara Jones, and Cami Fenton, 10 & up, all medaled in the women's 1-meter competition. Ali Griffin, women 12 & up, and Julia Goode and Jordyn Griffin, women 14 & up, also brought home medals from their 1-meter events. For the second year in a row, Brookwood Hills sent the most competitors from any one club in Fulton County to the State Meet.



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# From the Editor

I am writing to you in a bit of a daze. The fall is here and I am trying to keep my head above water with lots of projects. I'm sure many of you are in the same boat. But, despite all the commitments tugging at me, not to mention two wonderful children, I still love working on Brooknotes. The two years I have spent doing this, first helping Besty Crosby and now as editor, have been really rewarding.

There are a lot of things that I would like to change about how I am spending my time these days. I would like to spend more time at the park with my kids. I would love to walk every morning again. The good news is, all these things may become realities once I lighten my load significantly in the next two months. And yet, Brooknotes is one volunteer commitment that I have never regretted or wanted to give up (OK, I may have thought about it once or twice at 2 am).

So, why am I waxing philosophical about this monthly newsletter that some people may not even read? Well, like it or not, this time next year someone will need to be poised to take over Brooknotes. I would really like to have someone begin learning the ropes after the beginning in January so that we can work together for a while before he/she takes it solo. It would involve writing some articles, getting the know the software, etc. Each editor adds his/her own style and personality to what goes to press.

If you are thinking, "I'd love to do it but...I have small children or a full-time job or too many commitments," this is a chance to take a ride with training wheels. For me, Brooknotes has been a chance to contribute to our neighborhood's sense of community while at the same time enjoying a sense of accomplishment each month when I (finally) get the issue to press. It truly feels good.



Chad and Breeze Cook enjoy the Labor Day Dog Swim on the closing day of the pool.



*Karen Bernhardt, coach of the Brookwood Hills Dive Team, proudly holds the 1998 Fulton County Runner-Up trophy earned by Brookwood Hills divers at the Fulton County League Championship.*

## LOOK UP!

by Susan Connell, Tree Chairman

Expect to see crews from the City of Atlanta in the neighborhood during the next several weeks. They are responding to work requests from individual residents and the Tree Committee. Darryl Southall, an experienced and knowledgeable City employee, is onsite and responsible for the work. We are in good hands with Mr. Southall. Work requested by the Tree Committee includes removal of large deadwood and pruning to correct storm damage.

In June, several trees were identified by the City Arborist, Frank Mobley, as dead or dying. Out of a concern for safety, those trees have been scheduled to be removed. The homeowners involved have been consulted and are in full agreement with the City's findings.

We all consider the street trees in front of our individual homes as our own. This is the proper attitude. We are the guardians of these trees, responsible for fertilizing, watering, and general care. We are fortunate to have the City help us with the really expensive job of dangerous pruning and removal. Look up at your tree and note its general health. Are you doing all you can?

## BUILDING VARIANCES EXPLAINED IN ENGLISH

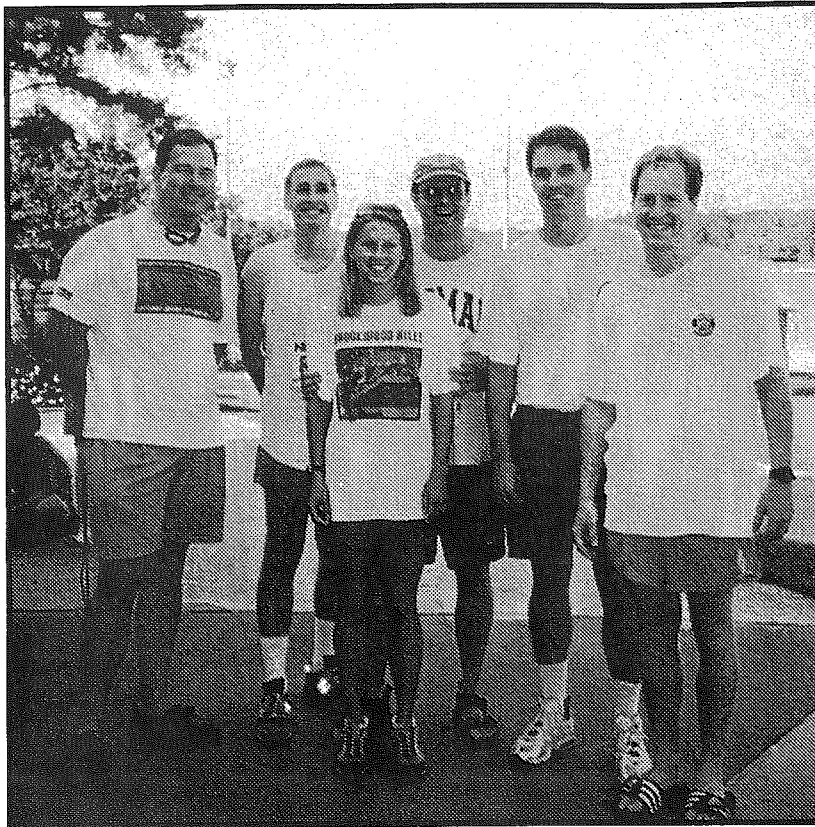
by Anne Sapp, Vice-President of the Board

