

***From the Mayor's Desk:***

Can't hardly believe it is April 1 already. The second quarter newsletter brings an opportunity to discuss several things going on in our city.

The Water Improvement project is nearing completion. New water line installation is complete and now they will be charging lines and hooking citizens water service up to the new water line, leveling dirt and cleaning yards in the process. The well house is about 70% complete. The new tank and well is planned to go on line May 1, 2018. I again want to thank everyone for their patience during the installation of the water lines.

Talk around our city is about the potential development at Highway 49 and School Street intersection. I spoke with Haag Brown Realty and was told that the project plan stage is progressing. Haag Brown has also told us about the new location for NEA Baptist Clinic, which will be at the corner of Highway 49 and Honeysuckle. This is exciting news for our city. The city has purchased 2 plus acres at the corner of Smith St and N. Bernis. Our current park located on Cherry Street will be moved to this location. A city park will also be built at the corner of Nelms and E Matthews. These parks, when complete, will have walking trails, playground equipment, pavilions, and outside grills. We will be asking for volunteers to help with fund raisers. Money raised will be used as matching funds for grants to help expedite completion of these projects. We currently have the two buildings owned by Nightingale Mechanical, under an option to purchase contract. Once

finalized, we will form a Library/Museum committee to oversee these projects. We are very excited about getting the library and museum in place.

We want to look at the possibility of a Veterans Memorial being built where the old bank and mercantile store was located. I have asked Brookland East Students to look at this location and work on different ideas for the memorial.

The city purchased the house located at 307 N Bernis. On April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am Phillips Auction company will hold a sale at this location. There's a complete list of items on Phillips Auction website. Anyone interested in these items are welcome to attend the auction. Once the house is demolished, a detention pond will be constructed at this location to help resolve the flash flooding issue in this area.

The City of Brookland received notification of being awarded money through the state aid street program for overlay projects in our city. Eason Street from Maple Slough Ditch to Three Notch Road, Hayes Street from E Matthews to E School St, and Whitten Creek Road from W School to Stevens St will be asphalted later this summer.

If you have a swimming pool or going to get a swimming pool there are requirements to keep them safe. A copy of the ordinance can be picked up at city hall.

We have installed several sidewalks but there are areas where children and adults still have to walk on city streets. Please drive safely and obey the speed limits. Have a great summer!

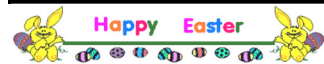
***Mayor Jones***

**City Wide**



**April 6 & 7**

**Contact City Hall to have your address put on the map.**



**SWIMMING POOL REGULATIONS**

The weather is getting warmer and everyone is starting to think about filling their pools for the summer.

This is a reminder that Ordinance 2008-17 requires that all swimming pools, 15" or more in depth, have a fence of not less than four feet in height. Said enclosure shall be a minimum of four feet from any edge of the pool. A copy of this ordinance can be obtained at City Hall.



**Fireworks Ordinance**

**Reminder**

Fireworks may be discharged between the hours of 10am & 10pm on June 29, June 30, July 1, July 2, July 3, and July 5. Fireworks may be discharged between the hours of 10am and will be extended until 12:30am (of the following day) on July 4.



## SPRING CLEAN

### SWEEP



**April 9-13, 2018**

Any items placed on the curb after 04/13/18 will be the responsibility of the resident to dispose of.



### Great Arkansas Cleanup

The City of Brookland and the Brookland EAST students will participate in the Great Arkansas Cleanup on Thursday, April 19 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.



### RECYCLE & WIN!

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. Please remember to tie your bluebags before you place them in the trailer.

Newspapers, junk mail, old magazines and other paper products are to be placed in a separate bag and placed on the curb with your bluebag.

Corrugated cardboard boxes are to be flattened out and put in the green dumpster behind City Hall.

### Bluebag Winners:

- 1/5/18 - Lance Loftin
- 1/12/18 - Joe/Rachel Ferraro
- 1/19/18 - Regina Wright
- 1/26/18 - James Grimes
- 2/2/18 - Chad E Turner
- 2/9/18 - Pat Nelms
- 2/16/18 - Barbara Sutfin
- 2/23/18 - Phillis Cadle
- 3/2/18 - Shona Potts
- 3/9/18 - Jerry Hubble
- 3/16/18 - Judy Brown
- 3/23/18 - Brittany Ewing
- 3/30/18 - Jaime Shirley

Thanks for making Brookland a "GREENER" place to live.

### Community Calendar:



04/01 - Easter Sunday

04/01 - Wood's Chapel General Baptist Church Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30am

04/02 - Planning Commission Meeting at 7pm at City Hall

04/04 - Noon deadline for City Council agenda

04/06-07 - City Wide Yard Sale

04/08 - Special Song Service with N-Him trio @ Woods Chapel General Baptist Church at 5pm

04/09-13 - Spring Clean Sweep (for city residents only)

04/09 - City Council Meeting at 7pm at City Hall

04/17 - Senior Citizen's Potluck at 11:30 at City Hall



05/02 - Noon deadline for Planning Commission agenda

05/07 - Planning Commission meeting at 7pm

05/09 - Noon deadline for City Council agenda

05/13 - Happy Mother's Day!

