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The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

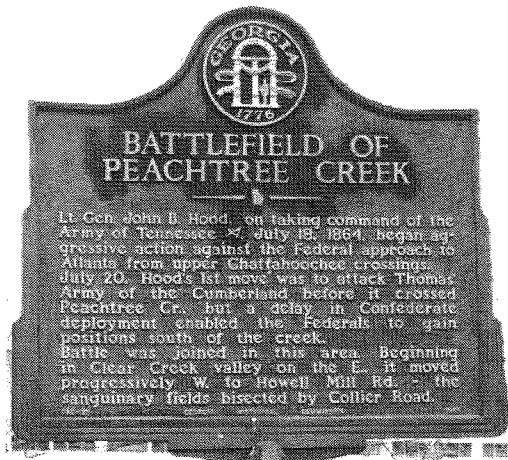
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## The Battle of Peachtree Creek 150 Years Later - Why It Still Matters

By Ian Michael Rogers

Our Brookwood Hills neighborhood inherited hallowed ground, the Civil War battlefield of Peachtree Creek, where close to 4,000 Americans were killed, wounded, or went missing in three hours of fighting on July 20, 1864.

Historical markers line the entrances to our neighborhood for a distinct and equally tragic reason. Henry Grady, editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*, said after the war regarding Atlanta: "Every foot of the soil about the city in which I live is sacred as a battleground of the Republic. Every hill that invests it is hallowed to you by the blood of your brothers, who died for your victory, and doubly hallowed to us by the blood of those who died hopeless, but undaunted, in defeat—sacred soil to all of us."



The summer of 1864 was a critical juncture for both the North and South. Lincoln did not expect to win reelection. If Lincoln was not reelected, a peace-seeking democrat could have come to power and given the South its independence. The fate of the American nation was at stake during the summer of 1864—to decide if Lincoln's war to preserve the Union and abolish slavery would be fulfilled. *Continued on Page 5*

## Brookwood Hills Community Club: 75th Anniversary Party

By Kirsten Boehner, BWH Social Chair

The 75th Anniversary Party is right around the corner! We look forward to seeing you there for light bites, drinks and live music. If you did not receive the Paperless Post invitation via email, please contact Kirsten Boehner ([kirstenboehner@gmail.com](mailto:kirstenboehner@gmail.com)) as soon as possible. Spaces are filling up!



**Brookwood Hills  
Community Club  
75th Anniversary Party**  
October 18th, 7:00 pm  
at the  
BWH Pool Pavilion

Thanks to those who have already RSVP'd. You can pay for your tickets by check or credit card (\$75/couple, \$40/single). Please make checks payable to BWHCC and send to the BWH Treasurer at 27 Wakefield. You may also pay with a credit card in the Pay and Reserve section of the Brookwood Hills website.

## Annual Tree Planting on November 8th

**Saturday, November 8th—9:00 am to 12:00 pm**  
Meet in the Pavilion in the Brookwood Hills Park for bagels and coffee.

Please volunteer! Anyone can help. There will be experienced Trees Atlanta Staff to assist us. **To volunteer, contact Edward Katz** at [edwkatz@gmail.com](mailto:edwkatz@gmail.com).

Get the details about purchasing a tree for your yard or learn more about the planting: *Continued on Page 4*



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### Contribute to BrookNotes

BrookNotes welcomes articles, artwork, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of BrookNotes is **Friday, October 17th**.

Submissions may be dropped off at **22 Woodcrest Ave.** or e-mailed to [brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com).

## Mark Your Calendar!

### Annual Halloween Extravaganza

Feel that crisp autumn air? It's the cool and creepy signal that the BWH Halloween extravaganza is just around the corner. This year, Halloween is on a Friday night so it should be extra spooky spectacular.



#### Volunteers Needed!

Of course, it will be a big dud if we don't have volunteers. Can you help? Amanda Szwast and Debby Moorman are cooking up some ghoulish treats, but they can't do it alone.

