



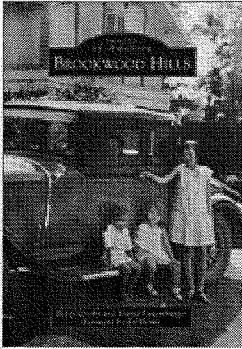
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December Launch of Brookwood Hills History Book



Images of America: Brookwood Hills

By Betsy Crosby &
Elaine Luxemberger

Release date:
December 9, 2013

Did you know?

Did you know that the Brookwood pool was once a lake? That the original developers once dreamed of a road connecting Peachtree to Piedmont through our neighborhood? That United States President Benjamin Harrison was a hero of the Civil War Battle of Peach Tree Creek and that his great-great-great grandchildren grew up in Brookwood Hills?

Find out about those facts and more in *Brookwood Hills*, the neighborhood history by residents Betsy Crosby and Elaine Luxemberger, which will be released by Arcadia Publishing Company on December 9, 2013. Sponsored jointly by the Brookwood Hills Community Club and the Brookwood Hills Garden Club, the book offers a pictorial history of the general Brookwood area from the early 1800s, as well as of the neighborhood since its founding in 1922. Included is a foreword by movie and television star Ed Helms, who grew up on New Camden Road.

Arcadia Publishing is the leading local history publisher in the United States, with a catalog of more than 8,500 titles. Its "Images of America" series, using archival photographs and images, has featured several other Atlanta neighborhoods and communities in the past, including Inman Park, Virginia Highlands, Avondale Estates, and Buckhead, and most recently Ansley Park and Vinings. Published in black and white with a sepia-toned cover, the books are available in paperback and as an e-book.

Brookwood Hills was produced to celebrate the 75th anniversaries of both the Garden Club, formed in 1938, and the Community Club, formed in 1939. In appreciation of the volunteer efforts, community spirit and membership

"...authors and long-term Brookwood Hills residents Betsy Crosby and Elaine Luxemberger combed library archives and the albums of current and former residents to tell the story of this unique community that has thrived for over nine decades."

- Arcadia Publishing's Author Bio

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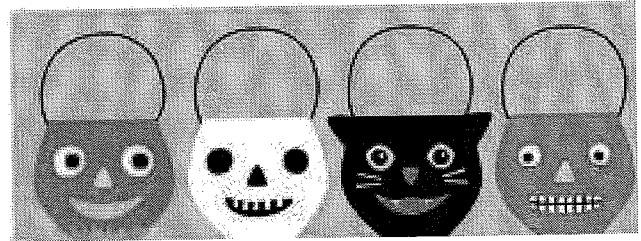
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Contribute to BrookNotes

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of BrookNotes is **Friday, November 15th**. Submissions may be dropped off at 22 Woodcrest Ave. or e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com.

Annual Halloween Party & Costume Contest



Thursday, Oct. 31st, 4 pm to 6 pm
Brookwood Hills Park

Please join us for the Annual Halloween Party & Costume Contest. You won't want to miss the all-new haunted house. Debby Moorman and Amanda Szwast are hard at work to make this haunted house the best yet! Come decked out in your best costume. We'll be looking for the best dressed in these categories:

- Super Hero/ Action Character/ Public Safety Hero
- Spookiest
- Best Princess/ Angel/ Fairy
- Most Adorable Costume for children 3 and unde
- Most Unique Costume
- Best Group or Family

We are thrilled to have JoEllyn Bass with Beacham and Company Realtors as our sponsor this year. **Thank you JoEllyn for supporting this fun event!**

Brookwood Hills Security

Security Signs at the BWH Entrances? A security incident has occurred in the neighborhood. Call the BWH Security Info Hotline for details.

BWH Security Information Hotline (404) 325-5114

Neighborhood Patrol Cell Phone (404) 242-3321

BWH Security Chair security@brookwoodhills.com

Atlanta Police Department Non-emergencies:
(404) 848-7231
Zone 2 Station, 24/7
911 for Emergencies
atlantapd.org

In Honor of Two Southern Gentlemen: Remembering William Pope

By Sarah Hagood

On March 5, 2013, we lost an adored neighbor and friend, William Pope. William's 95 years were the perfect example of Southern gentility and grace.

He was raised in his birthplace of Washington, GA in "Pembroke," a home which had been in his family since 1820. He graduated from Emory University with a degree in Electrical Engineering in one of the last classes to be awarded that diploma before the program was discontinued at Emory.

Following graduation, William joined General Electric and worked there until shortly after World War II. Then, he returned to Washington so that he could assist his father in managing the family's extensive forest and agricultural holdings. He stayed in Wilkes County for the next four decades before moving to Atlanta in 1985.

He married Ginna in 1973, and she still resides in their home 50 Palisades Road. William has been described by

those who knew him well as patient and kind, honorable, selfless, and the absolute epitome of a Southern Gentleman, always making time to spend with anyone who sought him out.

One story which was told in his online guest book was from a gentleman who, as a youngster, had answered an advertisement for snakes for the barn at Pembroke. The princely sum of \$10 was paid for a king snake. He still remembered the event fondly, and this is just one example of how William touched the lives of young and not-so-young alike.

William Pope is sorely missed by his neighbors and friends in Brookwood Hills and in Washington, GA.

If there are other neighbors who have passed on that you would like to honor, please submit your article to BrookNotes (brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com).

BWH History Book, continued

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support which has sustained our neighborhood for the last 90 years, both the Garden Club and the Community Club have announced that **each household within Brookwood Hills will receive a free copy of the book upon its release the second week of December.**

More details will follow as the release date approaches.

