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## **Dale Way Park Restoration Begins**

Contributed by David Tyndall and Bryan Kenna, Dale Way Park co-chairs

The park and pool are Brookwood Hills Community Club's biggest assets. These central spaces are a huge part of what makes our Club so unique and desirable for in-town living. In 2011, the BoD and membership first identified the need to begin addressing an asset that was showing its age – flooding, breaking equipment, etc. Initial focus was on pressing fixes like new sod and critical maintenance and repairs, while beginning the process to develop a long-term plan for the park.

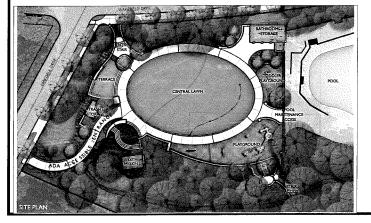
In the years since, we have been able to maintain basic park functionality and safety with "band aid" fixes. However, we have now reached a critical point where quick fixes will no longer be viable. While we've been lucky in the past year or so with few long periods of rain that turn the park into a muddy mess, we have not addressed longstanding drainage issues. Our playground equipment is well beyond its "normal" life -- a point raised in annual safety inspections and we face difficulty finding replacement parts, precluding the ability to repair. Structures in the park – storage & bathrooms, trash, etc. – are showing significant age. We cannot defer addressing these issues, and we are at an inflection point where a significant Club asset is a liability. Therefore, we are thrilled to say that the restoration of the park has officially begun!

The neighborhood park restoration project breaks down into essentially four major components: (1) installation of new storm water infrastructure (including subterranean detention) to provide better drainage; (2) construction of two new vertical structures (bathroom/storage and trash receptacle housing); (3) refurbishment of hardscape and landscape; and (4) installation of new playground equipment.

We will proceed essentially in that order, with grading and excavation for the storm sewer occurring first and lasting about a month. Once the excavation is completed, the storm equipment will be installed while the new building foundations commence. The two buildings will take around five months to complete, with new hardscape beginning slightly before the buildings' completion. New plantings and new playground equipment will go in as the project completes next Spring.

We have worked with the contractor on minimizing haul-in and haul-out of materials and debris (some is inevitable) and to limit locations for construction workforce parking. Temporary fencing will be put in place to secure the site at the outset, though provisions have been made for any neighborhood member needing to traverse the site to be escorted.

This long awaited project will take several months to complete, and we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during the process.



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BrookNotes welcomes articles, photographs, and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue is November 16. Please e-mail any submissions to the BrookNotes co-editors at brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com.

# Facebook Groups

# **Brookwood Hills Community Club**

www.facebook.com/groups/bwhcc. This group is for all members of the Brookwood Hills Community Club and will be used primarily for pool and social event updates, and other news as it pertains to our Club membership.

#### Brookwood Hills Neighborhood

www.facebook.com/groups/BWHneighborhood. This group is for residents of Brookwood Hills neighborhood. This group is to be used for neighborhood security alerts, lost dogs, babysitting services, referrals, and other neighborhood-related issues.

# Please also visit our new website at BrookwoodHills.com



#### ATTENTION Dog Walkers!

This is a friendly reminder to pick up after your dog and to refrain from dropping waste in neighbors' trashcans.

# **Brookwood Hills Security**

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# A Note from BWHCC President Jeff Koebler

Dear Brookwood Hills Members and Neighbors,

It seems like just yesterday I was writing about how preparing for Summer and opening the pool involves more than simply blowing the pollen off the furniture and removing the pool cover. Similarly, closing the pool takes more than covering it back up.

I would like to recognize the Board Members who really made this summer a success: Dea Canova, Elizabeth Meredith, and Merrell Thompson (co-chairs of the pool and courts). The co-chairs did more than most people are aware, and we are all in their debt. Karen, John, and Whitt – who operated the pool, maintenance, staff, lifeguards, and took over the concessions early in the season – did an amazing job along with the countless other lifeguards. Amanda Szwast (head of reservations) did a phenomenal job of scheduling reservations. Coach Tim and Angie Storsteen – who continue to guide our little Bullfrogs in and out of the water – posted another spectacular record for the Club, including 3rd at Regionals! Our tennis pros – Lee King and Jake Martyn – have developed tennis programs for all ages and abilities and have built a true tennis community within the Club's membership. To those mentioned above, and all of the volunteer board members I serve with, thank you for a great summer!