Please contact Kirsten at [kirstenboehner@gmail.com](mailto:kirstenboehner@gmail.com) or Jen at [jenweb2005@gmail.com](mailto:jenweb2005@gmail.com) if you will help decorate, haunt, or clean up.

### Huntington Road Party

*Who?* Huntington Road Residents

*Where?* BWH Pool Pavilion

*When?* Sunday, November 2nd from  
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Neighbors with even house numbers, please bring a side dish or appetizer. Those with odd numbers, please bring dessert or fruit.

#### Questions?

Call Kathleen Waldrop (404)784-0005.

## Brookwood Hills Security

#### Security Signs at the BWH Entrances?

A security incident has occurred in the neighborhood. Call the BWH Security Info

#### BWH Security Information Hotline

(404) 325-5114

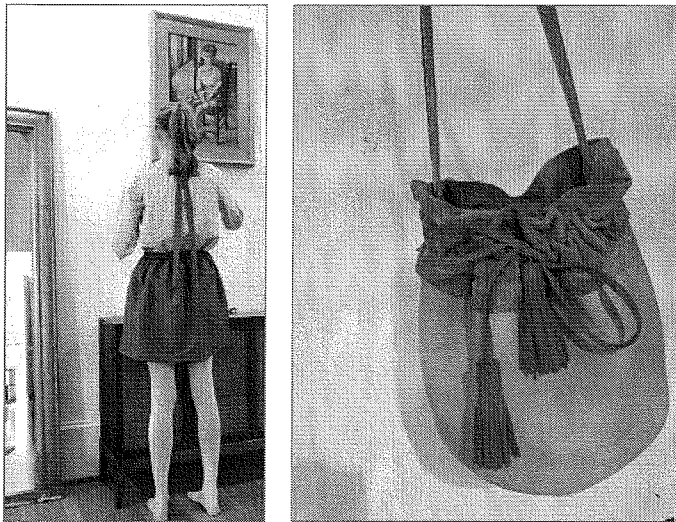
#### Neighborhood Patrol Cell Phone

(404) 242-3321

#### BWH Security Chair

[security@brookwoodhills.com](mailto:security@brookwoodhills.com)  
(657) 229-4728 (text or call)

### French Clothing & Accessories Sale in Brookwood Hills



Parisian designers Muriel Luxemburger and Virginie Sougy will have an open house featuring handmade leather purses, accessories and clothes for children and adults at the Luxemburger home.

**Where?**

Luxemburger Residence  
14 Palisades Road

**When?**

Saturday, Oct 11th and Sunday, Oct 12th  
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., both days

### BWH Neighbors Honored with Woodward Academy Alumni Award



Last month, Upper Camden neighbors Lee Cardwell and Leigh Shattles Cardwell were presented with Woodward Academy's 2014 Alumni Service Award.

The Alumni Service Award recognizes those alumni who have unselfishly devoted their time and energies for the betterment of the Academy and the alumni program.

### Longtime BWH Resident Celebrates 90th Birthday

*Contributed by Anna Whechel & Mary Konieczny*



*Ken & daughter, Millie McKenzie*



*Ken with Jo Huntsinger & Jean Dennis*

Longtime Woodcrest resident Ken McKenzie celebrated his 90th milestone birthday on September 17, 2014. Mr. McKenzie has been an active part of the BWH community for many years and raised his family here.

Current and former neighbors gathered together with Ken's family to celebrate with cake and festivities.

## Annual Tree Planting in Brookwood Hills

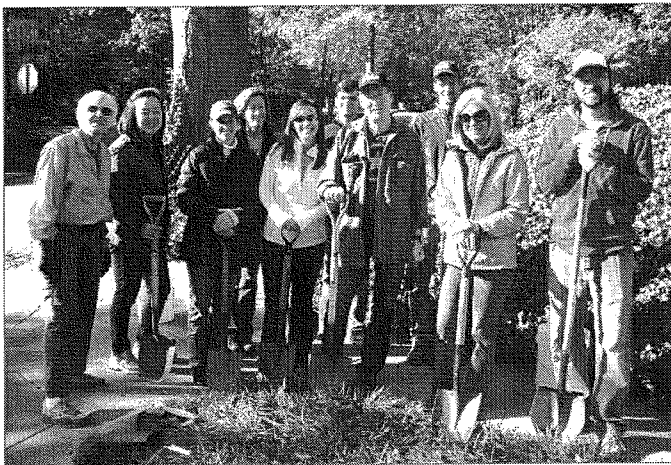
*By Edward Katz, Brookwood Hills Tree Chair*

