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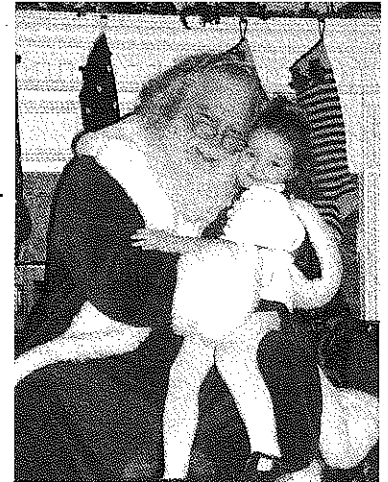
Santa Stops By Brookwood Hills

By Amy Mattingly

Brookwood Hills FRIENDS and neighbors welcomed Santa to our neighborhood for the first annual "Cookies with Santa." What a spectacular way to ring in the holiday season it was! Santa made a special trip to BWH to meet and greet the neighborhood children and grandchildren, all to help raise money for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. He kissed and hugged, read his letters, posed for pictures with all of the children and even snacked on a few cookies himself.

Agnes and Pete Law graciously welcomed everybody into their beautiful home. Pete Jr., Thomas and Brennan were thrilled to have Santa in their OWN house. Eliza and Grace Granade played lovely holiday carols on their violins and Mary Elizabeth Kidd did the same on the harp. Betsy Berry provided the wonderful photography.

New and old neighbors mingled over holiday hors d'oeuvres, cookies and toddies. The children played, made holiday crafts and got their faces painted. The event made over \$2200 for CHOA. It was a wonderful beginning to what FRIENDS hopes will become a lasting BWH holiday tradition.



Isabella Posey sits on Santa's lap.



Special thanks to all of those who helped, especially JoEllyn Bass who chaired the event. Thanks to Collum Posey, Debbie Moorman, Denise Wilbert, Robin Minson, Christina Whitney, Cara Mulcahy, Christy Payne, Sharon Williams, Sarah Howe, Terri Thompson, Teri Comer, Margaret Mertens, Jewel Nichols, Dana Lynch, Renee Bellavia, Claudia Jackson, Shannon Dixon, Laurie Hood, Karen Grice, Heidi Leithleiter, Burch Hanson and to Allison Nichols for providing the face painting. And, of course, a very big Thank You to Santa for taking time out of his busy holiday schedule to come and visit us in Brookwood Hills!

Santa and his FRIENDS helpers.



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Security Alert Signs

When you see the **Security Alert signs** posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the **Brookwood Hills Security Information Line 404-325-5114** for details concerning a recent security incident. These signs are a signal that an incident has occurred in the neighborhood and the information has been recorded on the hotline.

BWH Membership Update

BWH Members: Watch your mailbox for a postcard reminder that this year's Membership Renewals will be handled via our new upgraded BWH website! Members will be able to update their member information and pay dues through the website for greater accuracy and convenience. The non-resident membership waitlist will also be managed online through our website.

BWH SECURITY HOLIDAY BONUS

Just a reminder to make your donation **now** for the BWH Security Holiday Bonus. It's not too late to give!

Make checks payable to: BWH Community Club.

Please mail or drop off contributions to:

Lisa Barnhart
310 Camden Road
Atlanta, GA 30309

Call Lisa at 404-355-3707 with any questions.

Save the Date
BWHCC Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 29th
7:00 PM
Rich Auditorium
Piedmont Hospital

Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is Wednesday, February 8, 2006. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@yahoo.com or dropped off at 110 Huntington Rd.

Letter from the President

By Scott Bass

It's hard for me to believe that I joined the Brookwood Hills Board three years ago and now my time is up! Back when I joined the board, I thought I'd quietly serve as Park Chairman...make sure the grass was cut, the bathrooms cleaned, try to avoid the occasional park flood (oh well, you can't win them all). I certainly never anticipated serving as President, but I can say without reservation that I am fortunate to have served in this role. I think that we, the Board and neighborhood, achieved a great deal during 2005. It's been a thrill to be involved with so many important issues that will impact our neighborhood for years to come.