For those who might want to alert friends or relatives to the upcoming release, they can be notified of the book's availability by visiting the publisher at www.arcadiapublishing.com/9781467111225/Brookwood-Hills.

Copies of the book are also available for pre-order through www.amazon.com, www.barnesandnoble.com and www.booksamillion.com.

After its release, the book will be available at several local retail outlets in time for the Christmas season. Both Barnes and Noble at The Peach Shopping Center and Smith Ace Hardware at West Paces Ferry routinely carry Arcadia books relating to the local area. They are expected to carry this newest release as well.

E. Rivers Elementary News



E. Rivers Annual Campaign

The E. Rivers Educational Foundation's Lion's Pride Annual Fund campaign is underway through October. The goal is to raise \$120,000 to provide instructional programs, technology and International Baccalaureate teacher training not provided through tax dollars. **To learn more or to make a donation, visit:** <http://eriverselementary.com/donate/donate-to-lions-pride/>

Coach Tim Joins E. Rivers Staff

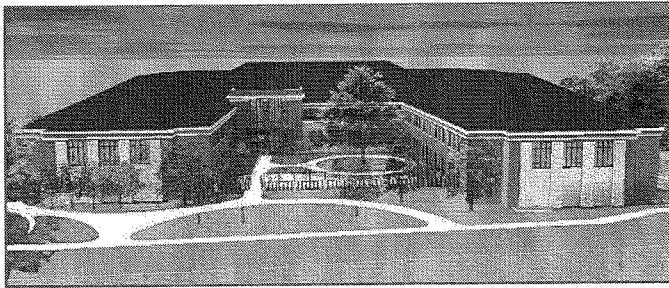
E. Rivers has added Brookwood Hills Swim Team's own Coach Tim to the administrative staff this year. There are many BWH Bullfrogs at E. Rivers who are getting a big kick out of seeing Coach Tim in the carpool line at school each morning!

The E. Rivers Development Plan: More Space, Better Access & Improved Site

Contributed by Kim Ferro & Elizabeth Wickland

After months of planning, construction at E. Rivers Elementary is set to begin with a scheduled completion date of December 2014. Currently, 29 children from our neighborhood attend the school, including 6 Kindergartners who will have many years to benefit once the project is complete.

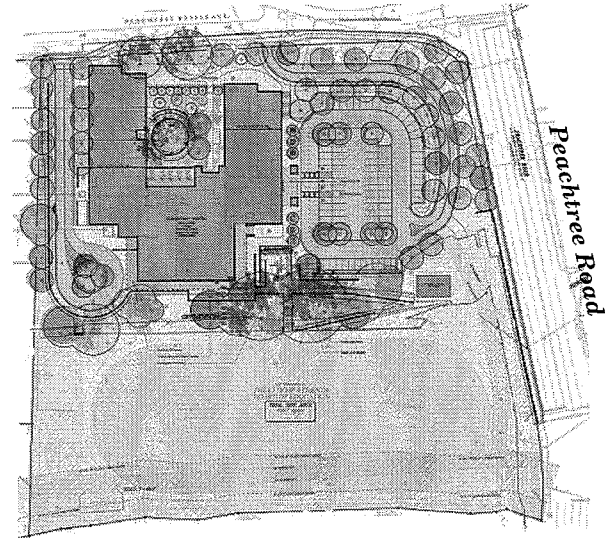
The overall budget of \$22.0-\$24.0 M will deliver a U.S. Green Building Council LEED Gold Certified building that will accommodate approximately 900 students. Demolition has already commenced and as part of the certification process, all scrap materials from the demolition are being recycled. This practice requires more time than a typical demolition, but it minimizes environmental impact.



Proposed Plan—Peachtree Battle Avenue

Once demolition is complete, construction will begin on the new 122,000 square-foot facility, which includes 36 core classrooms and 56 classrooms in total to accommodate Kindergarten through Grade 5 students.

In addition to the new building, other improvements are



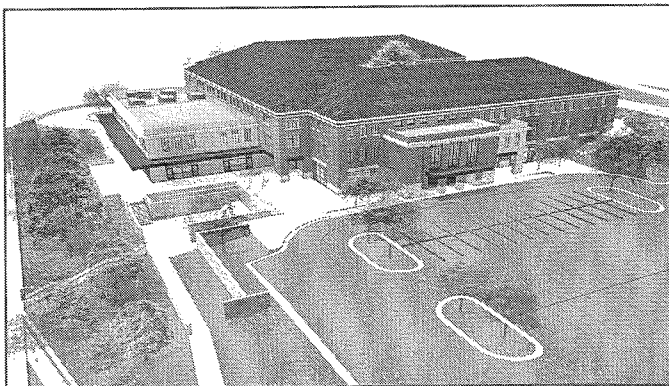
E. Rivers Elementary: Proposed Site Plan

planned for the 8.7-acre site including reconfigured parking, drop-off and bus-queuing areas. The number of parking spaces will double and a separate entrance lane for school busses is expected to ease traffic congestion.

The plan also includes site, storm water management and landscaping improvements. While the athletic field is temporarily inaccessible, both it and the Field House will remain in their current configurations.

The temporary move to the old Sutton Middle school campus near Chastain Park has been very smooth transition. That said, students and parents are looking forward to return to a brand new E. Rivers Elementary in January 2015.

