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BWH Homeowners to Vote on Neighborhood Traffic Plan

This week, the Board of Directors of the Brookwood Hills Community Club is distributing an important package to each homeowner in Brookwood Hills. The package includes a ballot that will allow each household to vote either in favor of or in opposition to a traffic-calming plan for the neighborhood. The package includes a detailed description of the plan as well as important background information on its development. Homeowners should also feel free to discuss any questions they might have regarding the plan with individual members of the board.

The City will approve the plan only under the following conditions: (1) the plan must be implemented in full, rather than in phases; (2) three speed tables must be installed on Brighton Road and two speed tables on Huntington Road; and (3) the plan must be approved by at least 75% of the property owners on Huntington and Brighton.

This is your opportunity to be heard on this important issue. Please send in your ballots by October 6, 2000.

Impact of Peachtree Creek Interceptor Sewer Project on Brookwood Hills

By Dan Bromstad

As most of the neighborhood knows by now, our Clear Creek property has been targeted by the City of Atlanta's Public Works Department to install a section of the Peachtree Creek Interceptor Sewer. While this project is necessary to improve the City's infrastructure, and ultimately the quality of the water being dumped into the Chattahoochee River, the project as currently planned will have a large negative impact on Brookwood Hills.

The Clear Creek property, with its expansive woods filled with large mature trees, is an invaluable buffer for the neighborhood. It blocks out the sounds and sights of the Armour Circle Industrial Park and of I-85 with one of the best urban green spaces in the southeast. The current

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Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is October 19, 2000. Submissions may be e-mailed to mncook@bellsouth.net, faxed to 404-607-7568 or dropped off at 30 Woodcrest Ave.

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Peachtree Creek Interceptor Sewer Project

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Interceptor Sewer plan calls for an easement up to 50 feet wide along the length of the proposed sewer line (which parallels part of Middle Camden and all of Lower Camden), where most of the trees will be removed. Trees will also be removed to make way for a permanent access road and for a temporary staging area for equipment during the 12+ months construction period. The project also risks neighborhood security due to the proximity of the access road and potential damage to homes caused by blasting during construction.

The Brookwood Hills Community Club Board of Directors has retained an engineer and is looking into retaining an attorney to assist us in working with the City to find the best possible solution for this sewer line segment. Our primary objectives are as follows:

- (1) Influence the project design to minimize the area to be cleared and damaged.
- (2) Minimize disruptions to the neighborhood during the construction period.
- (3) Ensure that the neighborhood is compensated adequately for the easement and that the area is replanted and restored in the most effective way possible.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas regarding this project, please call Dan Bromstad at the office: 404-588-8066, or at home: 404-352-9535, or Walter Bland at the office: 404-607-5861, or on his cell phone: 404-771-5813.

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 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.

Atlantic Steel and 17th Street Bridge Development

By Everett Puri, NPU-E Representative for BWH

The Atlantic Steel Development is fully underway, and the first phase is scheduled to open in October, 2002. This has been a massive project tying together developers, neighborhoods, architects, planners, governments, local and federal, designs and redesigns, and scores of meetings. The EPA has issued an environmental assessment of the proposed 17th Street Bridge that will link the project to Peachtree Street, as well as to Northside Drive, I-75, and I-85.

The bridge as originally proposed by the DOT was a tangle of overpasses, turn lanes, and even reverse lanes. Atlanta's planning director, in consultation with the surrounding neighborhoods, recommended 25 fixes, and the DOT has agreed to 20 of them. The current plan for the 17th Street Bridge includes two lanes each way for cars (22' each), one additional lane each way to be used for transit, bike or HOV lanes (18'), and two sidewalks (22' and 30'). The bridge will span the Connector, and funnel most northbound traffic onto West Peachtree, where it can then access I-85 North. One lane will continue to Peachtree Street.

Ansley Park, while supporting the redevelopment, and the idea of an architecturally appealing bridge, is very concerned about the traffic from this one lane onto Peachtree, and for eastbound and westbound cut-through traffic generally. They have hired an attorney to represent them in their efforts to further traffic calming and diversion.