And what about the Park? Well, it's time. If you were unable to attend the amazing Breaking Ground Party at the Pavilion on September 15th, not only did you miss a great band, fine food, and some inventive dance moves, but also the official kick-off of the Park Construction Project. After many years of planning, saving, collaborating, revising, and permitting – it's time to dig.

For specific information on the Park, please visit the Club's website at www.brookwoodhills.com where Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are posted. For specific questions that are not addressed in the FAQ section, please email BWHparkproject@brookwoodhills.com. Below please find a sampling of the Q&A.



#### **BWH Park Renovation Q&A:**

Over the course of construction at Dale Way Park, the Board will post information about progress and answer questions from Members. Communication will primarily be through the Club Website, Facebook Page, and e-mail. The best and quickest way to get a response to a question is to e-mail bwhparkproject@brookwoodhills.com. We will add to the Q & A section of the Club website at http://brookwoodhills.com/info/park-construction-information/ as new questions are received.

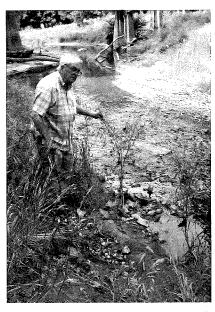
#### **Key Dates**

- Q: When is the start date?
- A: The team has been underway with submittals since August. Expect work on the ground to start the week of September 17th.
- Q: When is the estimated completion date?
- A: With so much of the work subgrade, we'll be vulnerable to weather for quite a while. The target completion is mid-April of next year.
- Q: What are the major milestones of construction?
- A: Demolition will begin right away and take 3-4 weeks. After that, there will be about two months of work installing the new storm sewer and underground detention equipment. Around a month in to the underground work, we will start foundations for the bathroom building, followed a few weeks later by the start of the trash building. Both buildings should finish about 16 weeks after the first foundations are installed. Finally, as the buildings near completion, the new hardscape installation will commence, followed by the new irrigation, landscape and play equipment.

# The "Keeper of the Forest" A Tribute to Neighbor Alex Summers

At the September Board meeting, The Brookwood Hills Community Club voted to rename our beloved Clear Creek Preserve after long-time resident James Alexander Summers who passed away last month. Over a span of fivé decades, Alex was instrumental in purchasing, protecting, and overseeing the 55-wooded acres that constitute the Preserve. As president of the Community Club, he played a lead role in the first acquisition of buffer property in 1971 and worked to add to it over the next fifteen years — with the last tract being purchased in 1986. Twenty years later, he helped negotiate the sale of the conservation easement to the City of Atlanta as well as design the Preserve's long-range plan. Thanks to his vision and constant vigilance, a neglected woodland area was reclaimed and turned into a valuable neighborhood asset.

Below, Brookwood Hills residents reflect on Alex's many contributions.



#### Doug Smock, Brighton Road Resident

I had the pleasure of getting to know Alex a few years ago while serving as the Board's Clear Creek Preserve Chair. Alex was always passionate about the well-being of the Preserve or, as he liked to call it, "The Forest". He was actually one of the individuals responsible for initiating and negotiating the original conservation easement over the community-owned lands surrounding Clear Creek, known by us now as Clear Creek Preserve. Not only did this serve to conserve these lands going forward, but the easement resulted in a huge windfall of proceeds to Brookwood Hills that helped fund several large capital projects within the community for years to come. Once the easement was in place Alex remained deeply involved with the Preserve for as long as he physically was able: working on the original trail design & construction, designing and overseeing several tree planting projects, assisting with special tasks and providing critical historic documents that no one knew even existed, and writing grant proposals with Kay to secure more funding – just to name a few. Personally, I'm incredibly thankful for all of the contributions that Alex made to our community and I'm very much going to miss him. When I think about the times I shared with Alex I suppose one of the things that I'll miss the most is being entertained by his stories about Brookwood Hills from long long ago. They say nothing lasts forever, but I have to think that Alex's legacy of The Forest will remain in perpetuity for the benefit of all of us and all of those to come.

