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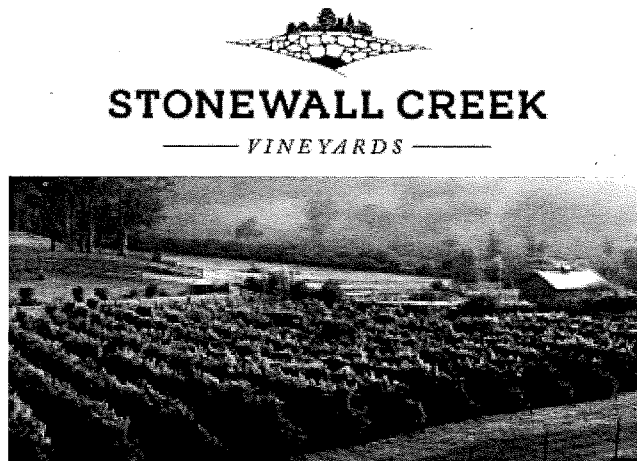
## Former BWH Neighbors Build Vineyard in Georgia Wine Country

*By Mary Heisel*

In just seven years, former BWH neighbors Carla and Carl Fackler have created Stonewall Creek Vineyards, an extraordinary vineyard located in Tiger, Georgia in Northeast Georgia's Rabun County. The Facklers lived on Palisades for 30 years before moving to Tiger to pursue their dream.

Carl and Carla purchased their first property in Tiger in 2004 and spent a year of weekends fixing up the dilapidated cottage. They planted their first vines in 2005 and added vines each year for a total of 3,000 vines on five acres.

In 2007, Carl retired after 30 years practicing at Peachtree Orthopaedic Clinic and focused his attention on the vineyards and making wine. He studied at UC Davis and he and Carla visited with grape growers and winemakers around the world.



Located in the Southern Blue Ridge Mountains, the 30-acre property, elevation 2,200 feet, backs up to the 750,000-acre Chattahoochee National Forest. The five acres of vines are all European *vitis vinifera*—Malbec, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Tannat (reds) and Petit Manseng (white)—and share a terroir developed over millions of years through erosion from nearby Glassy Mountain and deposits from a meandering Stonewall Creek. The vines are adjacent to Fackler Farm, which began with Chef Linton Hopkins' request to grow sheepnose peppers. The farm now supplies products to Atlanta's Restaurant Eugene as well as local North Georgia restaurants.

We visited the Facklers for three days in late summer for the opening the winery's Tasting Room and the release of their first wine. Joined by Ken and Mary Zeliff—Dr. Linton Hopkins' twin sister—we stayed in the guest cottage with a grand view of Glassy Mountain and the vineyards and were reminded of our travels in Italy.

The festivities began with "Featured Farmer Thursday" at the Lake Rabun Hotel, where wine from Stonewall Creek Vineyards and organic produce from Fackler Farm were featured. Chef Jamie Allred created a small plates menu that included Chilled Sorrel and Cucumber Soup, Purple Dragon Carrot Flan and a Fennel and Chiogga Beet Salad.



## BROOKNOTES

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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 at 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. The cell phone number for the neighborhood security patrol is **404-242-3321**.

## Board Needs Your Help: Social Co-Chair

The board is in immediate need of a Social co-Chair. Caroline Normark has been managing all social activities on her own for nearly two years. While she has tremendous support from neighborhood volunteers, we are genuinely concerned about major events—including the Halloween party—without a co-chair.

The opening for a Social co-chair is listed officially as January of next year but this position needs to be filled right away. If you have an interest in the position, please contact Caroline Normark or Matt Tolleson.

## Dog Reminders

The City of Atlanta has a leash law that is in effect in BWH. Keep your dog and other people safe by keeping him on a lead. Service people (mailmen, delivery people, etc.) are within their rights to use pepper spray and can have your dog impounded if it is running loose.

Also, please remember to pick up after your dog and please use your own trash receptacles for their waste.

## Goodbye to Mr. Ted!

Ted Broadnax, our Brighton Road mailman, will be retiring at the end of September. "Mr. Ted" has delivered mail to the residents of Brighton Road for many years and he will be greatly missed!

*BrookNotes* welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Friday, October 12, 2012. Submissions may be e-mailed to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com) or dropped off at 144 Huntington.

## Former BWH Neighbors Build Vineyard in Georgia Wine Country

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Saturday morning, we pitched in to help prepare food, all local, for the official opening of the Tasting Room which coincided with Rabun County Farm Winery Day. The event also featured another new winery, 12 Spies Vineyards, and local pioneer Tiger Mountain Vineyards. There were 120 visitors that afternoon. Gene and Sam D'Angelo, who split their time between Brookwood Hills and Tiger, stopped by on Saturday.



