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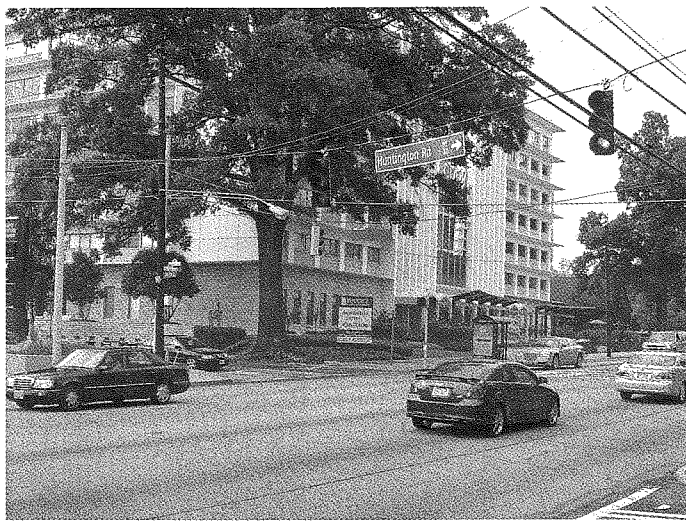
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Brookwood Hills Legacy Project

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Did you know that at one time MARTA planned to build a station at 26th Street and Peachtree? The tracks were to go under several houses on Huntington Road, and the houses were to be demolished for the project. Perhaps, we were told, the neighborhood could replace these houses with a park. But would this park be public or just for the neighborhood? This detail and others were part of the many issues that have confronted this neighborhood in its 85 year history. Eventually MARTA cancelled this station, in part due to the arguments of representatives from this neighborhood. It was a close call.

Another challenge was widening Interstates 75 and 85 in the mid-1970s and the proposal by the Georgia Department of Transportation to build a cloverleaf interchange (as in Spaghetti Junction) where the interstates are now next to

Brookwood Station. This elevated interchange would have changed the dynamics of this part of the city and certainly would have changed the character of our neighborhood. Several representatives of the Brookwood Hills Community Club met with the State Director of Transportation, Tom Moreland and his assistant, Hal Reeves, and suggested that the interchange could be moved closer to downtown with less impact and expense. The DOT agreed with the neighborhood's argument and the present arrangement was adopted. Another close call for the neighborhood...

Perhaps the earliest issue the newly opened neighborhood faced was the possible extension of Palisades Road to Piedmont Road through the Armour industrial area. On the earliest of plats of Brookwood Hills, this possibility was drawn on the map, and until recently the curb cut at the end of Palisades was tangible evidence of this possibility, which would have had a devastating effect on the neighborhood if it were carried out. Homeowners objected vigorously, showed slide photographs of our "old-growth forest" in the Atlanta City Council chamber, and thus preserved the cul-de-sac plan, a defining feature of this neighborhood. Another close call!

There have been many others – a cut-through into Brighton from a proposed development behind the Darlington; negotiations with the developers of the Brookwood shopping center, condos, and townhouses; covenants with businesses on Peachtree; down to our present concerns about the cement company on Armour Drive – to name only a few. Many close calls have faced Brookwood Hills throughout its existence as the city developed around its periphery.

In many of these cases the Community Club has been the bulwark that has protected Brookwood Hills from the encroachments of the city by organizing the homeowners and presenting well thought-out solutions to issues. The Brookwood Hills Legacy project will record these and many other events of our history. Please turn in your reports on your house and the people who have lived there to Bonnie Burgess, The Legacy of Brookwood Hills, #4 Montclair Road. You can get more information on our website at www.brookwoodhills.com.

You can also help by doing some research on your house and its owners: the Atlanta History Center has old City Directories and other historical resources at its Kenan Resource Center. The staff there can direct you; the hours are 10am to 5pm Tuesday-Saturday.

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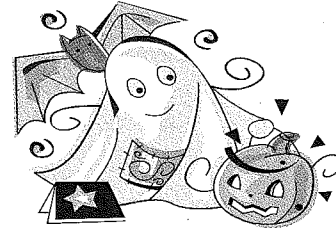
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Security Alert Signs

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.

Halloween 2006

Mark your calendars for our annual BWH Community Club Halloween Party on Tuesday, October 31st from 4:00—6:00 pm in the BWH Park. We'll have pizza and Chick-Fil-A, a costume contest and a Haunted House. Join your neighbors for a really fun time!



Great Pumpkin Give Away

"The 23rd Annual Great Pumpkin Give Away" will be Friday, Oct. 13th beginning at 2:00 till 7:00, Sat Oct 14th & Sun Oct 15th from 9:00 till 6:00.

