



BROOKNOTES

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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Spruce Up the Park

Saturday, November 5
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Neighbors, please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 5th to help clean up our park. (Note the date change, which was announced in Brooknotes last month as November 9th.) We have also extended the hours to accommodate neighbors who want to help but have Saturday morning commitments. Please feel free to come help for whatever time you might be able to offer. Jobs will include spreading pine bark in the playground area, clearing the leaves in the pool area, pruning along the banks, clearing out the storage shed, and baby-sitting the children of participating parents. If you have questions, suggestions, or are willing to be in charge of a group of workers assigned to a specific work station, please call Sarah Ellen Love (874-4036). You'll meet new neighbors and have fun, while making a much appreciated contribution to our community.

Oooooooooohhhhhhhh

It's that time of year again! All neighborhood goblins, ghosts, ninjas, ballet dancers, turtles and such will gather at the park on Monday, October 31st, at 5:00 p.m. in order to fortify themselves with pizza and drink before an evening of trick-or-treat fun. See the enclosed insert for details on this traditional event, which is being generously sponsored by Laranne Oser and Chuck Wood of Dorsey-Alston Realtors.

Twigs Begin a New Year of Activities

by Jane Jeter & Mary Marsteller

Brookwood Hills Twigs is a group of neighbors who support Egleston Children's Hospital at Emory University and who have fun doing so. Our projects include the sale of Christmas wreaths, holiday cards designed by Egleston patients, and spring bedding plants. We also host the winter cocktail party, to which the whole neighborhood is invited. Last year Brookwood Hills Twigs raised \$5,664 for Egleston. We appreciate the support of all our neighbors for our projects.

Any Brookwood Hills resident is welcome to join our Twigs chapter. We meet approximately six times a year -- sometimes during the day, sometimes in the evening -- to plan our projects or just for fun. If you would like to join us, please leave a check for dues (\$20), payable to Brookwood Hills Twigs, at 255 Brighton Road. We'll make sure you receive a notice of our upcoming events.

For Twigs members and non-members alike, the annual Holiday Tea will be held on November 16th, from 10:00 - noon, at the home of Betty Walker, 145 Brighton Road. There will be demonstrations on creating topiaries for the holidays and beyond at 10:30 and again at 11:30. Egleston holiday cards and Christmas wreaths will also be on sale. The money raised will go toward a new cancer center laboratory at Egleston. This is a fun opportunity for socializing with neighbors, so please come!

Brookwood Hills Nominated

by Nancy Swann

On September 14th Brookwood Hills was nominated by the Atlanta Urban Design Commission as a Conservation District. Brookwood Hills applied for this designation in 1991 and now awaits a Zoning Review Board hearing on November 3rd, and action by the City Council on November 21st. This process has taken a long time to complete, and we wanted to bring you up to date.

Prior to 1991, Brookwood Hills was recognized by the City as an "Urban Conservation and Development Area." In 1990, the City advised us that the ordinance which had given us this designation would expire in June, 1991, but that the neighborhood could choose to apply for one of three other designations offered by a new City ordinance: "Landmark" (the most stringent), "Historic" (less restrictive than Landmark) or "Conservation" (equivalent to our former status).

For many years, Brookwood Hills had enjoyed the benefits of being protected by its expiring status, and after studying the new City ordinance and receiving neighborhood input, the Brookwood Hills Community Club Board of Directors voted in the Spring of 1991 to apply to the City for designation as a Conservation District. Many neighbors participated in completing the application and a layout of the proposed district was drawn. It includes all of Northwood, Woodcrest, Palisades, Montclair, Upper Camden and Upper Brighton. It also includes most of Huntington and Wakefield.

While this designation will not impose any legally binding restrictions on Brookwood Hills property owners, it will offer the neighborhood one additional source of protection from external encroachment by the very fact that the City will officially be recognizing it as a Conservation District. If you have any questions concerning this nomination, please call the Community Club President, Dave Forquer, at 874-3254. Or you may call Urban Design Commission Executive Director Karen Huebner at 330-6200 or Nancy Swann at 351-2393.