Carla and Carl Fackler, and their son, Ben, at the Tasting Room



Two wines currently available at Stonewall Creek Vineyards: Yukari and Boriana

The two wines released on Saturday were named for the Fackler's daughters-in-law: Yukari (wife of Martin) and Boriana (wife of Ben). All grapes were grown, hand harvested, vinified and bottled on their beautiful site. *Yukari* is a dry rosé made from their Cabernet Franc

grapes—perfect as a light, crisp summer wine. *Boriana* is a dry, full-bodied white wine made from their Petit Manseng grapes. The reds are in a two-year aging process in French oak barrels with bottling set for next spring or summer.

The tasting room is open Saturdays from noon to 4:00p.m. or by appointment. For directions and information, visit [www.stonewallcreek.com](http://www.stonewallcreek.com), Stonewall Creek Vineyards on Facebook or call 706-212-0584.

Stonewall Creek Vineyards is a member of the Winegrowers Association of Georgia: [www.GeorgiaWine.com](http://www.GeorgiaWine.com).



Grapes at Stonewall Creek



Friendship Began 35 Years Ago In BWH: Huntington Road residents Mary Heisel (left) and Sam and Gene D'Angelo (third and fourth from left) join Carla Fackler at the vineyard

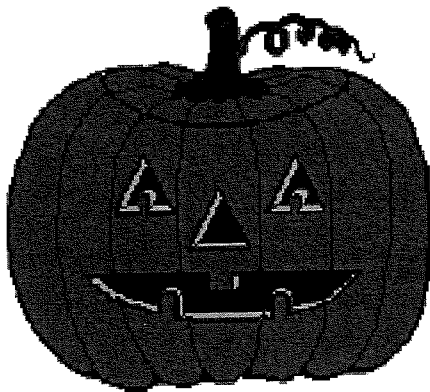
## BWH Family Fun Fitness Day in Remembrance of Mary Stuart Bland

*By Celeste Porter*

Friends and family of Mary Stuart Bland invite you to a Brookwood Hills Family Fun Fitness Day on Sunday, November 4 from 2:00—5:00p.m. We want to celebrate Mary Stuart's life in some of the ways most meaningful to her. Our schedule for the day includes:

- 2:00p.m.: One mile run, walk or bike. Open to all ages, stages and pets are welcome too! Sign up with Lisa Barnhart [lisa.allison.barnhart@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.allison.barnhart@gmail.com) so we can adequately prepare for you.
- 2:30p.m.: Dedication of a memorial landscaping project adjacent to the tennis courts which will benefit our entire neighborhood. Rev. Steve Allen, Lovett School chaplain, will officiate. Refreshments will be provided. If you would like to make a contribution, please go to [www.brookwoodhills.com](http://www.brookwoodhills.com) home page and click "Mary Stuart Remembrance" under upcoming events where you can contribute using PayPal.
- 3:00—4:00p.m.: Round-robin tennis fun for ages 13-18 at the BWH courts. Tennis professionals Lisa Teer and Lee King will lead the event accompanied by members of Mary Stuart's ladies and mixed doubles tennis teams. Other fitness activities will be available for younger children.
- 4:00—5:30p.m.: Adult tennis Round Robin. Sign up for either tennis event with Shana Magruder [sbmag@bellsouth.net](mailto:sbmag@bellsouth.net) so we can adequately prepare for you.

Come enjoy for part or all of a fun fitness afternoon -- and keep moving!



**Sarah Hagood  
and Specialty Homes, Inc.  
are pleased to sponsor the  
29<sup>th</sup> annual  
"Great Pumpkin Giveaway!"**

### Dates and Times:

**Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** 2-7

**Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** 9-6

**Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** 9-6

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

In celebration of fall and Halloween, Sarah is giving each Brookwood Hills home a large pumpkin. Look for orange flyers to arrive with details.

The event will be at  
**205 Huntington Road** in Sarah's front yard. One pumpkin per family please.

## Lacrosse Breakfast

*By Kathy Gentry*

Mark your Calendars! Bring the family and come hungry! Grab your lacrosse sticks! Back by popular demand, it's the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brookwood Hills breakfast hosted by the North Atlanta High School Ladies Lacrosse team on October 27 from 8:00—11:00a.m. in the Pool Pavilion.

Enjoy Starbucks coffee, hot chocolate, Chik-fil-A chicken biscuits, Pittypat's Porch biscuits and muffins (a new addition!), egg casserole and other delectable breakfast items with your Brookwood Hills neighbors. The girls also look forward to doing some lacrosse demos with your kids. No experience necessary!

We still need your help on two fronts. The team needs a strong community coach and funding to pay for quality coaching. So yes, we are still fundraising. And for those of you with elementary and middle school girls at E. Rivers and Sutton, we are also trying to start a girl's lacrosse team at Sutton so watch for news about that.

Please join everyone for some great food and good cheer on Saturday, October 27!