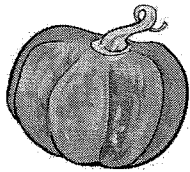
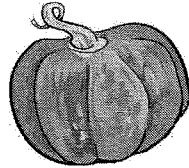
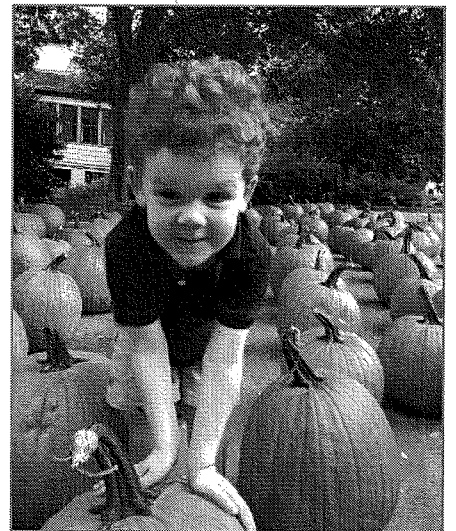
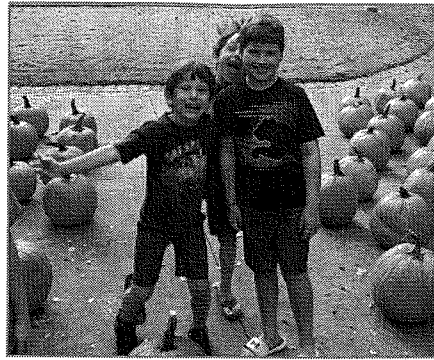
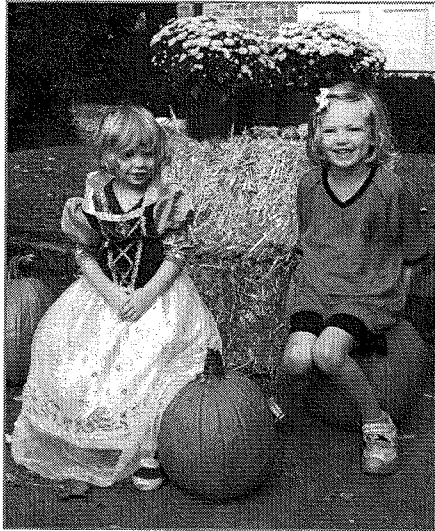
Learn more and view construction updates here: <http://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/35479>



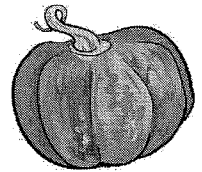
Proposed Plan—Peachtree Road



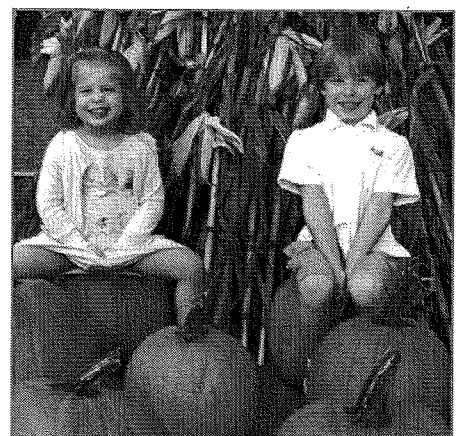
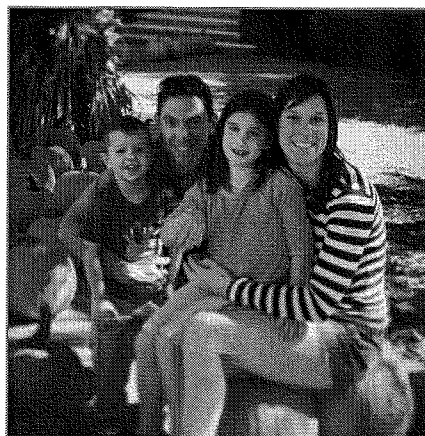
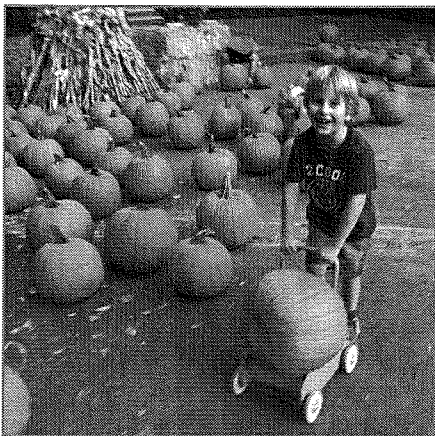
Proposed Plan—Peachtree Battle Avenue Entry



**Thank You, Sarah Hagood & Specialty Homes, Inc.
for 30 years of Pumpkins!**

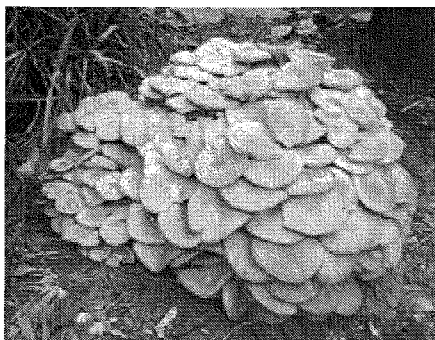


A great Brookwood Hills tradition!



Flora & Fauna in Brookwood Hills

Mushroom on Huntington



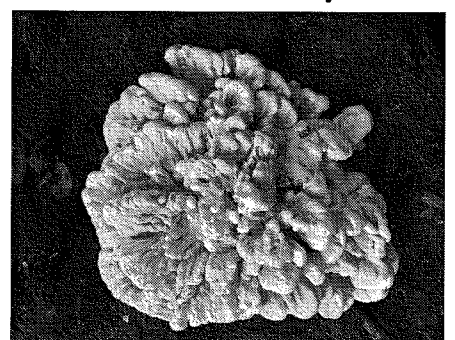
Submitted by Larry Pless

Buck in Clear Creek



Submitted by Ramsay Battin

"Parkdale Beauty"



Submitted by Linton Hopkins, Sr.