### Help Restore Our Canopy - Plant a Tree!

It seems like every time I drive or walk through our neighborhood, I notice that another one of our majestic trees has been removed, leaving nothing but an ugly stump. Brookwood Hills is losing trees at a record pace. To restore our beautiful "urban forest," it's critical to continue our annual neighborhood plantings. Fewer trees result in hotter summers and the disappearance of the classic leafiness of our historic neighborhood. Large canopy trees (oaks and maples) are an important part of what makes Brookwood Hills so special.

It's not just street trees that are crucial for our canopy, but front yard trees as well. In front yards, trees have more root room and don't have to contend with Georgia Power lines.

Are you a NIMFY (Not In My Front Yard)? I used to be one also. I don't want a tree there, I thought! I love that green grass! A tree would spoil the view of my classic architecture! If you fit this description, please reconsider.



Here's how you can help:

#### 1. Volunteer in the Annual Tree Planting

Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
We'll start out in the Pavilion in the Brookwood Hills Park for bagels and coffee.

Last year, we planted 25 trees in the neighborhood. This year, we plan to beat last year's this number! Anyone can help. The work is not overly strenuous, and there will be experienced Trees Atlanta Staff to assist us.

This is appropriate for the entire family. This is also a great way for our teenagers and scouts to get service hours! Anyone over the age of 10 can help.

Please send Edward Katz an email ([edwkatz@gmail.com](mailto:edwkatz@gmail.com)) if you plan to volunteer so we can get accurate headcount for breakfast.

#### 2. Purchase an oak or maple tree to plant.

If you want a new tree in your front yard or at the street, you may choose a tree from a list of site-appropriate trees that are better adapted to urban conditions. These will cause fewer problems than the water oaks planted here many years ago.

Trees Atlanta is offering BWH residents:

- Small (15 gallon) trees for \$50.00
- Large (25 gallon) trees for \$75.00

These are deeply discounted prices and include planting by volunteers. The cost of the trees alone (without the labor) is \$200.00. Trees Atlanta is also offering the opportunity for residents to purchase trees for back yards, but the cost will be slightly higher. You will be responsible for planting backyard trees yourself.

To purchase trees to be planted by volunteers:

- **Brighton, Camden, Montclair, or Wakefield neighbors:** Please contact Katrina Newton at [kfnewton@bellsouth.net](mailto:kfnewton@bellsouth.net).
- **Huntington, Palisades, Northwood, Woodcrest, or Parkdale neighbors:** Please contact Eve Goldstein at [eve.goldstein@att.net](mailto:eve.goldstein@att.net).
- **Questions about the tree planting or trees in general?** Please contact Edward Katz at (404) 291-9303 or at [edwkatz@gmail.com](mailto:edwkatz@gmail.com).

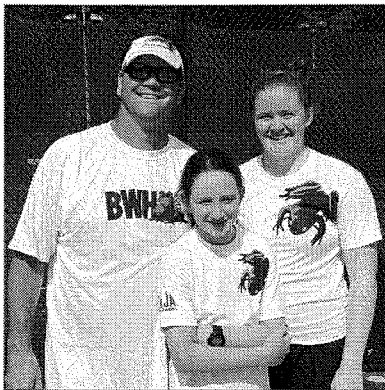
#### 3. Donate to Trees Atlanta

Donations to Trees Atlanta are also welcomed, especially if you cannot participate in the planting. Donations made in memory or in honor of individuals will be published in BrookNotes.

Please email Edward Katz at [edwkatz@gmail.com](mailto:edwkatz@gmail.com) if you wish to donate.