#### Amanda Baxter, Northwood Avenue Resident

Alex and I instantly became friends when I served as the Board's Clear Creek Preserve Chair. His enthusiasm for the Clear Creek Preserve was contagious, his energy was unmatched (I never kept up!), his memory was Google-like, but most importantly he was kind and genuinely respectful to someone four decades his junior. Did you know he helped get the first woman on the board? And the first family of Jewish heritage as C Members? Alex defied stereotypes and generational thinking. I'm so going to miss drinking sparkling grape juice with him in his courtyard, scheming about the next great things for our truly magnificent Preserve. I already miss my dear friend Alex.

#### Iim Stokes, Palisades Road Resident

I was fortunate to work with Alex for many years to protect Brookwood Hills. I remember particularly well our work to defeat the West Peachtree Extension which was planned to go through our Clear Creek greenspace, but through our work, and the work of others, ended up becoming what is now the Spring/Buford Highway Connector. I will never forget when we were meeting with former GA DOT Commissioner Tom Moreland who said to us that we controlled the Atlanta City Council on this issue. And he was right!



#### Rod Cook, former BWH President and Camden Road Resident

Alex Summers lived his life as full and as well as anyone I have ever known. He earned degrees from Davidson College and Georgia Tech, and served his country in Korea. He married the love of his life Kay, his wife for over 56 years. He adored and encouraged his three children Frank, Kathleen and Margaret in every way possible. He was a successful architect and had the ability to see and appreciate things actual and abstract quite differently from many of us.

He was concerned about the environment, and took action personally to protect it. He loved Brookwood Hills and exemplified what it means to be a good neighbor. Alex understood that the things that have made Brookwood Hills uniquely special for past, current and, hopefully, for many future generations required deep personal involvement and a consistent commitment from many good neighbors on an ongoing basis. Alex did everything he could to help perpetuate the legacy of Brookwood Hills. Among numerous areas of involvement, he became the caretaker of many official records and other important information related to Brookwood Hills. He knew the location of every map, lot line, underground sewer location and all other things that no one else in the neighborhood knew. His institutional knowledge about Brookwood Hills was invaluable to the neighborhood. The Clear Creek Preserve was of special interest to Alex and he became the forest manager for Brookwood Hills, overseeing every aspect of the largest privately owned environmentally protected property within the City of Atlanta. He clearly earned his reputation as "Keeper of the Forest." I feel privileged to have known a good neighbor like Alex Summers, whose dedication and tireless efforts will continue to positively impact future generations in Brookwood Hills in many meaningful ways.

#### Esther Stokes, Palisades Road Resident

Alex was the mainstay of the Brookwood Hills Committee that was formed to make plans for the new nature preserve along Clear Creek. When the neighborhood received funds from the city to buy the conservation easement on the property, Alex immediately saw how important it was to remove invasives from the property (and that that would be a continuing effort over many years), and he was determined to create some trails and small bridges on the property that would provide connectivity for neighbors to enjoy it. We owe him so much for his vigilance protecting our fabulous nature preserve!

Park Q&A continued from page 3 . . .

#### New Park Details

Q: What existing structures will be torn down / changed? What will stay?

A: This renovation is an extensive overhaul of nearly every facet of the aging park facilities, including drainage, structures, and playground equipment. The existing separate storage and bathroom structures near the pool entrance that are in disrepair and leave trash dumpsters exposed will be replaced with an integrated storage and bathroom building that will match the aesthetics of the pool pavilion. A new trash storage structure - also in matching style - will be placed out of the way at the west end of the park. All of the playground equipment will be replaced with new and improved equipment. The one structure that will remain is the existing open-air pavilion near the Parkdale entrance, though it will be significantly enhanced with a refurbished roof and a patio to physically connect the pavilion to the rest of the park.

Q: How much will the park cost? Why is it so much?

A: The total cost of construction and equipment will be approximately \$2.3 million. As many are aware, this project began several years ago, and the completeness of the process and resulting scope reflects a complete overhaul to address significant issues, not a "band aid" fix. As you also may be aware, Atlanta construction costs have risen for ~10 years and there is no end in sight, and we do not have time to keep pushing off this critical project.