## County Spraying for Mosquitoes

*Editors Note: The following is excerpted from an article that appeared in the Buckhead Reporter on September 7, 2012.*

Fulton County health officials plan to spray for mosquitoes in Frankie Allen Park in Buckhead and other Fulton locations in an effort to fight the spread of West Nile virus.

Mosquitoes carrying the virus were identified in six locations around Fulton County, including the Buckhead park and the Bobby Jones Golf Course, Fulton County Health Department officials said in a press release. Fulton health officials said they would announce the date of the spraying a week in advance.

## Partners Card: Support Camp Twin Lakes

*By Devon Parker*

ave, shop, and dine with a Partners Card to help send Georgia's children facing serious illnesses, disabilities, and other life challenges to Camp Twin Lakes (CTL)! For ten days, October 26 through November 4, Atlanta shoppers can purchase a \$60 Partners Card which entitles them to 20% off at more than 400 stores and restaurants in and around Atlanta. In 2011, Partners Card raised over \$288,000 and sent 375 kids to CTL!



CTL serves 9,000 children annually through its year-round, medically-supportive camp. Join us for a fun-filled week of shopping and dining at some of Atlanta's best retailers and restaurants and help even more children experience the magic of CTL! Could there be a better reason to save, shop, and dine?

For more information, contact Devon Parker at 309 Camden Road by phone (404) 316-0040 or email: [devonbparker@gmail.com](mailto:devonbparker@gmail.com). You can also visit: [www.partnerscard.com](http://www.partnerscard.com).

# Ice Cream Social & Dog Swim

*By Caroline Normark*

It was a picture perfect end to the summer as we bid farewell to the pool season and celebrated with the annual Ice Cream Social and Dog Swim. The park was filled with many BWH neighbors and community members and their lovable pooches. With a taste of fall in the air it was the perfect way to celebrate the end of summer.

The rock climbing wall was a favorite of the many children who waited patiently for their turn to climb to the top. The train was also a big hit with children and parents alike. Of course there was plenty of Baskin Robbins ice cream accompanied with lots of yummy toppings.

As always this party would not be possible without our gracious sponsors. A big thank you goes out to our co-sponsors, Dr. Duffy Jones with Peachtree Hills Animal Clinic and Lisa Barnhardt, our neighbor and agent with Prudential Georgia Realty Co.



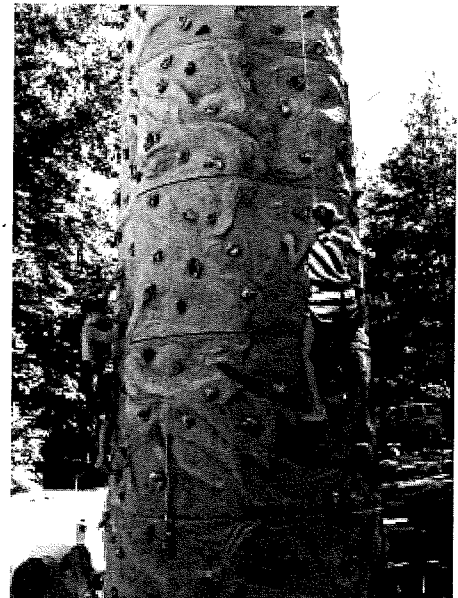
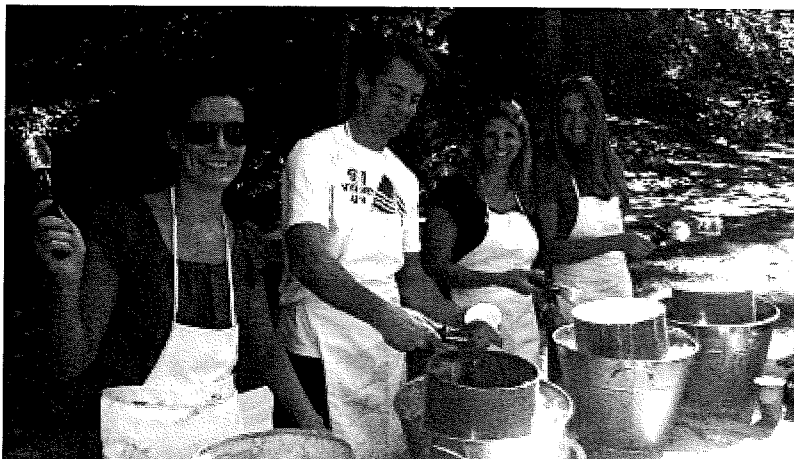
*Dr. Duffy Jones & Dr. Sharon Nath*



Peachtree Hills Animal Hospital is a full-service veterinary clinic offering personalized preventative care as well as state-of-the-art diagnostic capabilities for illnesses and emergencies. Dr. Jones started the clinic in 2005. In addition to Dr. Duffy Jones, veterinarians include Doctors Keri Weyl, Edith Rogers and Sharon Nath. Thank you Drs. Jones and Nath for joining us at the dog swim. Many of our BWH pets are regular