## Zoe Mock Breaks 10-year-old BWH Breaststroke Record

*Contributed by Katy Fransen & Rachele McGinty-Mock*



*BWH Bullfrogs Head Coach  
Tim Storsteen  
with  
Zoe Mock & Coach  
Naomi O'Halloran*

During the very exciting Brookwood Hills Bullfrogs vs. Chastain Park Tidal Waves' dual swim meet this past June, Zoe Mock broke the 9/10 girls 25-yard breaststroke record. Naomi O'Halloran held the previous record of 17.72 seconds for the past 10 years. Zoe's new Brookwood Hills record is 17.24 seconds for the 25-yard breaststroke.

During practices, Coach O'Halloran was overheard saying that she suspected Zoe would break her record this summer. She was quite proud of Zoe when it happened!

## The Battle of Peachtree Creek: 150 Years Later - Why It Still Matters

*By Ian Michael Rogers*

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The Battle of Peachtree Creek was the first in a series of bloody battles for Atlanta during July and August of 1864. It was the Confederate's first attempt to drive Sherman's army from the gates of Atlanta. Although well envisioned, the attack failed in large part due to poor communication and execution. Fighting in the battle was Union Colonel Benjamin Harrison, future President of the United States.

For Rufus Mead of the 5th Connecticut, it was "the saddest day I ever saw...the suffering & dying conditions of poor fellows that lay there wounded in every part of the body...doctors were busy cutting off limbs which were piled up in heaps to be carried off and buried, while the stench was horrible."

When Atlanta fell to Union forces on September 2, it can be argued that Union victory at Atlanta began at Peachtree Creek, the very neighborhood we call home today. After Peachtree Creek, Hood tried four more times to defeat Sherman's army, but to no avail. With Atlanta's capture, Lincoln almost overnight became the favorite to win the 1864 election and ensure Union victory and a reunified nation.

Today, as we walk through our tranquil neighborhood, to the pool and the park, it is hard to imagine what transpired here 150 years ago, hard to imagine the men in blue and gray fighting through an impenetrable forest in the 95 degree Georgia heat. Georgian and Illinois farm boys violently clashed along present day Brighton Road and up towards where CVS and Piedmont Hospital sit

today. Along Peachtree and Collier roads and in present day Tanyard Creek Park, Union soldiers recalled burying hundreds of unknown Confederates in unmarked ditches.



*The aftermath of the Battle of Peachtree Creek  
Photographer: Unknown*

Yet while the landscape has changed, the story of what happened here remains—it is upon this very land that our American nation fought for its very existence. It is the American Civil War that established the country we know today at the cost of 750,000 Americans lives, including many in our own backyards. This is a vivid reminder that we live upon not just an important historical site but ultimately hallowed and sacred ground.

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## 2014 Annual Ice Cream Social & Dog Swim