Don't Forget Your Pumpkin

This week-end (October 14 - 16) you've probably seen Sarah Hagood's seasonally orange driveway at 201 Huntington Road. If you haven't already done so, be sure to stop by and pick up your free pumpkin from Sarah, or call her at 231-5678 if you need home delivery.

Trash Not Picked Up?

Remember that if you have an unusually large amount of yard debris, moving materials, junk from a basement cleaning, or other such items, you must schedule a special trash pick-up with the City. You can do this by calling 330-6250. Expect the truck to come by on a Friday, five to ten working days after your call.

E. Rivers Coffee Set

Brookwood Hills residents interested in learning more about our terrific public elementary school, E. Rivers, are invited to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, October 20th, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. The hosts will be Tava and Bruce Jones at 571 Peachtree Battle Avenue. This is a great opportunity to meet Principal Joy Matthews, several teachers, and parents of children currently enrolled. All will be available to answer any questions you may have about the school. Coffee and dessert will be served. If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Marilyn Rosenberg, 351-2904.

Olympics Renters

If you have not already done so and are interested in finding out what, if anything, the neighborhood may do to promote Brookwood Hills home rentals during the Olympics, call Mary Lynn Eckl at 351-9876.

Welcome New Neighbors

Howell and Gibson Hess will be moving into 121 Huntington Road at the end of the month, together with their Dalmatian, Grey. Howell is an attorney with King & Spalding. Gibson is an attorney with Cashin, Morton & Mullins.

Welcome Kim Klumok to 66 Huntington Road.

You're Invited to Come . . .

. . . to a traditional Salem Candle Tea, sponsored by the Atlanta Salem College & Academy Alumnae. The tea will be held at 347 Camden Road on Thursday, November 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Moravian cookies, sugarcake, and other gift items will be available for purchase. For more information, call Betsy Robinson, 875-3631.

October Cultivations

by Daphne Coley for the Brookwood Hills Garden Club

There aren't many farmers in Brookwood Hills. We aren't up with the sun to feed chickens and milk cows. The closest thing we have to the proverbial cock-a-doodle-do is the early morning walkers as they ply their way through the neighborhood. As the dogs start barking, I know it's time to get out of bed. Some mornings I see the line of bodies as they round the curve, mouths and legs in full gear. It's a neighborhood wake up call.

We don't hitch up old Bessie as we head to the fields. Instead we plow our way through those early car pools, breakfast meetings, and office commutes. Then the second round of walkers moves through the neighborhood. At twelve the first shift of vans and station wagons bring the younger members of our community home after a long day at preschool. The joggers begin their lunch hour rounds. The park begins to fill after nap time and Peachtree begins to deliver the second, third, and fourth shifts of car pools. An old yellow school bus rolls down Brighton. After school activities begin with a frenzy of soccer balls, musical instruments, and Brownie uniforms. Needing a little air, a few parents begin a walk as their children start their calculus homework.

The commuters begin a homeward stream at 5:30 with the bulk arriving much later. The dinner hour varies or in some cases is nonexistent. (Perhaps this accounts for the proliferation of restaurants on Peachtree.) There are night meetings, more homework, and a few telephone calls if you can get the receiver from your teenager's clutch. As the neighborhood begins to wind down, the last round of walkers makes a quick foray through the dark streets. The day is finished, except for the keepers of sick children, the workers with an early deadline, or the lunch makers whose schools lack a cafeteria.

These routine events make the outer shell of our city rhythm. The inner beat is more complicated and individual. The ancient, natural course of the old hunters and gatherers lurks somewhere within all of us. Trying to meld the rhythm of the old with the modern "in your face" rhythm of the city is really complicated. Sometimes it's no more than a green sprig pushing up through the concrete. Other times it's the rich golden mass of Ginkgo trees at E. Rivers, contrasted with an absolutely blue Fall sky.

I regularly accuse my children of being city kids whose idea of being in nature is watching a roach scurry across the kitchen floor before the dog gets it. In my more serious role as Worried Mother, I think about the fields and pastures through which I cantered as a child. I wish they could enjoy them as much as I did. I try to find ways to expose them to a natural viewpoint when I can. In the city the long green vistas aren't too plentiful, so it has to be a more stylistic approach.