The neighborhoods immediately adjacent to the project support it enthusiastically. These are Loring Heights, Home Park, and Georgia Tech. They view the Atlantic Steel project as a significant and meaningful focal point for redevelopment of an abandoned toxic industrial site.

Our board is strongly supportive of the reclamation of the brownfield, and of the character of the development itself, but also very sympathetic to Ansley's traffic fears. The EPA held a public hearing on the matter last week, and will use input from that meeting in making their final decision on the environmental assessment, due in October.

If you have information on this or any other zoning matter, please contact Everett Puri at 404-355-9101, or email at epuri@citycap.com.

Annual Tree Planting Program Underway

By Katrina Newton, Tree Committee Member

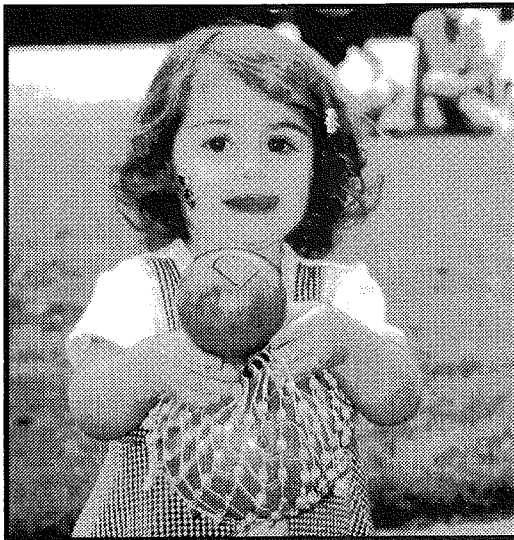
Go out to the street and sidewalk in front of your house right now. Are they in full sun? Now look up to the top of any existing trees. Do they have die-back or otherwise look stressed? If you answered yes to either of these questions, you should consider planting a large shade tree in your yard to help maintain our wonderful tree canopy in Brookwood Hills. Studies have shown that trees can reduce significantly the cooling expenses for your home, and they certainly reduce the surface temperatures of our streets and sidewalks. By anticipating the demise of our older trees, and planting new ones beside them now, we can give the new trees a good head start before we lose the older ones.

Several weeks ago, the tree committee sent letters to those home owners who had been identified as having the most urgent need for new trees to encourage those owners to participate in this year's tree planting program. If you received one of these letters, please contact a tree committee member on your street, or contact Sandy Wilcox, Tree Planting Chairman, at 404/870-0388 for more information. Brochures with descriptions and pictures of the trees are available to assist you with your selection. Please know that by agreeing to plant a tree in your yard or city green space, you are accepting the responsibility for watering the tree, and maintaining the proper moisture levels.

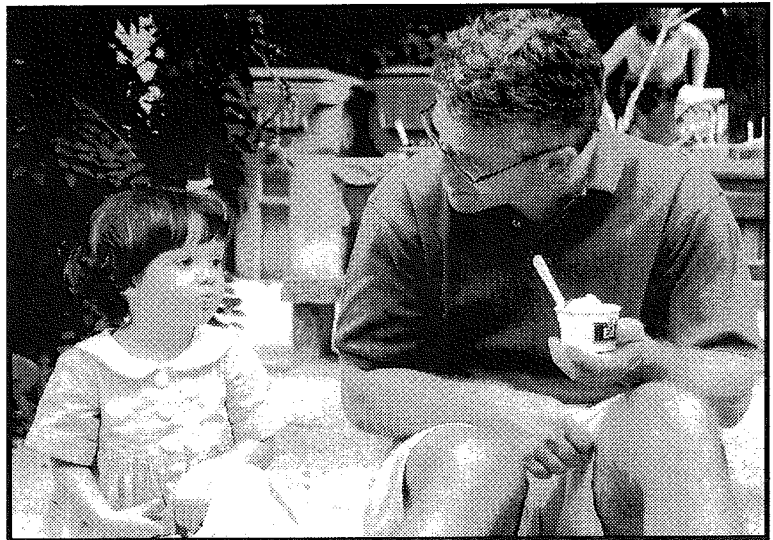
The deadline for requesting a tree is September 30, so make your decision to improve your neighborhood today!