Annual Tree Planting on Saturday, November 9th

By Edward Katz, Tree Chair

Restore Our Canopy—Plant a Tree!

It seems that 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, hotter summers and the disappearance of the classic “leafiness” aspect of this historic neighborhood. Large canopy trees (oaks and maples) are an important part of what makes our neighborhood 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! I won't have room for my 1972 Buick Electra on cinder blocks. If you fit this description of a NIMFY, please reconsider!

It's time for the annual neighborhood tree planting sponsored by Trees Atlanta. Last year, we planted 31 trees in the neighborhood. This year, our goal is to beat that number.

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

Get Involved

- Join your neighbors and participate in the upcoming November 9th Tree Planting.
- Purchase and plant an oak or maple tree at the street, in your front yard or in your back yard.

Want a New Tree in Your Yard or at the Street?

If you would like volunteers to plant a tree in your front yard or at the street, you may choose a tree from a list of trees; all listed are site-appropriate and well-adapted to urban conditions. These trees will cause fewer problems than the water oaks planted many years ago.

Trees Atlanta is offering small trees for \$50 and large trees for \$75. The tree prices are deeply-discounted prices and include planting by volunteers. Typically, the cost of the trees alone (without the labor) is \$200.00. Trees Atlanta is also offering the opportunity to purchase trees for your back yard, but the cost will be slightly higher. You will be responsible for planting these trees yourself.

Want to Purchase a Tree?

- If you live on Brighton, Camden, Montclair or Wakefield, please contact Katrina Newton at kfnewton@bellsouth.net.
- If you live on Huntington, Palisades, Northwood, Woodcrest or Parkdale, please contact Eve Goldstein at eve.goldstein@att.net.

The deadline for purchasing trees is Fri, Nov 1st.

Annual BWH Tree Planting

When? Saturday, November 9th, 9 am to 12 pm

Where? Brookwood Hills Park Pavilion
Bagels and coffee will be served.

Who? Anyone (over 9 years old or so) can help. The work is not overly strenuous. Experienced Trees Atlanta staff and volunteers will be here to assist us. It's a great way for teenagers and scouts to get service hours!

Sign Up! To volunteer (or ask any tree-related questions), please contact **Edward Katz: 404-291-9303 or edwkatz@gmail.com** by Thurs, Nov. 8th to give us an accurate headcount for breakfast.

A Fungus Among Us

If you pay attention to various maples on both the street and in yards, you may have noticed that some trees have brown spots and leaves that are falling off prematurely. These are caused by foliar fungi resulting from all of the rainfall this summer.

The fungus has only a cosmetic effect and will not harm the trees. The fungus will come back next year if the leaves are allowed to fall and decompose on the ground. In the spring, spores are produced and dispersed to the new leaves of susceptible trees.

Therefore, it is important to rake up and dispose of the fallen leaves that are affected.

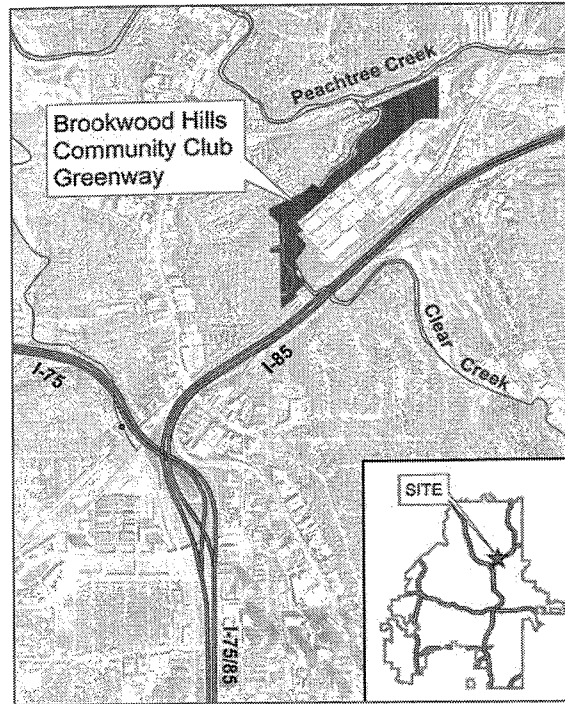
Brookwood Hills Wins Keep America Beautiful/UPS Tree Grant

In May, the Brookwood Hills Community Club (BWHCC) was pleased to learn that it will benefit from a UPS/Keep America Beautiful Community Tree Planting Grant totaling \$5,000. The grant was awarded to Keep Atlanta Beautiful as a result of the effort of a group of neighbors, led by Alex Summers, to put together a compelling funding request to KAB/UPS for the purchase, delivery, and planting of 64 trees in the Clear Creek Conservation Easement.

The Clear Creek forest currently ranks as one of the largest contiguous urban forests in the City of Atlanta. Over the past forty years, the BWHCC has acquired approximately 55 acres of land adjacent to the neighborhood, forty-six of which are subject to a Conservation Easement ensuring that the land will remain underdeveloped in the future. Per the terms of the Easement, the BWHCC cares for the forest, known as the Brookwood Hills Nature Preserve, through annual clean-ups, removal of invasive species, reforestation, erosion monitoring and the creation and maintenance of the walking trail.

