

Brookland News

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From the Mayor's Desk:

It's hard to believe that it is already the last quarter of 2016. The year has gone by so quickly. I want to update you on the progress of 2016 projects. The Gambill Subdivision, on the north side of the city limits, was annexed into the city in 2013. Bids to install sewer to this area were opened on September 8, 2016. Seven contractors submitted bids and Gulley Plumbing and Construction was the lowest qualified bidder at \$126,661.70. The bid was accepted by the Brookland City Council at the regular meeting on September 12, 2016 by a majority vote of 6 ayes to 0 nays. Gulley has started ordering sewer manholes and pipe and construction is tentatively scheduled to start by October 15, 2016. Workers will be in touch with home owners in the Gambill Subdivision to locate where the sewer line is coming out of the home. This will determine placement of the sewer main stub out on your property, to allow residents to be able to connect to sewer services.

The new electronic water meters are in place and working. City hall will be CLOSED TWO DAYS IN OCTOBER for training on the software for the electronic meters. We will announce the dates that the office will be closed, once they're confirmed. You may have noticed a slight decrease in your utility bill. This is due to us gradually stepping the read date back in phases. Our goal is to read the meters from the 1st to the last day of the month. This will allow us to get an accurate monthly reading of the water we pump versus the water we sold. As for reading the water meters, the new system is amazing. We are able to research usage and answer customer questions, regarding their accounts. Information and readings can be acquired by looking at the meter online, as opposed to physically taking a worker off a job and having them go and look at a meter to determine if there is a leak and if the reading is correct.

Previously it would take 3½ to 5 days, in good weather to read 1,200 meters. It now takes approximately 10 minutes to request meter readings and get a file sent back with the readings. The readings are accurate, so there are no re-reads, which also saves man hours and fuel.

The Water Improvement Project, which includes a new well, tank and lines has been submitted to the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) for review. This project is being funded by the two-cent sales tax approved by voters last November. The review could take anywhere from three to five weeks. There was a two month set back, due to the ADH requiring a depth of 720' for the test well. The well drilling contractor asked for a change in depth, because they felt that we would have a dry well at 720'. Plans were resubmitted and the depth was changed. When the test well was drilled, they hit water at 280'. This saved the city, tens of thousands of dollars on the test well. Once approval is obtained by ADH, Civil Engineering Associates will advertise for bids on the project.

I want to update residents on sidewalk improvements in our city. The City of Brookland is in the final stage of approval to build a sidewalk to connect Brookland Elementary to the new Brookland Middle School. With the addition of this sidewalk, all three campuses will be accessible by walking safely on a sidewalk.

The City of Brookland has been awarded \$106,000.00 grant of a \$132,625.00 sidewalk project that will build a sidewalk on the west side of Holman (aka Hwy 49-B) from the Brookland Police Station, north to School Street. As many of you know, there are several pedestrians that walk this section of highway, which has no shoulder, making for a dangerous situation.

This will be the last news letter for 2016. Holidays are ahead, which include Halloween, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year. Cooler weather and the

holiday season makes this an exciting time of the year.

This year, in November, our country will elect a new president. Please remember to get out and vote. There are many countries that only dream of being able to elect their leader. This is one of the greatest freedoms we have, as Americans. May God Bless Our Country, Our City and Our Troops around the world who are protecting this freedom.

Mayor Jones

City Wide Yard Sale

Oct. 7 & 8



Please contact City Hall at (870)935-0538 if you want your address included on the map. Maps will be available at City Hall and Brookland Post Office.

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 - Lyndon Rameriz
- 7/8 - Mike Powell
- 7/15 - Chad E Turner
- 7/22 - Sarah Langston
- 7/29 - Joann Martin
- 8/5 - Tammy Lindsay
- 8/12 - Zach Jaynes
- 8/19 - John Garrett
- 8/26 - Kyle Brown
- 9/2 - Carla Dacus
- 9/9 - Amy Sears
- 9/16 - Stephanie Jernigan
- 9/23 - Judy Brown
- 9/30 - Skip Tyner



**Brookland
Christmas Parade
Dec. 4 @ 2:00 pm**



The City of Brookland will have its 16th annual Christmas parade on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2:00 pm. The theme is "Candy Cane Lane". 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. Refreshments will be served for parade participants at the Brookland Baptist Church immediately following the parade.

**Community
Calendar:**



- 10/03 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 10/7-8 - City Wide Yard Sale
- 10/08 - Wood's Chapel Community Fun Day; 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 10/10 - City offices closed for Columbus Day
- 10/10-13 - Fall Clean Sweep
- 10/10 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm

- 10/17 - Brookland United Methodist Church food pantry; 9:00-11:30am
- 10/18 - Sr. Citizens Pot Luck @ City Hall; 11:30 am

- 10/22 - Brookland United Methodist Church Fish Fry; 5:00-7:00pm

- 10/26 - Great Arkansas Cleanup

- 10/29 - Trunk or Treat at Danny's Diner; 6:00-8:00pm

- 10/31 - Connection Point Baptist Church Trail of Treats; 6:00-7:30pm

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



- 11/07 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

- 11/08 - Election Day

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

- 11/15 - Sr. Citizen's Pot Luck @ City Hall; 11:30 am

- 11/19 - Brookland United Methodist Church Fall Bazaar; 10:00am - 2:00pm

- 11/20 - Connection Point Baptist Church Fall Festival; 4:30-7:00pm

- 11/21 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm

- 11/21 - Brookland United Methodist Church food pantry; 9:00-11:30am

- 11/24-25 - Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday



- 12/04 - Christmas Parade @ 2:00 pm. Refreshments immediately following the parade at the Brookland Baptist Church.