There are many rewards that come with this role. The first and most significant is to have the privilege to serve with so many bright, dedicated, and creative neighbors. Our board members commit a tremendous amount of time and energy to making our neighborhood a special place, and I am honored to have served with them. Each and every one of you made my job easy! The second great reward has been getting to know so many neighbors that I may never have had the opportunity to interact with in a significant way. My interactions have come in many forms, whether consulting with past board Presidents for advice, serving on various committees, or simply responding to concerns and inquiries from passionate neighbors. All of these have deepened my appreciation for the unique individuals that make our neighborhood so wonderful.

While our neighborhood is much the same as it has been for the past 25 years, the area around us is changing rapidly. Development is occurring all around us that will impact us significantly, and hopefully in positive ways. I encourage everyone to pay close attention to all that is going on around us and to get involved. Speak up about issues that impact us, ask how you can help, and volunteer to join the board. I guarantee that you will come to appreciate our neighborhood and your neighbors in a more significant and meaningful way!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the neighborhood these past three years. Hopefully, in some small way, I've made a positive impact. I do know that the board is in excellent hands going forward. Benning Grice has tirelessly served the neighborhood for the past three years, and we are fortunate to have him serve as our next President. He and our entire Board will continue to look out for our best interests and to preserve this jewel that is Brookwood Hills.

The New Brookwood Hills Website is coming on January 30th

By Joe Jackson

The new Brookwood Hills website will be available on January 30th. It will allow community club members to pay dues, reserve club facilities, and download and print pool packets all on-line. In addition to the new features, all content from the old website will be available.

In order to pay dues and reserve club facilities on-line, you must go to brookwoodhills.com and register on or after January 30th. You will need to establish a user ID and password to access the member area of the site. This will also give you the option of being listed in our secure on-line directory accessible to members only. The on-line directory will allow our members to update their address, phone number, and email address. This will ensure that you receive all community club news as quickly as possible.

Instructions for how to register and using the new features will be available on the website.

I will give a short presentation introducing the new website at the Brookwood Hills Community Club Annual Meeting on January 29th. This will be a good opportunity to find out how the new website works and ask any questions.

THANK YOU

Downey Trees!

For our BWH neighborhood
Christmas tree recycling.



NPU Info:

If you see a leaking water meter or seeping water in the road contact Susan Rutherford at the Department of Watershed Management at 404-335-1932.

Concrete Batch Plants Proposed

Two concrete companies plan to build batch-plants close to our neighborhood, one on Armour Drive near Monroe Drive and the other on Lambert Drive near the Piedmont/Cheshire Bridge Rd intersection. Thomas Concrete has obtained a building permit and has begun construction at 740 Lambert Drive while Ready-Mix USA has a permit application pending approval at the City to construct a plant at 340 Armour Drive.

This is not the first time we have faced this issue. Several years ago neighbors of Brookwood Hills as well as residents of other surrounding neighborhoods aggressively opposed Allied Concrete building a concrete batch plant on Armour Drive. We were able to persuade the Atlanta City Council to vote against allowing the plant to be built. However, Allied sued the City in Superior Court and was awarded the right to apply for a permit. The issue went dormant after Allied Concrete was acquired by Ready-Mix USA but it has now resurfaced. Ready-Mix USA has applied for a permit to build a concrete batch plant at 340 Armour Drive and they are approximately 30% through the permitting process.