The Preserve is home to several city and state champion trees; however, it also has many trees near the end of their life span. In recent years, the neighborhood has employed an invasive plant control specialist to control non-native species but natural reforestation has been greatly hindered by those plants.

In particular, the southern border of the Preserve, which shares a border with the railroad, rapid transit, and I-85, was recently cleared, and the sparse woods now expose

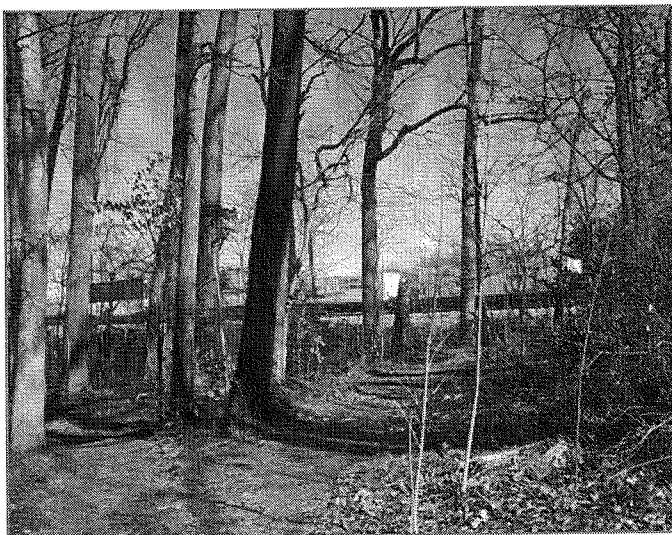


adjacent homes to significantly more noise and pollution. A focus of the grant is to plant trees in this area—both deciduous and evergreen—to create a visual screen, mitigate noise, decrease greenhouse gasses and increase oxygen levels to combat carbon dioxide both in the neighborhood and in the areas on the other side of the transportation corridor.

In addition, the grant will enable the planning of like-species trees in various locations throughout the forest where the tree canopy is opening up where new tree roots would help prevent erosion. These trees will also help improve the environment for existing wild flowers and will afford more housing and nutrition for the animals and birds that make their homes in the Preserve.

Beyond the actual tree planting activity, the BWHCC also confirmed its commitment to maintaining the trees once they are in the ground. The regular removal of suffocating vines will assure these trees have a long life.

Language from the grant included, *“The BWH community takes seriously its responsibility for maintaining and restoring this virgin forest for the benefit of future generations of Atlantans. It is a valuable contributor to the cleaner air of the city, a visual respite for travelers on the various adjacent forms of transportation, and a necessary refuge for wildlife.”*



Exposed Southern Border of the Preserve

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In Honor of Two Southern Gentlemen: Remembering Jimmy Henderson

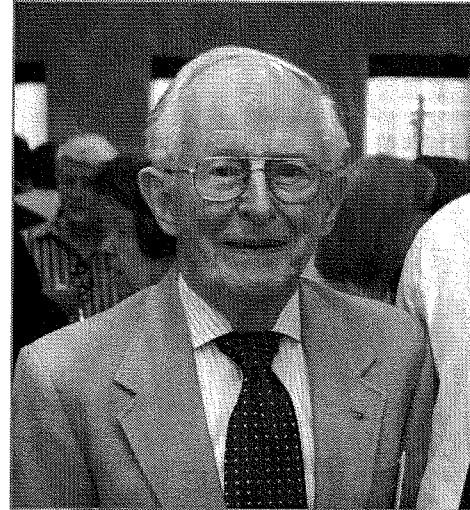
By Sarah Hagood

On Friday, May 31, 2013, Brookwood Hills lost one of its most beloved residents, Jimmy Henderson. He would have been 100 years old on September 20 this year, but there are few 99 year olds who have lived as varied and joyous a life as he. Although born in Detroit, MI, his nature qualified him as a Southern Gentleman.

His military career, which spanned 44 years, included not only service in the US Cavalry but also as Post Director of Individual Affairs at Fort McPherson and Head of the Personal Affairs Section at AFWESPAC Headquarters in the Philippines. At his retirement in 1970, he had attained the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Having married Atlanta's premier landscape architect Edith Harrison in 1939, it seemed only natural that his business career would begin with H.G. Hastings Seed Company. He was a charter member of the Atlanta Men's Garden Club and used his considerable talents tending the gardens at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. First Presbyterian was his church home for many years as Deacon, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Elder and Stephens Minister. He also mentored others working in the gardens, ensuring that their beauty would carry forward.

To speak of Jimmy one must also speak of his beloved wife, Edith. His positive outlook, good humor and caring were all brought to bear when she was stricken with Alzheimer's Disease in 1995. He devoted his life to her comfort, and he was at her side when she drew her last breath in 2005. She was buried at the First Presbyterian



James Ross Henderson, Sr.
September 20, 1913 to May 31, 2013

Memorial Gardens, and he is now resting beside her.

If you ask anyone to speak of Jimmy, you will hear the words patriotic, faithful, original, uplifting, kind, philosophical, independent, supportive, loving, encouraging and remarkable. He embodied these positive attributes and more.

It still feels odd to drive or walk past 250 Brighton Road in the afternoon or early evening and not see Jimmy on the bench by the front door, chatting with neighbors or just enjoying the outdoors. He is sorely missed by Brookwood Hills neighbors who had the pleasure to know him.