- 12/05 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

- 12/06 - Sr. Citizen's Pot Luck @ City Hall; 11:30 am ****NOTE DATE CHANGE**

- 12/11 - New Antioch Baptist Church Children's Christmas Program; 6:00 pm

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

- 12/16 - Brookland United Methodist Church Live Nativity and Caroling; 6:00-8:00pm

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

- 12/19 - Brookland United Methodist Church food pantry; 9:00-11:30am

- 12/23-26 City offices closed for Christmas holiday

12/25 - Connection Point Baptist Church Christmas Service; 10:00-11:00am

12/25 - New Antioch Baptist Church Christmas Morning Service; 11:00 am

01/02 - City offices closed for New Year's holiday

Sr. Citizen's Monthly Potluck



The Sr. Citizen's pot luck lunch is the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11:30am at Brookland City Hall. Bring a dish and come enjoy fellowship with other Brookland residents. Invite your neighbors and give your friends a ride. Special guest speakers on topics that affect senior citizens or singers provide entertainment each month.

Great Arkansas Cleanup

The City of Brookland and the Brookland EAST students will participate in the Great Arkansas Cleanup on Wednesday, October 26 from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. Groups of students and adults will be in various areas of town cleaning up trash in ditches and along streets. This event is sponsored by the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission who provides supplies necessary for the cleanup. Please drive safely while students are picking up litter.



New Antioch Baptist Church

New Antioch Baptist Church has several things coming up this quarter.

On October 31, they will have a Fall Festival at the church. There will be food, candy, games, blowup slide and costume contest. Five Walmart gift cards, worth \$50 each will be given away. Admission is free and everyone is invited to come.

The Children's Christmas Program will be held on December 11. The program will begin at 6:00 pm.

The Christmas Cantata will be on December 18 and will start at 11:00 am.

On December 25, Christmas Morning Service will begin at 11:00 am.

Everyone is invited to attend all of the events listed above. New Antioch is located at 429 CR 960, near Goobertown. If you have any questions about any of the events, please call 870-972-0339, email at newantiochbc@gmail.com, check them out on Facebook or visit the church website newantiochbaptistchurch.com. Tony Stottlemire is the pastor.

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Brookland United Methodist Church

Brookland United Methodist Church will host its annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 19, from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the church. The event will include crafts, jams and jellies, baked goods, gift items and more. Vendor spots are available for \$25 each with table provided. Proceeds from the event will benefit the children and youth ministry. A BBQ meal or hot dog meal will be available from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The church is also pre-selling meat smoked by Payne's Meat Market, which will be available

for pickup on Friday, November 18. For more information on the bazaar or to order meat, contact Gretchen Hunt at 870-219-9443. Brookland United Methodist will host a fish fry on Saturday, October 22 from 5-7pm. The meal includes fish or chicken and all the fixings. Donations will be accepted.

BUMC will present an outdoor live nativity and caroling on Friday, December 16, from 6-8pm. Hot cocoa and dessert will be served. Everyone is welcome.

The food pantry is open from 9-11am on the third Monday of each month.

BUMC is located at 301 West Matthews and Cory Pfeifer is the pastor. For more information regarding the above mentioned events, please call (870)935-3501.

Connection Point Baptist Church

Connection Point Baptist Church is excited to host its second annual, community wide, Trail of Treats this Halloween night from 6 - 7:30pm. Families are invited to follow the winding trail through candy stops and fun-filled props inside our building. It is a safe alternative for a fun night.

Connection Point invites the community to join them for their Fall Festival on November 20 at 4:30pm. This family friendly night will include food, activities, games and a talent show. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy an evening of fun.

Christmas Service will be held on December 25 from 10-11am. This Christmas morning, you and your family are invited to join in on the Christmas Worship Service. This will be a low-key, casual event as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

Connection Point Baptist Church is located at 600 West School Street (in front of Whitten Creek Apartments.) Chad White is the pastor. For more information concerning events at Connection Point, call 870-931-1076 or visit the church website MyConnectionPoint.org.

**Wood's Chapel
General Baptist Church
175 Hwy. 230 E.**

Wood's Chapel Baptist Church will have their annual Community Fun Day on Saturday, October 8. The event will begin at 11:00 am and end at 3:00 pm. Activities are free and will include food, games, door prizes, inflatable's and entertainment. Everyone in the community is invited to come and enjoy the fellowship. For more information on upcoming events at Wood's Chapel, contact their pastor Rick Hathcoat at 870-932-1780.



**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.

**Southern Bank
November
Food Drive**



Southern Bank will be collecting food for the Brookland Backpack Program during the month of November. Food can be dropped off at 601 Holman during business hours.



**Fall Clean
Sweep**



**Please place all
items on curb before
10/10/16**

Dedman's Sanitation will not pick up paint, oil or concrete. Yard waste, tree limbs and tires will be picked up by city workers. The final pickup day will be 10/13/16. Anything on the curb after that date is the resident's responsibility to dispose of.

Notes from the Police Dept:



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.



**Brothers Auto
Sales & Repair**

Brothers Auto Sales and Repair would like to welcome Brookland residents into their new repair shop and car lot. They are located at 9122-B Hwy. 49-N, next to Brooks Golf Carts. Bring in proof of residence from the Brookland area and receive a 10% discount on any repair work for the month of October 2016. We look forward to helping the Brookland Community. To reach the car sales lot, call (870)631-2237; or the repair shop can be contacted at (870)631-2302.

**COMMUNITY
TRUNK OR TREAT
10/29 @ 6-8pm - 701
Holman**

The Brookland Police Department, Southern Bank, Kidz R Us Daycare and Danny's Diner have teamed up to have a community "Trunk or Treat". The event will be October 29 from 6-8pm at Danny's Diner, located at 701 Holman. Everyone is invited to participate.

