

Brookland News

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From the Mayor's Desk:
Brookland Sports Complex has NOT been scratched. However, because the bids came in above the projected dollar amount budgeted which was 3.2 million dollars, Fisher Arnold suggested that we reject all bids received on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. We are going to re-group and re-bid differently in an effort to reduce overall cost of project. We will look at some of the engineering and see if it can be done differently and get the same end result, which may result in some money being reduced in the initial cost. We are going to make every effort to give you our citizens a quality product that you can be proud of.

Below is the bid tabulation of the Brookland Sports-Plex received Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

BID TAB Project: City of Brookland Sportsplex Phase 1
Date/Time: September 13, 2022 @ 2:00 pm
Job No.: CTYBRKLD.0003PL

1) 9/13/22 Wagner General Contractors, Inc. 1711 Higginson Road Searcy, Arkansas 72143
\$5,299,817.00

2) 9/13/22 Frank A. Rogers & Company, Inc. PO Box 805 Newport, Arkansas 72112
\$5,017,900.50

3) 9/13/22 Ideal Construction Company 11225 Huron Lane, Suite 105 Little Rock,

Arkansas 72211
\$4,706,000.00

Now for some good news. We finally received the letter to proceed on both E. Matthews/Nelms and Smith/N Bernis Street Parks. These will be advertised for three weeks. Weather permitting, we will start construction in November.

North Oak and HWY 49 Sewer extension has been let out for bid. We will be opening the bids around the 3rd week in October. Still need some R-O-W signatures.

The city hall and police department municipal building is in planning stage. We hope to have rendition of the proposed building soon.

Brookland Utilities has taken every step we can to prevent anyone having their water shut off for nonpayment. Bills are mailed the last working day the month. Utility bills are due the 1st day of each month and a 10% late fee will be added if paid after the 15th. We added three electronic notifications, if your account has been enrolled with Nexbillpay. When bills are mailed, the system sends out a text/email message that your bill has been printed and is due. So, if your mailed water bill is late getting to you, if we have a correct phone number/email address you will be notified electronically. If your water bill is not paid by the 15th,

again if we have enrolled with Nexbillpay, you will receive another notice your bill is due and has not been paid. The last day to pay prior to being disconnected is the 26th day of each month. If your water bill has not been paid by this time you will receive another notice of your water bill not being paid. It is up to you to keep your phone number/email address up to date with the Brookland Utility Clerk.

Finally on a sad note, we lost one our workers September 2, 2022. Street Supervisor Billy Pirtle was hired in April of 2012 and had worked hard for our city. Billy had become one of the best machine operators I have seen. He would come to work in the middle of the nights cleaning out culverts during storm events, scraping snow, spreading salt, or clearing debris from windstorms out of our streets. I was glad to call him a good employee of the city but more proud to call him my friend. Billy will be truly missed.

The holiday season is approaching and I pray that the citizens of Brookland have a Blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Mayor Jones



RECYCLE!



The following residents' names were drawn and they won \$25 in the Bluebag Recycle Program sponsored by the City of Brookland. The following items can be recycled: all metal cans, all colors of glass and all grades of plastics. Everything goes in the same bag together. Bluebags are available at City Hall. Just fill out the attached tag and your name will be entered in the weekly drawing. Citizens who live in the county and bring their blue bags to put them in the recycle trailer need to remove the name tags and bring them into City Hall or leave them in the drop box.

NOTE: Please place your tags on the outside of the bags so that they are easily removable.

Bluebag Winners:

- 7/1/22 - Angie Smith
- 7/8/22 - Donna House
- 7/15/22 - Jim Stewart
- 7/22/22 - Charline Albrough
- 7/29/22 - Alice Gulley
- 8/5/22 - Ashley Allen
- 8/12/22 - Andrea Newsom
- 8/19/22 - Nelda Milburn
- 8/26/22 - Kim Ford
- 9/2/22 - Lorie Elmore
- 9/9/22 - Brian Schaefer
- 9/16/22 - Karen Kelton
- 9/23/22 - Dalton Taylor
- 9/30/22 - Willa Mills



Brookland
Christmas Parade
Dec. 4 @ 2:00 pm



The City of Brookland is scheduled to have the 21st annual Christmas parade on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2:00 pm.