Q: How is it going to be paid for?

A: Over the past year we've worked with 4 banks to explore our best options for funding the park. Thankfully we are in sound financial shape and all 4 banks were more than willing to finance our project. While we have a strong cash position, we have elected to leverage what is still a favorable interest rate environment to finance the majority of the construction. Our lender, Atlantic Capital, has shown an incredible level of service and flexibility. Perhaps most importantly, we are borrowing on the strength of our financial position and the underlying community and thus do NOT have to use assets such as our Armour Drive property as collateral.

#### Construction

Q: Has the park renovation received the proper permits from the City?

A: Yes, we have received all appropriate City permits and approvals to begin construction. If you have further detailed questions, please contact bwhparkproject@brookwoodhills.com.

Q: Who do we notify if we see any aberrant behavior or something doesn't look right?

A: We are working closely with Astra to mitigate disruption to the neighborhood during the renovation. If you see something you have a question about or need to report something, please contact bwhparkproject@brookwoodhills.com.

Q: Can I go into the park once construction has begun?

A: No, the park will be completely off-limits during construction, and our contractor will be installing locked security fencing around the perimeter of the construction zone.

Q: Where will construction workers park? How about construction equipment?

A: The bulk of the work is equipment - not labor - intensive. All equipment will be kept inside the park from when it is delivered to when it leaves. The two building projects and the landscaping will involve more workers, but with the staging of those activities, there will rarely be more than 12-18 workers present. Astra is well aware of how precious our on-street parking is, and we believe parking can be managed within the park during construction.

Q: How are the historical rainwater runoff issues being addressed? Will this fix the often mess that forms after a rain?

A: While trying to control Mother Nature can prove tricky, addressing the drainage issue in the park has always been a primary driver of the need to renovate. As such, our engineering firm has developed an aggressive plan to deal with the drainage problems. The plans include rebuilding the key inlets on Parkdale, adding new retaining walls, a significant increase in number and size of inlets and piping in the park, a new 23,000 gallon subsurface stormwater overflow vault, new sidewalks with raised curbs on Wakefield, and re-grading the park. In terms of metrics, the new inlets provide 3x the inlet capacity, the new piping provides 4x the conveyance capacity, and the overflow vault is a completely new element to help with big storms.

Q: How many trees will be taken down? I see some trees have an orange X, what does that mean? Will they be replaced?

A: BWH has always had a focus on tree preservation, and this sentiment has carried through to the park project. While some tree impact is inevitable, HGOR developed plans to mitigate tree loss and replant to build new canopy over time. In total, there are 11 trees being removed and 1 will be deemed destroyed by construction due to impact on the root zone. The 11 includes several small and/or less desirable trees - Holly, Sweetgum, Hemlock - so it is not all big old hardwoods being removed. Curren plans also call for planting 13 new trees to replenish trees being removed and the inevitable loss of other trees we will have from age/weather/disease over the coming years.

It's time for the 2nd Annual



What:

A screening & contest of short fright films created by BWH's tweens/teens & their friends

When:

Saturday, October 20, 2018

8 PM - 10 PM

Where:

BWH Pool Pavilion

Entry Deadline:

Monday, October 15, 2018

Evening Schedule: Act I - PG content

(Younger children will be released at intermission.)
Act II - PG-13 content

#### DETAILS:

- EACH SHORT FILM SHOULD BE 2-5 MINUTES IN LENGTH & SUBMITTED DIGITALLY OR VIA DVD TO AMANDA SZWAST AT 35 HUNTINGTON ROAD.
- · EACH FILM MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE BWH KID INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION.
- NO FOUL LANGUAGÉ, NUDITY, GUN VIOLENCE, OR OTHER INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT ALLOWED. (FILMS MAY BE DISQUALIFIED IF DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE).
- PLEASE KEEP FRIGHT CONTENT PG-13 OR PG.
- FILMS WILL BE SCREENED IN TWO SEGMENTS (PG AND PG-13) SO THAT YOUNGER VIEWERS MAY BE EXCUSED BEFORE SCARIER CONTENT IS SCREENED.
- . CASH & OTHER PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN IN BOTH THE PG & PG-13 CATEGORIES.
- CONTENT MAY BE TRUE HORROR OR FUNNY FRIGHTENING. ANYTHING YOU WANT!
- . PRODUCERS MAY ENTER MORE THAN ONE FILM.
- CALL AMANDA SZWAST WITH QUESTIONS OR TO BRAINSTORM IDEAS! 404.219.9603