Summer Ends with Dog Swim and Ice Cream Social

By Nicole Cook



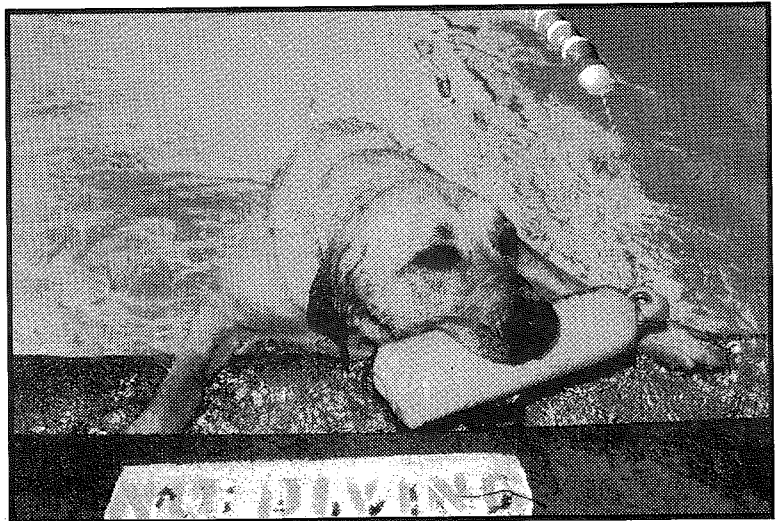
Isabella John shows off her musical instrument at the Ice Cream Social.



Community Club President Walter Bland and daughter, Carolyn, enjoy a quiet moment and ice cream together.

On Sunday, September 17, neighbors of all ages gathered for the traditional dog swim in the pool, followed by what is sure to become a new BWH tradition – an ice cream social in the Park. More than 300 people (and their dogs) attended the social, where they ate delicious ice-cream, danced to calypso music, had their faces painted, mingled with neighbors, and enjoyed the magic of a clown. This fun and successful event was sponsored entirely by BWH's very own Karen Mullinax and Marge Henson of Harry Norman Realtors. In addition to sponsoring the party, Karen and Marge generously donated an additional \$500 towards new playground equipment. What great neighbors we have!

Compliments go out not only to our sponsors, but also to the organizers and many volunteers who contributed their time and talents. Thanks especially to Diane John, our neighborhood Social Chair, who organized much of the event, as well as to Kathleen Waldrop, Deanna Landers, Lee Wilder, Lee Loughran, Anne Kelly, Amy Mattingly, Libby Simons, Marian Hull, and the many others who pitched in a willing hand. The Ice Cream Social is sure to become an eagerly anticipated annual event!



Sammy Beskin shows off his retrieving skills at the Brookwood Hills Dog Swim.

News From E. Rivers Elementary

By Liz Jacobs

Your neighborhood elementary school is off to a great start this fall! We welcomed our new principal, Ms. Penny Dollar, who comes to us from Cobb County and Thomasville, Georgia. Ms. Dollar has with 29 years of experience in education, and we are delighted to have her at E. Rivers.

Our Annual Fall Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, October 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Volunteers from Hands On Atlanta will join us in beautifying the school grounds. Come by to see our hard work or to lend a hand!

E. Rivers will be represented on Thursday, October 12 at the Elementary School Fair held at Peachtree Presbyterian Church from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Drop by and check out our booth, as well as booths from other local public and private schools.