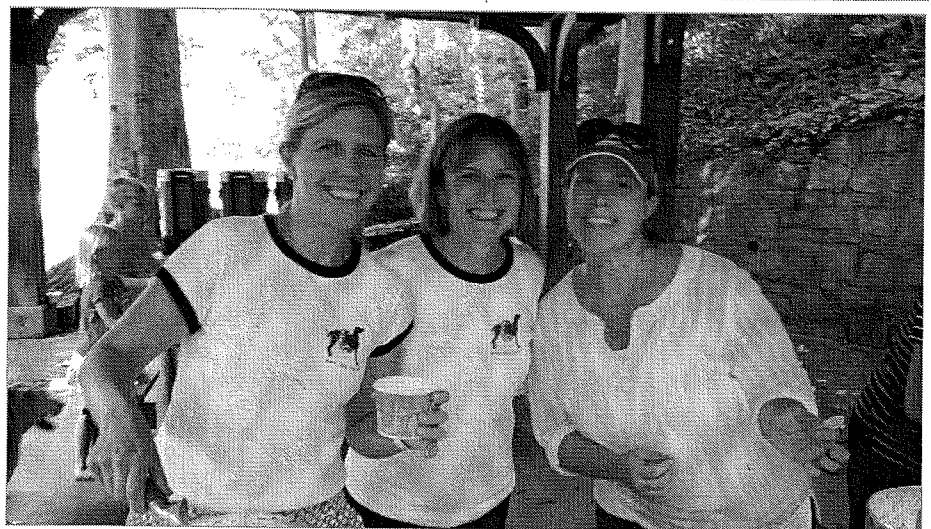
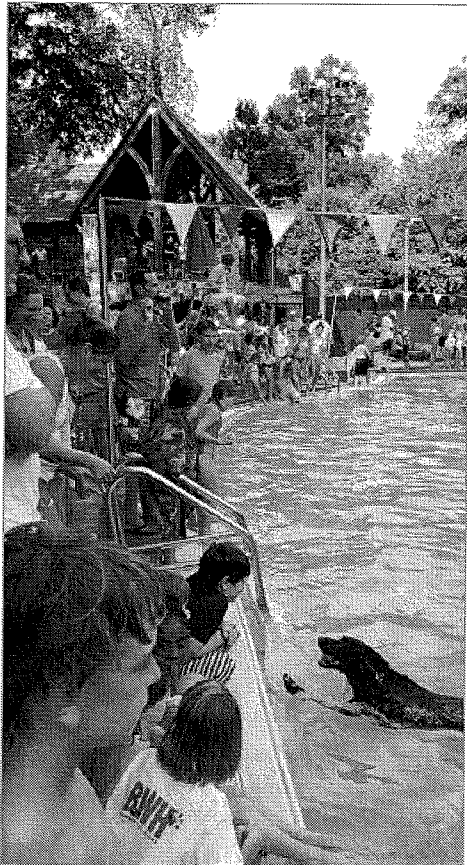
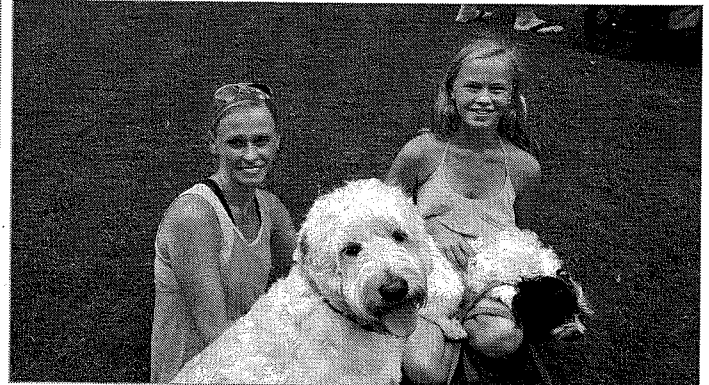
*By Kirsten Boehner, Social Chair*

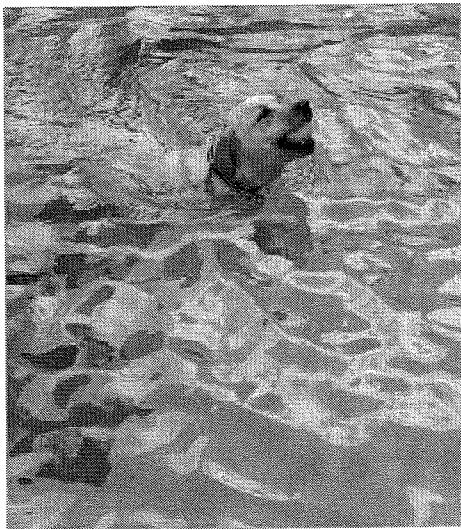
The Annual Ice Cream Social and Dog Swim was a perfect end to a great summer pool season! The threatening storm passed us (minus a few thunder breaks) and the park was filled with neighbors and their dogs for an afternoon of fun.

Thank you to Hugh Williams, owner of Baskin-Robbins at Peachtree Battle, for continuing to support our neighborhood by offering ice cream at a discounted price. Big thanks to the volunteers who scooped ice cream and served the whipped cream.