Brookwood Hills Wins KAB/UPS Grant

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Per the terms of the grant, the ordering of the trees and subsequent planting will begin in November and will be completed by February 1, 2014. The BWHCC will collect quotes from landscape contractors to support the execution of the projects.

Thank you to Alex Summers and all of the neighbors involved in getting the funding and keeping our neighborhood one of the most naturally beautiful in Atlanta.

Thank you also to Keep Atlanta Beautiful for their support of this project.

For more information about Keep Atlanta Beautiful visit: www.KeepAtlantaBeautiful.org.

KAB/UPS Grant Planting List

Evergreen Trees:

- 16 Magnolia Grandiflora (Southern Magnolia)
- 20 Pinus Taeda (Loblolly Pine)

Deciduous Trees:

- 7 Fagus Grandiflora (Beech)
- 7 Platanus Occidentilis (American Sycamore)
- 7 Acer Rubrum "October Glory" (Red Maple)
- 7 Quercus Shumardii (Shumard Oak)

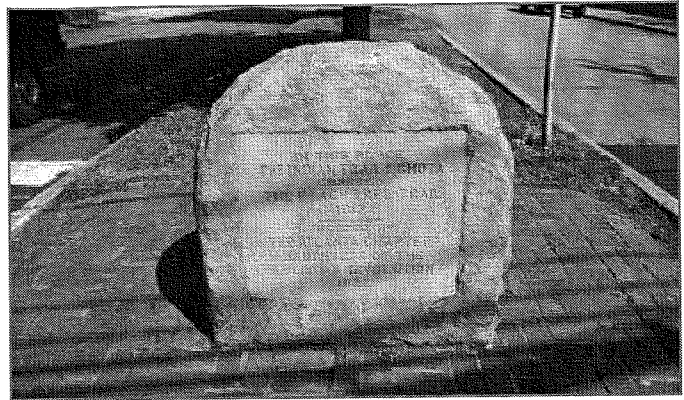
Historical DAR Monument Topped at Palisades Entrance

Submitted by Edward Katz, BWHCC Board Member

In 1922, the Daughters of the American Revolution placed a granite monument at the intersection of Peachtree Street and Palisades to mark the junction of the Echota and Peachtree Native American trails. Recently, this monument at the Palisades entrance was knocked off its place in the median.

Concerned neighbors contacted a historic stone mason about replacing the monument; this is no small feat as the granite piece weighs almost 4,000 pounds. We have also contacted the local DAR chapter to inform them of the displaced monument.

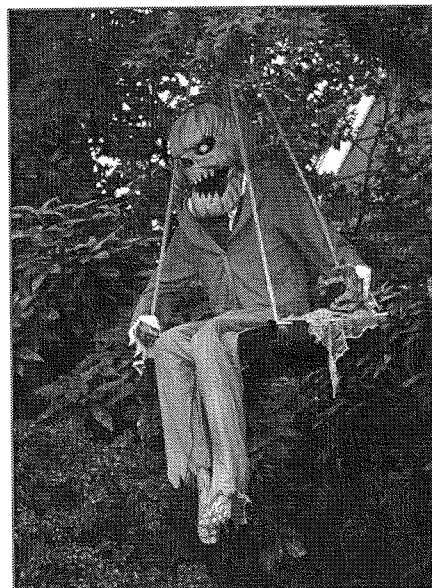
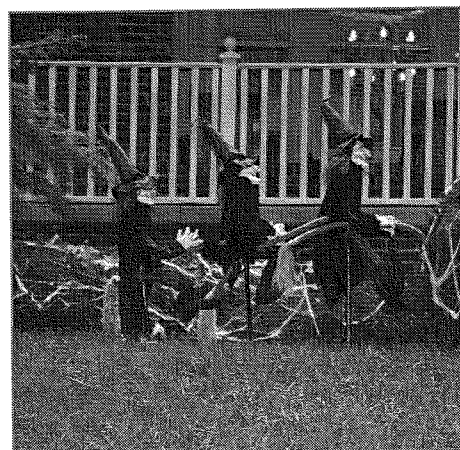
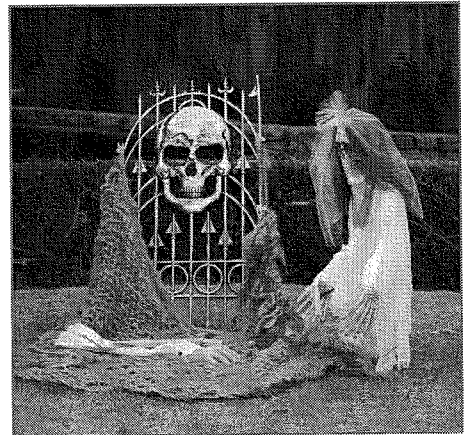
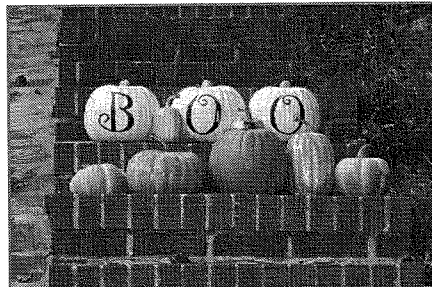
Complicating matters, the BWHCC Board was recently informed that the median on which the monument sits is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). We were advised to wait until the median island is modified before replacing the monument.