Lastly, we have planned a special event for parents interested in E. Rivers: The Prospective Parent Open House will be held on Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 pm at the home of our PTA vice president. Tours of the school will be held the following morning at 9:00 a.m.. All parents are welcome, even those of you with babies! It's never too early to think about schools! Call Liz Jacobs for more information or to RSVP. Those of you who cannot attend the Open House but would like more information on the school or would like to arrange a tour should also feel free to call Liz Jacobs at Lizzy@bignet.net or 404-350-9000.

34th Annual Woodcrest Avenue Street Party

By Mike White

The Woodcrest Avenue Street party, held each year on Labor Day, was again a huge success! For the 34th year in a row, the Woodcrest neighbors gathered to celebrate the end of summer with festivities, including a bike parade, an apple bobbing contest, a watermelon hunt and face painting. The highlight of the afternoon for many consisted of lots of bike riding and catching up with neighbors **RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE**

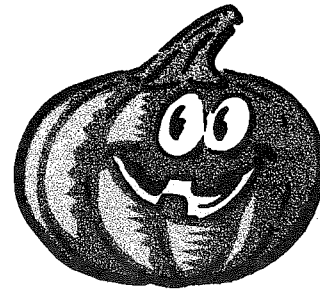
OF THE STREET!! Marge Henson brought photo albums with pictures from past Labor Day parties, including the first one in 1967, and about which the long-term residents reminisced. Mayors Mike and Dana White reported that there have been no new residents or children on the street this year. Peggy Hatcher of 31 Woodcrest was named Mayor for the upcoming year.



Everett Nadal and Tom Kellum lead Woodcrest's Labor Day Bike Parade.

**Sarah Hagood and Specialty Homes, Inc. are pleased to sponsor
the 17th annual "Great Pumpkin Give-Away"!**

Sarah Hagood will again be giving each Brookwood Hills home a large pumpkin in celebration of fall and Halloween. Look for orange flyers to arrive with details. The event will be in Sarah's front yard at 201 Huntington Road. We look forward to seeing you all there! One per family please.



Dates and Times:
Friday October 13th 2 to 7
Saturday October 14th 9 to 6
Sunday October 15th 9 to 6

If you are unable to come at these times, the pumpkin will be waiting for you to pick by the end of October.

FRIENDS FOR KIDS FUNDRAISER

By Allison Alarcon and Mindy Duryea

BWH Neighbors, did you receive your invitation to the annual BWH "*Friends For Kids*" Cocktail Celebration?

We are so proud to bring back this BWH tradition. Saturday evening, October 7th, will be glorious and festive - we promise you that! So let's dress to the nines and celebrate our very own Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Inc. at the fabulous Woodcrest home of Lorri and Forrest McClain. You will be greeted with a glass of bubbling champagne, delectable Bliss hors d'oeuvres and great live music. Mix and mingle with your neighbors and have a delicious mouth-watering dinner by Carole Parks Catering. If you did not receive your invitation, all you need to do is call Kim Tuthill at 404-881-0440. Just a reminder that there is limited ticket availability, so drop off your check to Kim Tuthill (66 Huntington) right away. Don't miss this wonderful evening!

Those of you who are not able to attend the "*Friends For Kids*" Cocktail Celebration can still be a part of our very worthy cause: Join your "street team" in the "Special Needs Street Competition." This fun filled game will help us purchase much needed items for the very special little patients at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Look for further details in your mailbox.

The next Friends meeting will be October 17, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the home of Emily and Mike McIntyre, 138 Brighton Rd. In addition to celebrating the fund-raising success of the cocktail party, we will begin work on our annual poinsettia sale. Sara Jean Burke also will be on hand to present a "trunk show" of the Friends holiday cards. Persons who are not members of Friends but might nevertheless be interested in purchasing the holiday cards should contact Sara Jean at 404-355-6288.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: Piano to buy. Please call Libby Simons 404-355-5005.

WANTED FOR TRADE: Our double jogging stroller for your single. Will consider temporary or permanent trade. Please call Kim McCollam 404-350-0408.

WANTED: Apartment or carriage house to rent. Neighborhood references available. Please call Lee Born at home: 404-255-5708, or on cell phone: 404-964-8002.