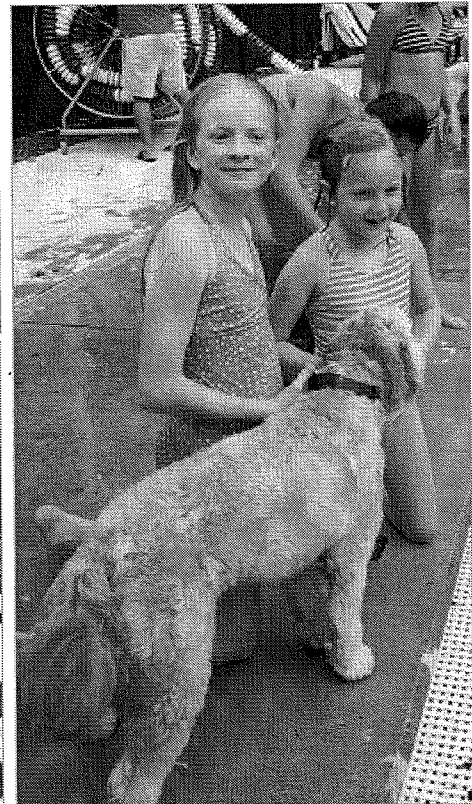
We appreciate the support of our sponsors, **Barking Hound Village** and **Peachtree Hills Animal Clinic**. They not only supported the day but brought extra treats for our four-legged friends. Thank you!

If you didn't get a chance to buy your dog swim tee shirt before the event, they are still on sale at <http://www.zazzle.com/BWHflare>. The discount has expired, but Zazzle continues to run site-wide sales so keep your eye out for promo codes.





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...one dog at a time!*



## Garage Apartment Available

1 bedroom/1 bathroom garage apartment at 63 Huntington Rd. is available on Oct 1st. \$650/month rent includes gas and water. If interested, contact **Kimberly Wilson** at [kgewilsonmd@gmail.com](mailto:kgewilsonmd@gmail.com).

## Carriage House for Rent

Partly furnished carriage house, renovated in 2005, is available in Brookwood Hills. \$950/month rent includes electric. Cable is extra. Street parking. If interested, please call **Larry** at (404) 885-5229.

## Math, Science, and SAT Tutoring

Ivan Duralde, Harvard University undergraduate studying mathematics, is offering tutoring for math, physics, and the SAT. He has worked as a tutor at the Bureau of Study Counsel at Harvard and will work with all ages.

For more information, please contact **Ivan** at (404) 502-7157 or [ivanduralde@gmail.com](mailto:ivanduralde@gmail.com).

## Classic Mercedes for Sale

Long-time security patrol member Jeff Baxter is selling his 1982 Mercedes.

“She is all original, no issues with only 80,000 miles. I have the original window sticker, books, and records as well. I’m asking \$8,000.” If you are interested, contact **Jeff** at (404) 357-7929.



## Part-time Nanny Needed

Looking for an energetic, creative and patient part-time morning nanny 20 hours a week starting immediately to care for our 9-month-old and 5-year-old daughters. Some driving, errands and light household duties expected. Hours are somewhat flexible. Ideally, I am looking for 10:00 am to 1:00 pm or 3:00 pm.

There may be an opportunity for regular afternoon babysitting hours from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm with our neighbor if interested in more of a full-time position split between two families. Please contact **Robin Fisher** at (312) 730-6570 if interested.

## After School Childcare Needed

Looking for a part-time childcare provider to help with three children after school from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. (There may be some flexibility in the hours.)

Responsibilities include helping with homework and driving to and from activities. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact **Lisa Katz** at (404) 449-3786 or [guldinkatz@gmail.com](mailto:guldinkatz@gmail.com).

## Restaurant Recommendation

Morre McCollum recommends **La Pietra Cucina** at 1545 Peachtree Street. From their website: “The cooking style is distinctly ingredient driven keeping true to the traditional Italian spirit.” “Introducing two new Executive Chefs, Arturo Justo and Sergio Villasana, our food has reached new heights in the Italian culinary scene.”

Morre says, “It is not only a great restaurant that lots of the Ansley folks enjoy, but they have great space for parties and get-togethers. Couldn’t believe I hadn’t been here before, especially with it being blocks from our neighborhood.”

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