Entry Form



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# BWHCC Breaks Ground on the Dale Way Park Restoration

On Saturday September 15, over 200 Club members gathered at the Pavilion to celebrate the ground breaking of the Dale Way Park restoration. Neighbors enjoyed delicious bites, cold drinks and great music by the 1980s cover band the 80ators. A special thanks goes out to David Adams and Court Parker — our fabulous social chairs!









**BWHCC** Membership Information

#### A/B/S member: Brookwood Hills Homeowners

All homeowners in Brookwood Hills are eligible to apply for membership in the Brookwood Hills Community Club (BWHCC). For information on how to apply for membership, please send an email to membership@brookwoodhills.com including your contact information and desired membership level. The current Membership Chairs will then guide you through the application process. Applications may be submitted at any time.

#### C member: Non-Brookwood Hills Homeowners

Currently our membership is closed. We do anticipate availability for new "C" memberships for next season and intend to open the prospective member applicant pool before the end of the this year. We will update this website with notifications accordingly. In the meantime, please feel free to email (membership@brookwoodhills.com) with your interest or questions.

#### A Members

Brookwood Hills Residents with park, pool, year-round tennis privileges and security benefits Annual Dues - \$1,200 Initiation - \$7,500

#### **B** Members

Brookwood Hills Residents with park privileges and security benefits. Annual Dues - \$410 Initiation - N/A

#### **C** Members

Non-Residents with park, pool and year-round tennis privileges Annual Dues - \$1,150 Initiation - \$9,500

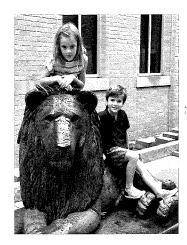
#### **S Members**

Brookwood Hills residents over the age of 60 on January 1, 2019 with park, pool, year-round tennis privileges and security benefits

Annual Dues - \$630 Initiation - \$5,000

Payments are due on **March 15**. After March 15<sup>th</sup>, a \$100 late fee is assessed. After April 1<sup>st</sup>, unpaid memberships are cancelled. Questions may be emailed to: membership@brookwoodhills.com.

# Our Youngest Residents Head Back to School



Zoe and Thomas Zabor

2<sup>nd</sup> and Kindergarten at E. Rivers



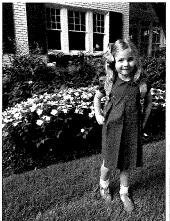
Kennedy and Augusta Campbell

2s and PreK at Cathedral Preschool



Sophia Flickinger

5 years - DLI Kindergarten at E. Rivers



Baker Wolf

PreK at Trinity School



The Stoers, Wicklands, and Parkers are ready to board the bus for the first day of E Rivers! This year, there are 39 Rivers Lions in our neighborhood!



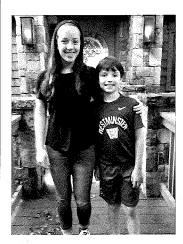
Caroline Wolf

2s at Cathedral Preschool



The Elmers Girls

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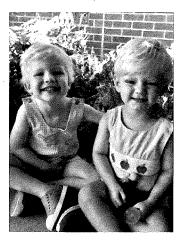
Frankie and Trey Sayers

8th Grade and 4th Grade at Westminster



Davis McGree

1st Grade at Christ the King



Charles Herbert and Hudson McGee

Northside Methodist Preschool



Wrenn and Jack Powell

1st and PreK at Trinity School



#### Halloween in BWH



Contributed by Matt Little, Security Chair and David Adams and Court Parker, Social Chairs

Save the Date! The annual Halloween party (complete with its delicious pizza truck and can't-miss-costumes) will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 5:00 pm.