The theme is "Sounds of Christmas". Judging begins at 1:00 pm. The parade will start at Brookland High School parking lot and go south on Holman to Stevens Street, west on Stevens to S. Oak Street. The parade will then turn north to W. School Street and it will end up back at the school.

Community Calendar:



10/04 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

10/10 - City offices closed for Columbus Day

10/10 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm

10/31 - Fall Festival @ New Antioch Baptist Church; 6:30 pm



11/01 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

11/11 - City offices closed for Veteran's Day

11/14 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm

11/24-25 - Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday



12/04 - Christmas Parade @ 2:00 pm. Theme "Sounds of Christmas"

12/6 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

12/12 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm

12/18 - Christmas Cantata @ New Antioch Baptist Church; 11:00 am

12/23-26 City offices closed for Christmas holiday

1/2/23 - City offices closed for New Year's holiday



Christmas Light Contest

The annual residential Brookland Christmas light judging will be December 12. Judges will be driving around town on this date looking at residential lighting displays. Prize money in the amounts of \$100 for first place; \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place will be awarded. Signs recognizing the winners will be placed in their yards throughout the holiday season.



Notes from the Police Dept. regarding adequate visible address on residence:



While responding to calls, it is often difficult to locate houses due to the house number not being properly displayed. The ambulance and fire department personnel also have difficulty finding addresses of residents who are in need of immediate emergency assistance.

BPD wants to urge residents to repair or replace damaged house numbers or to purchase house numbers and place them on your house if your home doesn't have any, to make it easier to respond to your location in the event of an emergency.

Brookland Police Department also wants to urge motorists to please slowdown be cautious of young children along the streets as they are trick-or-treating.



New Antioch Baptist Church

New Antioch is having their Annual Fall Festival on Monday, October 31st at 6:30pm inside the gym. Admission is free and everyone is invited to come. There will be games, food, candy, and 5 - \$50 Wal-mart Gift Card drawings.

On December 18th at 11:00 am, the choir will present a Christmas Cantata. Everyone is welcome to come and hear some beautiful Christmas songs.

If you have any questions about any of the events, please call 870-972-0339, email at newantiochbc@gmail.com, check them out on the New Antioch Baptist Church Facebook page or visit the church website www.newantiochbaptistchurch.com

How to save water at home - conservation tips and resources

Why conserve water?

Relieving stress on our water supplies is just one benefit of home water conservation. Other benefits include decreased water bills, decreased wastewater treatment costs for communities and preservation of our aquatic environment.

What can I do to conserve water at home?

Don't Let the Faucet Run.

Using faucet aerators are the single best home water conservation method. It's also the cheapest!

Keeping a pitcher of water in the refrigerator or turning the faucet off while we brush our teeth can save several gallons of water each day.

Before you turn on the tap, think of ways you can use less water to accomplish the same purpose.

Fix the Drip.

There is no such thing as a little drip. A leaky faucet with a drip of just 1/16 of an inch in diameter can waste 10 gallons of water daily. Replace worn washers or valve seats.

Close the Hose.

Letting the garden hose run faster or longer than necessary while we water the lawn or wash the car wastes water. A 1/2-inch garden hose under normal water pressure pours out more than 600 gallons of water per hour, and a 3/4 inch hose delivers almost 1,900 gallons in the same length of time.

If left on overnight, one garden hose can easily waste twice as much water as the average family uses in a month.

Bathroom water usage tips

Check for toilet leaks.

Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color

begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.

Don't use the toilet as an ashtray or a wastebasket.

Every time you flush a cigarette butt, facial tissue or other small bit of trash, 5 to 7 gallons of water is wasted.

Put plastic bottles in your toilet tank.

To cut down on water waste, put an inch or two of sand or pebbles inside each of two plastic bottles to weigh them down. Fill the bottles with water, screw the lids on and put them in your toilet tank, safely away from the operating mechanisms. This may save 10 or more gallons of water per day.

Be sure at least 3 gallons of water remain in the tank so it will flush properly.

For new installations, consider buying "low flush" toilets, which use 1 to 2 gallons per flush instead of the usual 3 to 5 gallons.

Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators.

Your local hardware or plumbing supply store has inexpensive, water-saving shower heads or restrictors that are easy for the homeowner to install.

All household faucets should be fitted with aerators. This single best home water conservation method is also the cheapest!

Take shorter showers.

One way to cut down on water use is to turn off the shower after soaping up and then turn it back on to rinse. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water.