Renovation has always been a thriving business in Brookwood Hills. Whether a long time resident or a new neighbor, homeowners continue to have questions regarding the procedure required by the City of Atlanta for obtaining building permits and in some instances a variance.

To obtain a building permit, construction plans must be submitted to the Bureau of Building Permits. When found to be in violation of the Zoning Ordinance, the homeowner will receive a referral certificate outlining the specific infraction and whether a variance or special exception is required. The homeowner must then obtain the appropriate application form from the Bureau of Planning. Each application must contain the following: a completed form, the legal description or recent plat of survey, a detailed site plan to scale, a written justification, and the appropriate application fee.

The information regarding our designated NPU (Neighborhood Planning Unit) will be given to the homeowner when the application is submitted to the City. The NPU, which is a citizen advisory group, will make a recommendation to the Board of Zoning Adjustment on the application. At the NPU meeting, comments will be received from the representatives of each neighborhood group including Brookwood Hills. Therefore, prior to attending the NPU meeting, the homeowner should present their application in  
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# BROOKWOOD HILLS FIELDS TRI-ATHLETES

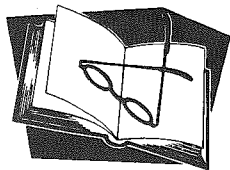


Left to right: Dan Willoughby, Bill Long, Kelly Cook, Rod Cook, Scott McCune and Richard Gard (missing is Frampton Simons)

by Button Cook

Brookwood Hills was well represented at the Callaway Gardens TRIATHLON on Sunday, September 6th. The triathlon, which had over 600 participants, consisted of a 1/2 mile swim, 18.6 mile bike and a 4.8 mile run. Participants could enter either as individuals or as part of a relay team. "Team Brookwood Hills," consisting of Dan Willoughby (swim), Rod Cook (bike) and Bill Long (run) took 3rd place in the male team division. Kelly Cook swam for a team that earned first place in the mixed team category. Scott McCune and Richard Gard each did the swimming leg of their relay team. Frampton Simons impressed the Brookwood Hills cheering section by completing the whole triathlon individually!

## BWH BOOK CLUB MEETS SEPTEMBER 30TH

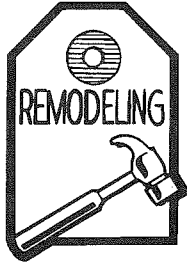


The Brookwood Hills Book Club will meet September 30th to discuss *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden. New members are welcome. Call Carolyn (404-351-0555) or Sallie (404-870-0397) for more information. Note: if you are unable to join us this month due to Yom Kippur but are interested in upcoming meetings, let us know so we can keep you posted.

## SECURITY SEMINAR

Are you and your family "street smart"? What should you do if someone breaks into your home in the middle of the night? Does your child know what to do if approached by a stranger? Do you know what to do if you see a suspicious person or suspicious activity in the neighborhood?

Learn the answers to these questions at Metro Crime Prevention's seminar on personal safety, home and auto security, workplace crime and other issues on **Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 pm in the Rich Auditorium of Piedmont Hospital**. Metro Crime Prevention is an independent task force of present and former law enforcement officers from different departments around the Southeast. They specialize in crime awareness and crime prevention. Please come and bring your children!

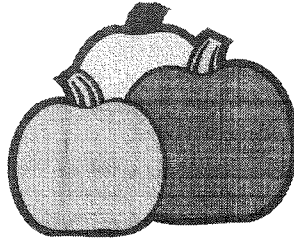


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person to the Brookwood Hills Board of Directors at their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. It is important that the homeowner or their representative be present at the NPU meeting to present the application and answer any questions from members of the NPU.