Both of the plant sites for Thomas Concrete and Ready-Mix USA are zoned I-1 Light Industrial. The Atlanta zoning ordinance does not allow any business that creates adverse impacts beyond the boundaries of the property to locate in areas zoned I-1. Professional noise, traffic and environmental studies show that these plants will have adverse impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods of Piedmont Heights, Morningside and Ansley Park. Some of the specific concerns include:

- One concrete truck arriving or departing every two minutes;
- Roads not designed for this amount of heavy truck traffic;
- Damage to roads from concrete spillage and the excessive truck weight;
- Safety of mixing passenger cars with concrete trucks on narrow congested streets;

In the case of Thomas Concrete on Lambert Drive, these studies were presented to the Bureau of Buildings indicating that this batch plant will create adverse impacts on the neighborhood. However, the Bureau chose to issue a building permit anyway. We have appealed this decision and will have a Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) hearing on February 3rd at 1:00 pm. It is imperative that we prevail in this hearing or the Thomas plant will be built. This precedent will smooth the way for the Ready-Mix USA plant and increase the probability for additional plants to be built in other I-1 zoned properties near Brookwood Hills.

Immediate action is needed by all Brookwood Hills residents if we want to stop these plants from being built. Here are several things you can do to have an impact:

Write and email Melora Furman at the City of Atlanta BZA to express your opinion and ask her to copy all BZA members:

Address: 55 Trinity Ave, Suite 3350, Atlanta, GA 30303

Email: mfurman@atlantaga.gov

Phone: 404-330-6145

Contact our City Councilman, Howard Shook:

Address: 55 Trinity Ave. Suite 2900, Atlanta, GA 30303

Email: Hshook@ci.atlanta.ga.us

Phone: 404-330-6050

Contact our Mayor, Shirley Franklin:

Address: 55 Trinity Ave., Atlanta, GA 30303

Email: mayorfranklin@atlantaga.gov

Phone: 404-330-6100

Appear at the BZA hearing on February 3rd at 1:00 pm.

We have less than two months to stop what will surely degrade our quality of life. The time to act is now!

C L A S S I F I E D S

- **Need A Cleaning Service?:** I would like to recommend Luzia Resende for the job. She and her husband come and make an excellent team. He moves furniture and she vacuums under it. They are very dependable and reliable. She can be reached at: 678-615-2222 or 678-334-7773. Call Mickie McKenzie for references and if you have any questions at 404-874-7855.
- **Mornings Available:** Gwendolyn Callaway is looking for morning work in Brookwood Hills. She works for us (the Primms) five afternoons per week from 2:00-6:00 pm. She is a CNA and does light housekeeping. Call the Primms at 404-351-4755 or Gwen at 404-753-8895 for further information.
- **Bass And Guitar Lessons:** Taught by Jim Coley, born and raised in Brookwood Hills and current Atlanta resident. I teach private lessons to all age groups in all popular styles in a relaxed atmosphere tailored to the individual needs of each student. I have 5 years teaching experience, 16 years playing experience, and a Jazz Performance Degree from the University of Miami. \$5 first lessons and special "come to your house" rate thereafter for Brookwood Hills residents exclusively. Call me at 404-909-2054 or visit my website, basslessonsatlanta.com. Thanks!

N e i g h b o r N e w s

57 Northwood Avenue:

We are delighted to welcome Christina and Mike McCarthy and their children, Kitty and Gabriel.

Linda and Hank Harris have a new phone number: 404-355-9092. Please update it in your BWH Directory.

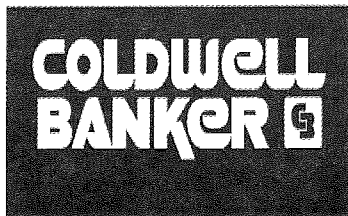
CALENDAR

Sunday, January 29th— BWHCC Annual Meeting, 7:00 PM, Rich Auditorium, Piedmont Hospital.

Monday, February 6th — BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, at the home of Kelley Berman, 36 Wakefield Dr. Neighborhood residents are welcome.

Tuesday, February 7th — BWH FRIENDS, 7:00 pm, at the home of Debby Moorman, 23 Woodcrest Avenue.

Sunday, February 12th—BWH Girls and Boys, 1:00 pm. Depart from the Parkdale entrance to the Park to go bowling.



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