Come early for the best selection; however, the pumpkins may be picked up until Halloween. This event is sponsored by your neighbor Sarah Hagood and Specialty Homes Inc. Look for the orange flyer in the mail. 205 Huntington Road. (One per family please).



Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is Wednesday, October 4th, 2006. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 111 Huntington Rd.

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In addition, the Old Fulton County Courthouse at 136 Pryor Street has records of deeds and sales of houses at the Deeds and Records office on the ground floor there. Hours are 8:30am to 5pm, Monday-Friday.

If you can help by contacting some of your neighbors regarding this project, please call me at 404-874-0634 or email Luxemburger@mindspring.com. Thanks!

"FRIENDS" KICKOFF EVENT A WET SUCCESS

During the rain on Tuesday, September 12th BWH kicked off another year of Friends. Many new and continuing members gathered under the protection of the Pool Pavilion sharing a common goal for supporting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA). BWH Friends is one of CHOA's 31 plus community based groups that support Children's through fundraising and special service projects. BWH Friends is a great way to make and strengthen friendships while helping one of Atlanta's greatest resources, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA).

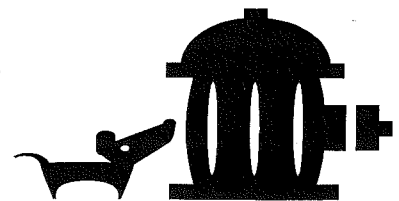
This year we will continue our successful holiday plant sale, Cookies with Santa family party, Pikes card sale, Coins for Clowns change drive, hospital in-service events and potentially host a social fundraiser for the neighborhood to enjoy, all to benefit CHOA. Volunteers are needed for jobs big and small. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 17th, 7:00 pm in the Bass's Home at 315 Camden Road. For details or to help out contact Cara Mulcahy at 404-351-4881 or cara.mulcahy@earthlink.net. All neighbors are welcome!

NEIGHBOR NEWS

- Mary Beth, Walt and Will Jenkins of 138 Brighton Road welcomed Andrew David Jenkins on July 30, 2006.
- Burch, Mark and Will Hanson of 69 Brighton Road welcomed Edward "Teddy" McCutchen Hanson on September 3, 2006. He weighed in at 6 lb 7 oz and 19 1/2 inches long.
- Welcome to Jason and Laura Whitworth and infant son, Will. They are residing at 81 Huntington Road, having previously lived in Vinings.
- Sam Crosby, son of Betsy and Bob Crosby, graduated from the Westminster Schools in May, 2006. He is attending Georgetown University this fall.
- Michele Junger, daughter of Patti and Phil Junger, graduated May 6, 2006 from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. This year Michele will be living with her twin sister, Jenni, working in Public Health in Houston, Texas.
- Nick Curry, son of Jim and Ann Curry of 330 Camden Road, received his Doctor of Music degree from Northwestern University in June. Nick, a cellist, is on the faculty of the University of South Dakota and is a member of the Rawlins Piano Trio.

Be A Courteous Neighbor

Please be considerate of your neighbors and don't place your doggie clean-up bags in their yard trimming containers. The city trash collectors will not pick these up and instead throw them on the street or into the yard. Thank you.



Join us in the Third Annual Tree Replanting Program**Fall Tree Planting: Saturday, November 11, 2006**

For the third year in a row we will be having a tree replanting day in Brookwood Hills. You have all heard that the trees are old in our neighborhood, everyone who ever mentions a number talks about somewhere in the order of 80 years for most of them, roughly the age of Brookwood Hills itself. Eighty does not seem too old, many of us will live comfortably past that, but have you ever thought about living to be 100 or 110. That is the equivalent of how old most of these trees are. This is also why we have lost and are losing so many trees in Brookwood Hills. Your desire to have a new tree in front, next or behind your house will help keep our neighborhood looking like it always has, even if we, the current residents, have to live through a transition.

The primary focus for this planting program is the right-of-way area between the sidewalk and the street but trees are also available for you to plant in your own yards. Trees planted in your yards have more room to grow and are free from the constraints of power lines. Since volunteers are always limited we ask that, as far as the yard trees are concerned, that you plant them yourself or have your landscaper do so.

As mentioned before, the trees in the right-of-way area will provide our sidewalks and streets with shade and the aesthetic look that has been so common to our neighborhood for years. All of these trees will be planted by volunteers

Want a Tree for your Front Yard?

We will send out individual fliers to all those homeowners who have room to plant in their right-of-way. BUT, you can also receive a tree for your front yard during this same planting.