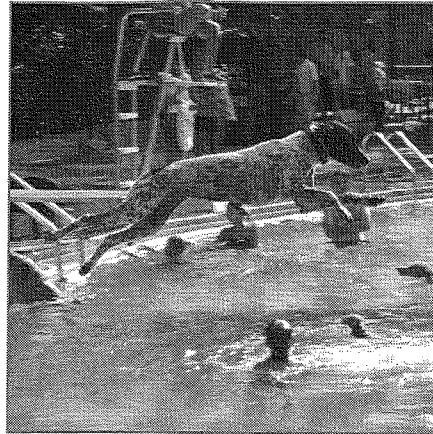


DAR Monument at Palisades Entrance

I will continue to monitor and facilitate progress to repair this valuable piece of Atlanta and Brookwood Hills history. Watch for updates on efforts to replace the monument in future issues of BrookNotes.

Halloween Scenes in Brookwood Hills





2013 Ice Cream Social & Dog Swim

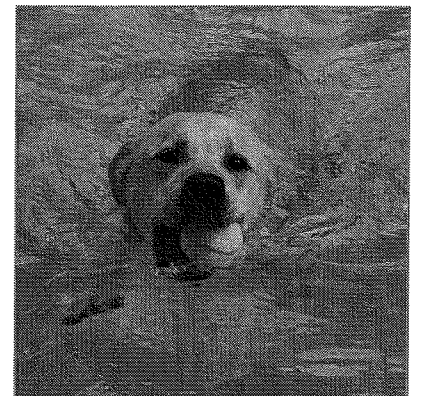
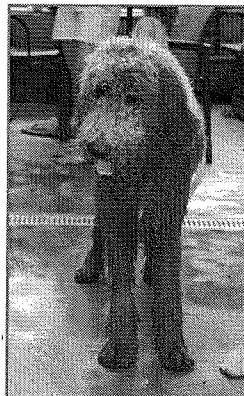
By Caroline Normark, BWHCC Social Chair

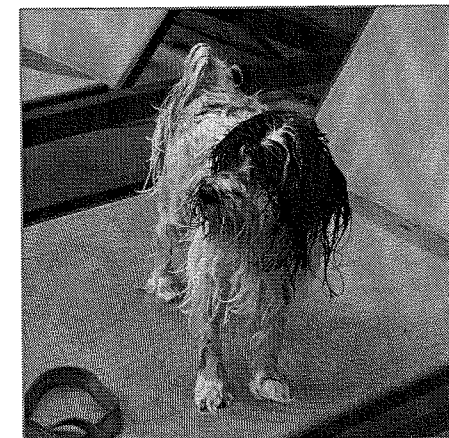
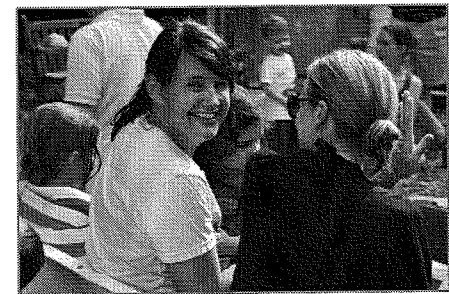
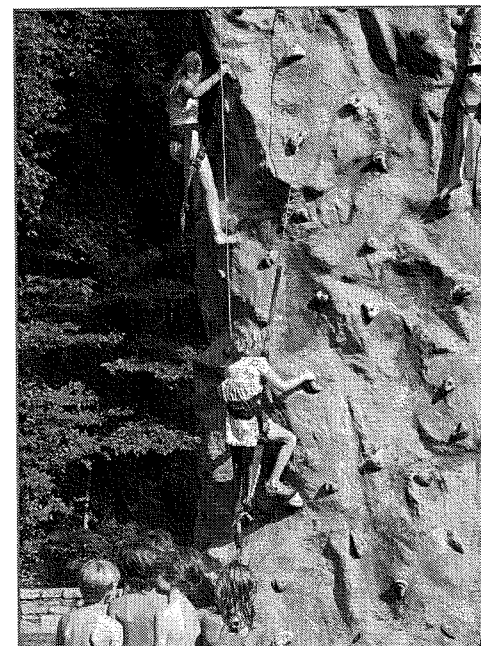
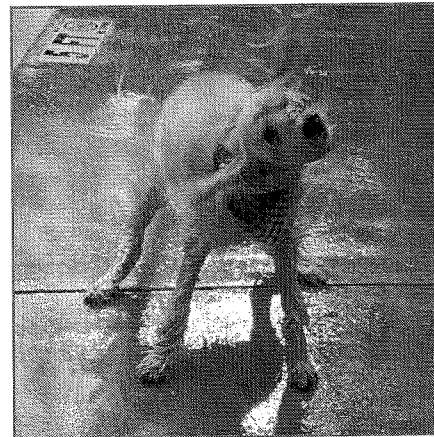
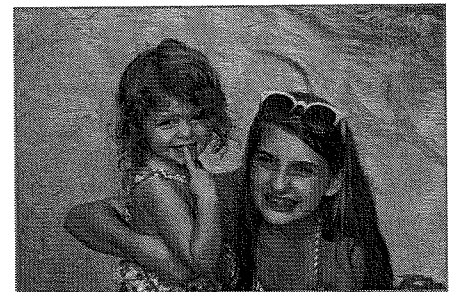
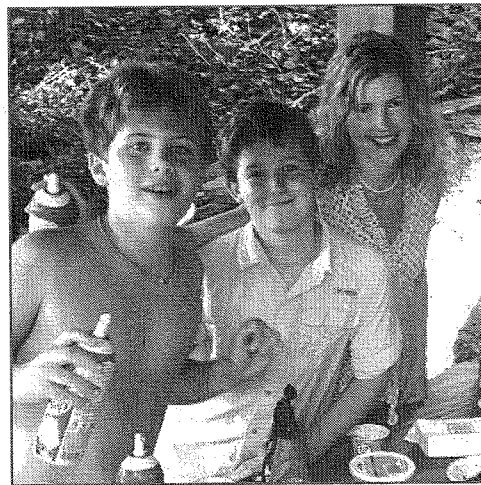
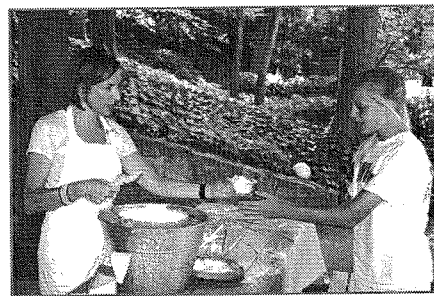
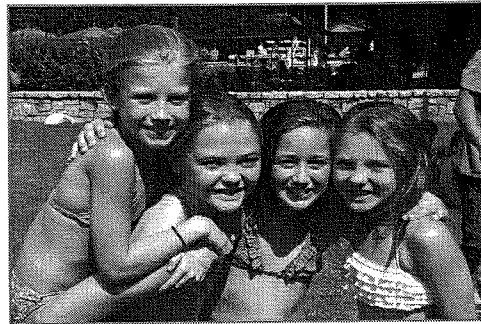
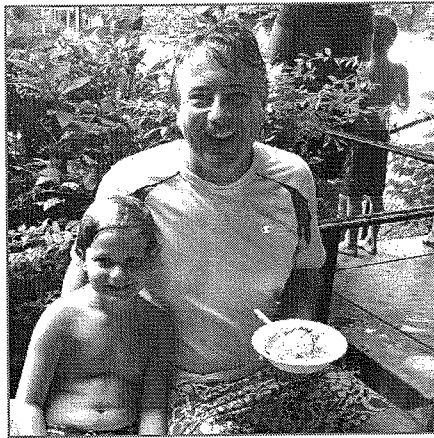
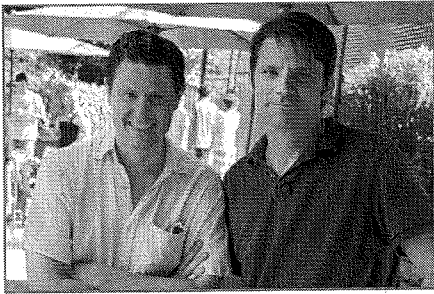
The Annual Ice Cream Social and Dog Swim was a perfect end to a great summer pool season! The park was filled with many neighbors and dogs for an afternoon of fun. The children enjoyed unlimited train rides around the park and climbs to the top of the rock wall. We all enjoyed the delicious Baskin-Robbins ice cream.