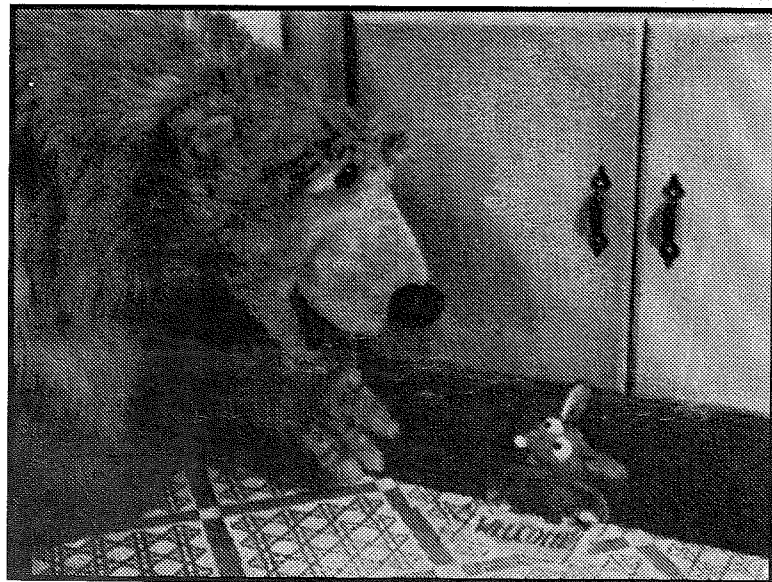
Following the NPU meeting, the Board of Zoning Adjustment will decide to approve or to deny the application. The Board of Zoning Adjustment is comprised of a five member board of citizens appointed by the City Council. If the application is approved, the homeowner may obtain a building permit. If denied, the homeowner must adhere to the existing regulations on the property or appeal to the Fulton County Superior Court within 30 days of the decision.

Any specific questions regarding the procedure for obtaining building variances or special exceptions should be addressed to the Bureau of Planning at 404-330-6145. Happy Renovating!



## 14TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH

Mark your calendars for Sarah Hagoood's, Speciality Homes, Inc., 14th annual neighborhood pumpkin patch! The initial harvesting will begin on Friday, October 16th from 2 pm to 6 pm and continue on Saturday, October 17th from 9 am to 6 pm and Sunday, October 18th from 10 am until 6 pm. Come early for the best selection but remember that you may pick your pumpkin until October 31st. Please, only one pumpkin per family. This is a wonderful, annual event that the whole neighborhood looks forward to each year. So, bring wagons or strong arms to 201 Huntington Road. If you have any questions, you may call Sarah at 404-231-5678.



Bear and Tutter, from the Jim Henson Television's Emmy nominated *Bear in the Big Blue House* on the Disney Channel will be the special guests at the 1998 Puppetry Arts Festival, October 10th at the Center for Puppetry Arts. The Festival is a full day of family entertainment, featuring a wonderful variety of puppet shows, puppet making, museum tours and more. Henri's Bakery will be on hand with delicious concessions sure to please the whole family. \$10 advance purchase tickets are available at the Center box office (404) 873-391 or through Ticketmaster at Publix stores or by phone (404) 817-8700.



## BROOKWOOD BUZZ

Nancy Field and Michael Schulder of 118 Brighton Road welcomed with great joy a baby girl, **Liliana Field Schulder**, on July 21, 1998. Lily was born at Piedmont Hospital weighing seven pounds, four ounces and was named after **three** of her great grandmothers.

**Sandie, Jim, Topher and Colin McGibbon** would undoubtedly swear that moving across the street is no easier than transcontinental relocations. The McGibbons moved from 61 Montclair to 8 Montclair earlier this month.

## Security Alert Signs

When you see the **Security Alert** signs posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the **Brookwood Hills Security Hotline 325-5114** for details concerning a recent security incident. These signs are the signal that an incident has occurred in the neighborhood and the information has been recorded on the hotline.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Garage Apartment Available.** October 1st. Huntington Road. \$450/month. Please call Dorothy White 404-875-3362.

**Help Wanted/Mother's Helper.** Earn extra cash after school by helping to take care of and play with an 18 month old toddler 2-3 afternoons a week. Must be fun loving, energetic and responsible. Please call Diane John 404-870-0484.

**Table for Sale.** 48" round pedestal. Oak (?) finish. Great for kitchen or informal dining. \$150. Call Sandie at 404-853-1644.

**Piano for Sale.** Upright, spinet "antique," walnut, pretty piece of furniture, needs tuning. 37H x 59L x 29D. \$500. Jennine 404-355-3852.

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