BWH has recently organized a soccer group for boys and girls who turn 4 between June and December of this year. The team is ably coached by Bill, Katie, and Alex Long, and practices are on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. in BWH park. Practices began just after Labor Day and will run through Thanksgiving. Call Libby Simons 404-355-5005 or Mary Long 404-352-3464 if you are interested.

CALENDAR

What a great idea! **Doggie Day care** arrives at 376 Trabert Avenue. "Wagging Tails" owner Tracy Winokur invites BWH pet owners to a **Wine & Cheese Grand Opening on September 23, at 5:00 p.m.** Please call Tracy at 404-873-0049 for more details.

The registration deadline for the annual **BWH Tree Planting Program** is **September 30**. See page 3. Interested persons should contact Sandy Wilcox, Tree Planting Chairman, at 404-870-0388 for more information.

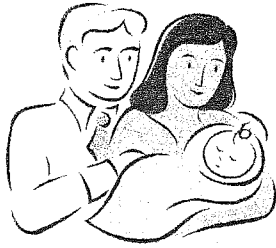
The next **BWH Board Meeting** will be **Monday, October 2, 2000, at 7:15 pm** at the home of Nicole and Miles Cook, 30 Woodcrest Ave. All members are welcome. Please call the Cooks at 404-892-9495 if you plan to attend.

Ballots on the proposed traffic-calming plan should be returned to the accounting firm of Brooks, Holmes & Cook by **October 6, 2000**. See page 1 for details.

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Sarah Hagood's **17th Annual BWH Pumpkin Give-Away** will be held **October 13-15** in Sarah's front yard at 201 Huntington Road. See page 6 for details.



New Faces By Sarah and Patti



Anne and Greg Kelly have moved into their new home at 111 Brighton Road. They have three children: Grant (6), Hannah (3 1/2), and Morgan (2). Greg is a partner with McKinsey & Co. Greg's brother and sister-in-law, Jackson and Catharine Kelly of 102 Wakefield Drive are pleased to have their nieces and nephew within walking distance.

The John family, Diane, Roland, Alexander, and Isabella, have completed their move from Huntington Road to their new home at 23 Northwood Avenue.

And in the meantime, the Dozal family has moved into the former John residence at 226 Huntington. Craig and Lucy have three boys: Brian (14), Kevin (11) and Scott (8). Brian and Kevin are students at Westminster, and Scott attends Donnellan. The Dolezals are enjoying in-town living after residing for several years in East Cobb.

There were lots of babies this summer:

Maria Christina Schroeder, weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces, was born on June 8th to Barbara and Jonathan Schroeder of 45 Camden Road. Mom reports that Maria has a wonderful smile and even better disposition, personality traits that have come in handy while the family completes renovation work on their home.

Marion and Jonathan Ventulett of 89 Huntington Road welcomed Isabella Mignon on June 15th. Isabella weighed in at a dainty 5 pounds, 5 ounces, and big brother Nicholas is delighted with his new baby sister.

Clayton Lee was born on August 14th to Jackie and Mark Swiecichowski of 45 Brighton Road. "Clay" weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and big brother Seth loves to tickle his toes. The family couldn't be more delighted.

Pamela and David Watson of 163 Huntington Road welcomed Reagan Leak Ollis Watson on August 19th. Big brother and sister, Carter and Morgan, are very excited about their new brother. A big thanks to Kelly Bernot and Carolyn Copper for saving Pamela from a home delivery!

Stuart and Kurt Kronauge of 187 Huntington Road welcomed a baby girl on August 27th. Frances Marion weighed in at 8 pounds, 5 ounces. This is the first addition to the Kronauge family, and they are enjoying their roles as Mom and Dad.

kBaxter Jones, formerly of 137 Huntington Road, has moved to 200 Peachtree Circle in Ansley Park along with his wife Veronique and her son Nicholas. Baxter and Veronique were married last September, and as of late August they have a baby girl named Sophie.

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