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. Thanks also to all the volunteers who came out and scooped ice cream. It's a messy job but lots of fun! Big thanks goes to Kem and Graham Lee for managing the whipped cream all afternoon!

As always, we appreciate the support of our sponsors. **Lisa Barnhart with Coldwell Banker Realty** and **Peachtree Hills Animal Clinic** were our sponsors once again this year. We are so grateful for your continued support of our neighborhood and making this fun event possible. Our dogs thank you, too!

(Above: Mason-Dixon aka "Macy" enjoys the diving board.)





Announcements

Graduation Announcement

Deane Pless, a lifelong resident of 25 Palisades, graduated in May from Asheville School (after attending Atlanta Girls' School for 5 years). After working as a summer counselor at Camp Merrie-Woode, entered Trinity College in Hartford, CT in August.

Recommendations

House Cleaning

Susan and David Withers on Brighton Road highly recommend Gina's Home Cleaning Services. Gina has over ten years of housekeeping experience. She and her staff are true professionals. She considers herself a "housekeeper" rather than a "house cleaner." She takes responsibility for planning and managing the work, so you don't have to worry.

Gina's Home Cleaning Services (678) 641-1013

House Cleaning

Morre McCollum wrote, "Julia and her sister clean the homes of several of our BWH neighbors. We love them! They do a great job and are very thorough, hard workers. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me."

Julia Guzman, Cleaning Service (404) 989-7613

Dog Walker

Amanda Baxter and Katy Fransen highly recommend Lisa Douglas of WalkinPaws. Lisa is very reliable, professional and friendly. The dogs love her, too!

Lisa Douglas (404) 454-5000
WalkinPaws ldouglas6@msn.com

Classifieds

House for Rent at 250 Brighton Road

Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, small office, one car garage in basement with large storage area. Parking area in rear, washer/dryer incl, fireplace, restored hardwood floors throughout, interior repainted, chair lift up interior steps, if desired, big deck, large backyard, lawn maintenance included. House available for rent May 1, 2014, \$3500 per month

Contact Ross Henderson (770) 633-0196

Register Your Alarm

Thanks to Officer Jeff Baxter for this information.

City Residential Alarm Registration

- As of September 15, 2013, all City of Atlanta residents and business owners will be required to register their alarm systems.
- Alarm registration begins on July 22, 2013 and there is no cost to register.
- City of Atlanta residents have until Feb 1, 2014 to register without a penalty for an unregistered alarm.
- It is mandatory to renew your residential and/or business alarm registration every year.
- False alarm calls from an unregistered alarm system will result in a \$150 fine.

Register Your Alarm System

- On-line at <https://www.crywolf.us/atlantaga/>
- By phone 1-855-725-7102

False Alarm Facts

In 2012, the Atlanta Police Department responded to 65,000 alarm system activations, 95% of which were false alarms or alarms that were cancelled in route. This is over 6% of total 911 dispatches.

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