- (1) Here's how it works. A week or two before the planting, an arborist from Trees Atlanta will come to talk to you about your yard and what kind of tree would fit in with your landscaping. You will have the choice between a 10 gallon or 25 gallon tree. The price for a 25 gallon tree is \$50. The 10 gallon trees are \$25. That's right.....\$50 and \$25 for trees that might otherwise cost hundreds.
- (2) If you are interested in receiving a tree, you will need to contact a volunteer from your neighborhood. Eve Goldstein (joeve@mindspring.com), Katrina Newton (kfnewton@bellsouth.net) or Andrew Whitney (andrewwhitney@comcast.net).

It is important to point out that the cost of purchasing and planting a new tree might be at least a few hundred dollars, if not more. If you are opting to get a tree through this program, all we are asking you to do is to make what is essentially a small donation. Everyone who is out doing work on the planting day is volunteering, whether they are from the neighborhood or not, making it better for all of us.

If you are not sure about getting a tree consider this, Trees Atlanta operates completely on contributions, many from the City itself. This year it is well funded and as such has plenty of trees to offer us. Though the intention of Brookwood Hills is to continue working closely with Trees Atlanta every year that we can, we cannot always guarantee that there will be trees available at the prices being offered.

PLEASE JOIN US, WE NEED AS MANY VOLUNTEERS AS WE CAN GET

If you are or are not receiving a tree, you can still help out.

Help us plant, water, and mulch all of the trees we will be planting. Bring work gloves, a bottle of water, and a shovel if you wish (tools will be provided). Planting will take place in almost any weather.

On the morning of the 11th November we will meet at the Park Pavilion at 8:30AM for coffee and donuts and go from there.

BWH Boys and Girls Kicks Off A New Season!

| Date | Responsible Person | Event |
|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| September 16-17 | Larry Pless | Campout in Park or Lake Rabun |
| October 15 | Boyd Gentry | Burt's Pumpkin Farm |
| November 19 | Art Waldrop | Stone Mountain |
| January 20-21 | Mark Johnson | Georgia State Basketball |
| February 18 | Roland John | Bowling |
| March 18 | Bill Porter | Fernbank |
| April 15 | ? | Chestatee |
| April 29 – Dads only | ? | Spring Meeting/Golf – Father Bonding |
| May 20 | ? | Tentative Braves' Game |
| June 10 | Miles Cook | Campout in Park or Lake Rabun (whichever one did not happen in Sep- tember) |

Please contact Larry Pless at 404-892-6024 if you are interested in joining or helping out.



Brookwood Hills residents Caroline White (L) and Jacqueline Wabler (R) each won First Place in their respective Equitation Classes at the 100th Horse Show of the Vogt Riding Academy held on May 21, 2006. Congratulations!

CALENDAR

- **Monday, October 2nd — BWHCC Board Meeting**, 7:15 pm, at the home of Mary Barrett, 49 Huntington Road. Neighborhood residents are welcome.
- **Wednesday, October 4th — Friends Cookies With Santa Planning Meeting**, 9:30 am, 303 Camden Road, at the Mulcahy home.
- **Friday, October 13th-Sunday, October 17th — Annual Great Pumpkin Give Away**, 205 Huntington Road
- **Tuesday, October 17th — BWH Friends Meeting**, 7:00 pm, 315 Camden Road, at the Bass home.
- **Tuesday, October 31st — BWHCC Halloween Party**, 4:00-6:00 pm, BWHCC Park.
- **Saturday, November 11th — Third Annual Tree Replanting Program**, 8:30 am, Park Pavilion.

C L A S S I F I E D S

- **Tennis Anyone?** Aspiring, competitive 9 year old boy looking for a similar boy or girl to play tennis with in the neighborhood. Please call the Domans at 404-607-9912.
- **Get Organized:** Our nanny is also a terrific household organizer. Her name is Angie Evans and you can reach her at 404-873-6677. She has weekend time and evenings to get you straight! Please call Lee Loughran at 404-355-0767 if you need a reference.
- **Guest House Available:** in Brookwood Hills. Private entrance and parking for 2 cars. Very private, furnished including linens and china. L.R., B.R., Den, Eat-in Kitchen & Bath. Gas & water included. \$1,500.00 monthly. Call 404-872-2940.

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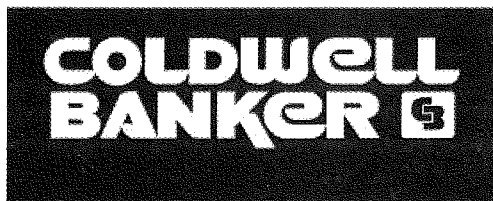
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