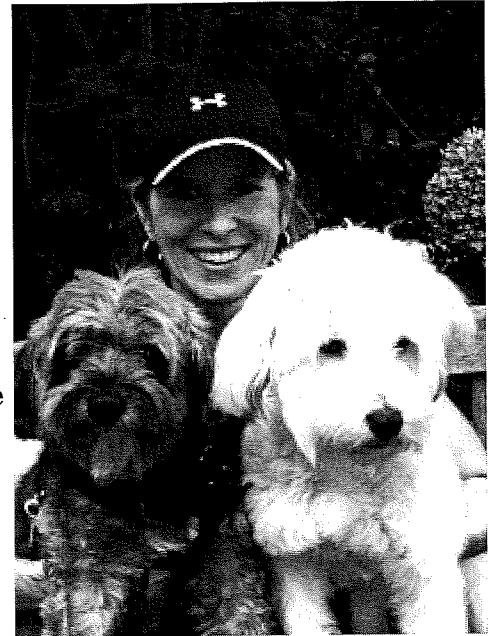


patients of the veterinary clinic.



## Ice Cream Social & Dog Swim (cont.)

Lisa Barnhart is a real estate agent with Prudential Georgia Realty Co. Her business focuses on South Buckhead and its various feeder markets such as Virginia Highlands, Morningside, Collier Hills, Peachtree Hills, Garden Hills, and others. Lisa lives on Camden with her husband of 31 years, Steve. Her daughter, Allison, 20, attends Florida State University and her son David, 18, is a senior at Ben Franklin Academy. Lisa has two dogs. Oscar showed up at their house 10 years ago and Lucy was adopted from Atlanta Pet Rescue two months ago. She also has one cat,



*Lisa Barnhart with Oscar and Lucy*



Rusty who showed up at their house 7 years ago. Lisa is also known as the Dr. Doolittle of New Camden because of her history rescuing any type of animal, from baby raccoons and squirrels to various birds, snakes and a brown bat. Lisa said you may call her if you need help rescuing/removing any critter. She also enjoys pet/house sitting including exercising dogs. Co-sponsoring the Dog Swim was a natural for her although she wishes one of her dogs would take to the water!

Also a very big thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who scooped ice cream, helped with set up and stuck around for clean up. Many of you serve every year and at multiple parties. Your generosity with your time is greatly appreciated and makes each party a success.



## Classifieds on Line

Don't forget—you can find valuable recommendations on contractors, service people and other great resources on the BWH website. You don't have to wait for BrookNotes! Visit today and post your recommendations!

# C L A S S I F I E D S

**Nanny Share Available:** Consula Favors has worked for our family for over 2 years - she is extremely conscientious, active and nurturing. Consula formerly ran her own home day care and worked for Creme De La Creme. We would like to share her with another family and are somewhat flexible with hours, though ideally she could work for another family from 9 - 1 pm on Tuesday and Thursdays and anytime between 9 - 5 pm on Friday. Consula has a safe car and is able to drive kids to/from school & activities. If interested, please email or call me (Robin Fisher) at 312 730 6570 or [RobinFisher77@yahoo.com](mailto:RobinFisher77@yahoo.com)

**Knife Sharpening:** My name is Theodore Davis. I am 15 years old and have been sharpening knives for over two years. I live at 122 Huntington Road, so I can quickly hop over to pick up your dull knives, take them home to sharpen with my Grizzly Wet Grinder model T10010, and hurry back to return them. For a thoroughly sharpened blade I charge 50 cents per inch, minimum of a dollar. I try to return your knives as fast as I can. I cannot sharpen serrated blades. Satisfaction guaranteed. If you have any questions or you wish to get your knives sharpened please call: 404-724-0959.

**Housekeeper:** If you are looking for excellent help cleaning your house, I highly recommend Cecelia and Barbara to you. They have been cleaning my house for about three years now and I can still say they are terrific. They come regularly and bring one or two other helpers with them, so the process is very quick as well. They can be reached at 404.734.9873. I'm also happy to answer any questions for you—Genna 404.355.6280.

### CALENDAR

- **Monday, October 8, BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:15p.m.,** at the home of Kim & Tom Ferro, 118 Brighton Rd.
- **Saturday, October 27, North Atlanta High School Ladies Lacrosse Breakfast Fundraiser, 8:00a.m.—11:00a.m.,** BWH Pool Pavilion.
- **Wednesday, October 31, Halloween Party, 4:00p.m.,** BWH Park Pavilion.
- **Sunday, November 4, Family Fun Fitness Day, 2:00p.m.— 5:30p.m.,** BWH tennis courts.

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