With the park being closed for renovations, our plan is to have Halloween festivities on Lower Camden followed by trick-or-treating along Camden and lower Brighton. We will be requesting a permit to close Brighton Road from Wakefield to Camden Road. We will also be requesting to close lower Camden starting at Brighton Road. As part of the permit application, we are required to notify all impacted residents.

# Buzz Mobile Health at Georgia Tech Needs Your Help

Contributed by Charlotte Lee

Hi neighbors and friends! My name is Charlotte Lee, and I am a current member of Buzz Mobile Health at Georgia Tech. We are a student-led, physician-staffed organization devoted to bringing a mobile medicine unit to Atlanta residents in need.

This past Summer, with the help of Brookwood Hills neighbors, we were able to collect and re-distribute over 2,000 hygiene products among our patient community. We could not have been happier with this outcome, and owe a huge thanks to everyone who chipped in.

We are hoping to keep the momentum going this Fall, and would be grateful for any products you may still have on-hand — we will gladly accept toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soaps, band-aids, socks and more. Travel-sized products from flights and hotel stays are great as well.

Feel free to contact me at (404) 775-7701 or charlottelee@gatech.edu, and I will be happy to pick up any items from your house or mailbox. My parents' front porch at 82 Huntington Road works too! Thank you again for your generosity, and for helping us make this long-term healthcare investment in the Atlanta community.

# Bitsy's Happy Bouquet

Contributed by Diane Ray

Need a special gift for a child? I'd like to recommend the book Bitsy's Happy Bouquet, written by long time BWH resident and past BWHCC President Linda Copeland. This delightful book tells the story of a young girl who spreads happiness by sharing flowers. I bought the book last summer for my then 6 and 8 year old granddaughters Alton and Anna and read it to them on the first night they were visiting us at our farm. The next morning, we were going to see a relative who had given them several hand-crocheted scarves and blankets, and they wanted to pick some flowers and take her a bouquet. Two days later we were celebrating their mother's birthday, and Alton wanted to make a bouquet for her mother, but Anna at first said, "No. Birthdays weren't in the book!" (We did convince her that birthdays were indeed appropriate occasions for flowers.) The book is a favorite of theirs, and the girls' thank you notes after Christmas said they were going to save their Christmas money to start a garden in the new house they are moving to in September.

I recently asked Linda where to purchase more copies of this obviously inspiring book, and learned that Bitsy's Happy Bouquet is available directly from her, through Amazon, or at the Piedmont Hospital and Atlanta Botanical Gardens gift shops. Grab your copy today!



## Jennifer Ide Visits BWHCC

#### Contributed by Jeff Koebler

On Saturday morning, September 15th, the Brookwood Hills Community Club hosted an open forum meeting at the Pavilion with our new City Council representative Jennifer Ide and her Chief of Staff Lance Orchid. Already this year, both Jennifer and Lance have been helpful to neighbors in getting their tree, sidewalk, water and sewer line issues resolved.

More than twenty neighbors in attendance had time to meet Jennifer, learn about city initiatives and issues, and ask questions. Among the wide range of topics discussed were the Gulch development, commercial development and traffic along Peachtree Road, mass transportation, the Beltline, specific zoning issues, the cyber-attack on City records, city utilities, 311, the airport, and other general items.

As a reminder, most issues can be resolved by submitting a service request to the city by contacting Customer Service by dialing 311 (Metro Atlanta area only) or (404) 546-0311, or through the website: www.atl311.com.

The neighborhood has a history of engagement with our City representatives to promote a dialogue that benefits our interest in preserving the characteristics that make our Brookwood Hills unique. I'd like to specifically thank Jim Stokes and Christian Torgrimson, NPU Co-Chairs for the BWHCC Board, who spearhead that engagement.



#### It's time to see who has the Best Butt in Brookwood Hills!

Contributed by Sara Loft and Dea Canova, event chairs

Mark you calendars! BWH's annual Best Butt competition benefitting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta will be at the BWH Pavilion on Saturday, Nov 3rd from 3:00 – 6:00 pm.

We are excited to announce a few, exciting changes! In addition to the time-honored Best BBQ and Miss Congeniality competitions, we have added a craft cocktail competition and, in honor and loving memory of Carson Cox, a children's bake off. Team registration and tickets will be available for purchase online very soon.