One way I have found is the children's section of the Southeastern Flower Show. Any child from post-potty trained to sixteen may enter. There are plenty of ribbons, as the real push is for the children to appreciate gardening and plant cycles. There are four categories: My Favorite House Plant; Kitchen Treasures; Dish Garden; and Terrarium. Each category has different specifications, none too demanding. The only time constraint is that a plant placed in the "My Favorite House Plant" category has to be purchased by November 21st. (Although tempted, the judges have said no to a plant acquisition two hours before entry.)

There are all kinds of reasons to enter the flower show. Some kids do it as a science project. Others do it for fun. There can be two names on the entry, so your child and a friend can make a joint project of it. The important thing is to make it fun and interesting. Kids are actually closer to nature than their more civilized parents. Our role seems to be teaching them ways to access what they already have. We could even take a lesson from our children and enter one of the adult divisions. You never know who might win. If your children enter the flower show, it may be one more enjoyable step toward a growing appreciation of Mother Earth and a way to represent Brookwood Hills as a child-oriented green spot in this city. Sara Henderson (233-2712) and Charlotte Shields (876-1176) are in charge of these littlest gardeners and will be happy to send you an entry form or answer your questions.

This flower show is the inaugural event for City Hall East and the major fund raiser for the Atlanta Botanical Garden. It runs from February 21st through February 26th and is full of all sorts of different information and ideas, including gardening for the handicapped and the aged. The flower arranging and horticultural categories alone are well worth the trip. So mark your calendar now and think about involving your children.

Brookwood Boys on the Lower Chestatee



Be sure to ask John Horton about how wet one can get when canoeing on the calm Chestatee River with a group of rambunctious boys. Pictured above are those who made the trip on September 18th. Front Row: Sam Crosby, Hale Gunning, Clayton Young, Andrew Wilder, Christopher Caughman, Ben Whipple, Rafael Duralde, Erskine Love, Brad Taylor, Danny Sullivan, Adam Horton. Back Row: Bob Crosby, Pelham Wilder, Brad Taylor, Niles Young, Xavier Duralde, Wright Caughman, Dan Sullivan, Jimmy Love. Photo courtesy of John Horton.

The next outing of the Boys will take place on Saturday, October 22nd, at the Forquer's cabin on the shores of Lake Allatoona in scenic Acworth. We will leave for the lake from the Park at 3:30 p.m. (maps are available for those with late soccer/football games). The cabin is roughly 40 minutes from the neighborhood, so Mom's, don't worry -- we'll be back in time for Church on Sunday! Campers will need a tent, sleeping bags, flashlights, and lots of patience. Our last outing to the lake featured a lakeside cookout, touch football games, and a memorable nighttime snipe hunt. (Lake Allatoona is famous for its population of the aggressive, sharp-billed *Snipus Acworthus*, so be sure to bring snipe hunting equipment!) Please let Dave Forquer (874-3254) or Wright Caughman (355-7662) know by Wednesday the 19th if you plan to come, so we can be sure to have a sufficient supply of non-nutritious, high sugar/fat/cholesterol food on hand.

Classifieds

FOR RENT. One-half of duplex. Unfurnished. Two bedrooms, living room, 1 bath and large kitchen (refrigerator and stove furnished), two garages available as well as washer and dryer. Water only utility furnished. \$600 per month. Please call for appointment -- 874-3429, Ruth Murphy or Stella Johnson.

ALEXANDRA NEEDS TO MOVE out at the end of the month. I am looking for a nice guest house. Ready to pay good rent. Contact me at 352-4522 or by beeper, 837-6908. Current address is 52 Wakefield Drive.

HAUNTED HOUSE. Sat. & Sun., October 29th & 30th, 7:15 - 10:00 p.m. at 218 Camden Road. 50¢ per person. Small jokes and items will be for sale. For more information call Justin Easterly at 355-0409.

BABY-SITTER AVAILABLE. 9th Grade, almost 14 & available to baby-sit weekends, and some weekdays after 5:00 p.m. Please call Anni Lindenberg, 351-0541.

ENGLISH TUTOR needed for Spanish student. Twenty-two year old Spanish man, University graduate, will be residing in the Brookwood Hills area until mid-December. English tutor needed in late afternoons or evenings. Contact Harry or Caroline Gilham, 355-0245.



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