05/14 - City Council meeting at 7pm

05/15 - Senior Citizens potluck at 11:30am at City Hall

05/28 - City offices will be closed for Memorial Day holiday

5/30 - Noon deadline for Planning Commission agenda



06/04 - Planning Commission meeting at 7pm

06/06 - Noon deadline for City Council agenda

06/11 - City Council meeting at 7pm

06/17 - Happy Father's Day!

06/19 - Senior Citizens potluck at 11:30am at City Hall

06/24-28 - VBS art New Antioch Baptist Church @ 6pm nightly

06/27 - Noon deadline for Planning Commission agenda



***New Antioch Baptist Church***  
***429 CR 950-Goobertown***  
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New Antioch Baptist Church will have their annual Vacation Bible School June 24-28. It will begin at 6:00pm each evening. The theme is "Gear Up! Get Ready! Game On!". Tony Stottlemire is the pastor and the church is located at 429 CR 960 (Goobertown Curve). Everyone in the community is invited to the above mentioned event. For more information and times of events, please call the church office at 870-972-0339, email at [newantiochbc@gmail.com](mailto:newantiochbc@gmail.com), or check them out on their Facebook page at New Antioch Baptist Church. The church website is [newantiochbaptistchurch.com](http://newantiochbaptistchurch.com).  
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***Potter's House Church***  
***403 N. Bernis St.***  
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The Potter's House Church, located at 403 N. Bernis Street would like to invite everyone looking for a loving church family to come meet our new pastor Gary Chaver and his wife Mary. Sunday morning worship services begin at 10:45am; Sunday evening services start at 6:00pm and Wednesday night Bible study begins at 6:00pm. The Potter's House will have a yard sale on Saturday, April 7 on the church parking lot. Everyone is invited to attend any of the services listed above.

***Woods Chapel General Baptist Church***  
***175 Hwy 230***  
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Wood's Chapel will have Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30am on April

1st. A potluck breakfast will follow the service at 7:30am.

On April 8th, N-Him trio will be singing in the evening service at 5:00pm.

Service times are as follows: Sunday Morning Prayer at 9:30am; Sunday School at 9:45am; Worship/Children's Church at 10:45am.

Sunday Evening Service begins at 5:00pm and Wednesday Evening Service bible study starts at 6:30pm. Rick Hathcoat is the pastor.

***Wastewater Info:***

An issue I need to address is, to make residents aware of the consequences of putting cooking grease/oil down the sink. It could clog up your sewer service lines, and the build up from several residences that pour grease down the drain causes the city sewer mains to become clogged, thus causing sewage to back up in several homes in your neighborhood. This creates an extra expense for the utility department to have to treat the grease buildup and flush out the sewer mains. A suggestion to eliminate this problem would be to let your grease or oil cool down and then place it into a Ziploc bag and simply put it in the trash. Also, another problem is residents flushing kitty litter down the toilet. This gets into the pumps at our lift stations and causes them to malfunction or fail. It is very expensive to replace the pumps and creates an additional burden on our wastewater system.

Inflow is another issue at our wastewater treatment plant. This occurs when rainwater gets into the sewer system through a sewer clean out plug that has been removed or broken off or when a sewer service line has been broken and over time, dirt will cave in the surface of the pipe allowing rainwater to flow

into the line. All this additional rainwater has to be treated with chemicals, the same as the sewer water, before it is discharged. The usage of additional chemicals to treat the rainwater is another expense incurred by the utility department. If you have any broken pipes or sinkholes in your yard, please notify our office and have one of the utility workers come and inspect the area.

*Tim Harrington*

*Water/Wastewater Supt.*

***Danny's BBQ & Country Diner***

Starting March 3, Danny's BBQ & Country Diner will be open from 11 to 3 for Carry Out Orders Only for Smoked Ribs and BBQ Family packs, while supplies last.

On April 7, Danny's will be participating in the city wide yard sale. Anyone interested in using Danny's Parking Lot to set up for the yard sale can call Lisa at (870)336-9770.

The Parking Lot will also be available on May 5, June 2 and August 4 for yard sale participants. Anyone interested in using the parking area for a yard sale can contact Lisa at the number listed above.

Danny's BBQ will be doing a fundraiser for New Beginning Trio to travel with the H4L Children's Home for Life to Montana. Call (870)336-9770 to pre-order your Boston Butts for Mother's Day pickup on May 12 from 11am-2pm; for Father's Day pickup on June 16 from 11am - 2pm. Orders can be picked up at the restaurant located at 799 N Holman.