BAKE OFF DETAILS: We are asking each child who participates in the bakeoff to raise his/her \$25 entry fee. Help your child brainstorm ways to do this – through a lemonade stand, selling homemade goods such as slime or jewelry, or by doing household chores. Each child who participates will be awarded a certificate and the opportunity compete for the title of "Carson's Confections" (best dessert determined by a professional judge) and "Little Miss Congeniality" (crowd favorite).

We would LOVE to talk to you about sponsorship opportunities! E-mail bwhbestbutt@gmail.com or contact the event chairs: Sara Loft (404-323-0264) and Dea Canova (678-358-2475).

#### Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's Boo Fest

Contributed by Ginny Ermentrout

The Friends of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta proudly launches the 4th Annual "Boo Fest" Fundraiser benefiting Children's, Atlanta's nationally acclaimed pediatric hospital. Please help us continue this tradition and fundraise for Children's by purchasing Buddy Boo yard signs and "Boo-ing" your friends. Take your children out to place a sign in their friend's yard, attach the included tag to treat of their choice and then ring the doorbell, run and hide. Watch the enjoyment when the friend comes outside to find that they have been "Boo-ed!"

The Booing doesn't stop in the neighborhood. For every "Buddy Boo" purchased, a patient at Children's will receive a Buddy Boo sign for their hospital door!

This year, we hope to contribute a \$100,000 net donation to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta supporting the 2018 Friends Funding Goals

- 2017 Boo net donation \$102,000
- 2016 Boo net donation \$85,000
- 2015 Boo net donation: \$23,000

How many Friends are you going to Boo?

Buy your Boo today at choa.org/buyaboo





# **Announcements & Recommendations**

# Help Drive a Shepherd Patient to Lunch

Former neighbor Shannon Gillespie is looking for someone who would like to pick up her brother Lindy, a Multiple Sclerosis patient, from the Shepherd Auxiliary Building (80 Peachtree Park Drive) and transport him to the Shepherd Center (2020 Peachtree Road) on Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays at 12:15 pm. Lindy is mobile and has a walker and would like to enjoy the Shepherd Dining Room. Shannon is offering \$30/week or some other fair figure for this 5 minute trip 3x per week. Shepherd volunteers are not allowed to drive patients. Contact Shannon Gillespie at (843) 789-3111.

# September Diaper Drive for Helping Mamas, Inc.

Please, please help a wonderful local organization – Helping Mamas (https://www.helpingmamas.org/).

As we all know, diapers and diaper supplies are healthcare needs. Started by social workers and nonprofit professionals, Helping Mamas realized that "all of the services and resources we were trying to deliver to these clients were wasted until their most basic needs were met. It is impossible to give job training or financial literacy skills to a mother who is reusing dirty diapers on her baby." Helping Mamas connects agencies that serve families in need with baby supplies.

For the month of September, Amanda Baxter will be collecting supplies to help restock Helping Mamas shelves. Two ways to help: (1) Drop off supplies at her house at 21 Northwood Avenue Or (2) Use her Amazon wish list to send supplies her way: https://www.amazon.com/.../w.../28WZRT1ALA3D4 /ref=cm\_wl\_huc\_view

Helping Mamas' current needs are:

(1) Diapers! (size 1, 6, and pull-ups—these can be leftovers from open packages) (2) Diaper wipes (3) Towels and washcloths (new and gently used) (4) Body wash and lotion (for women and babies) (5) Rash cream and Vaseline and (6) Bottles (new only)

# BrookNotes Editor and Family Welcome Home Baby Armie

Armor "Armie" Hockaday Campbell was born on 9/9!



Becky and Nick Campbell, big sister Augusta and big brother

Kennedy welcome home Baby Armie

43 Northwood Avenue



# **Boo Party**

10/1 from 3:30 – 5:30 pm 172 Huntington Road

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fright Fest** 10/20 from 8:00 – 10:00 pm BWHCC Pavilion

#### Halloween

10/31 starting at 5:00 pm Lower Camden

**Best Butt in BWH** 11/3 from 3:00 – 6:00 pm BWHCC Pavilion



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