

Brookland News

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From the Mayor's Desk:

Where has this year gone! Let's begin with our Water Improvement Project started in 2016. The initial project that included 1,000 radio read meters, 400,000 gallon water storage tank, new well house and well, over 25,000 linear feet of new and replacement 8" and 6" lines is now complete. System went on line July 19, 2018.

We just completed the North Oak water extension and all customers were moved to new 8 inch water line September 21, 2018.

Our engineers are now preparing drawings to upgrade water lines from HWY 49B and HWY 49 south to Crain Road from 2 inch to 6 inch, East School Street from Davidson Lane east to our current city limits from 2 inch to 6 inch, and Eason Street from Maple Slough Ditch south to Three Notch Road from 2 inch to 6 inch. This line work will strengthen our water service infrastructure for future growth.

The Lestel Elder City Park is moving. The City of Brookland purchased 2+ acres at the corner of Smith and N Bernis. The old park site has been sold and equipment removed. We are currently working on design and looking into a park grant that will help us improve the park to fit the needs of a growing community. Also, the city is going to add a second city park on Nelms Street. This park will be developed through fund raisers, donations, and grants. You may ask, why two parks. The reason is safety. Our city is divided by Holman (HWY 49B) and Union Pacific Railroad. Having one central location

creates a dangerous situation for children crossing railroad and Holman Street. Our current count of trains that run through our city daily is 12 to 17. Our current traffic count conducted by AR-DOT has an average traffic count on Holman around 5,000 cars daily. The City Council and I are going to try and make the parks beneficial for each area but offer different options. We would like to form a committee to help with fund raisers. If you are interested in helping just email your information to city hall or drop a 5 x 7 card with your information by city hall or in the night drop box.

The Library/Museum buildings have been purchased. Once current occupants have moved into their new building, the Library will be built in the north building and planning will start for the museum. We are working with Brookland East Lab students on the layout of the museum.

Property located at 307 N. Bernis was purchased and we are currently working on the detention pond. Rain has currently held work up, but it will continue once the area dries up a little. There will be a sidewalk on the south side of detention pond connecting Brookland Street to N. Bernis, allowing access to the proposed new park at the corner of Smith and N Bernis. Also to help with drainage in this area, larger culverts will be placed under Lynch Street at the Fordyce intersection. The ditch between Lynch and Holman will be cleaned out. The ditch from N Bernis to Holman, that runs on the south side of city hall, will be

modified to help with drainage. Drainage ditch work will also begin in Northern Heights Subdivision and along what we call Dooley Ditch on the east side of city. These will be done in phases starting in 2019.

I, on behalf of our city, am going to reach out to state aid street funding and see if there is any money available to help us with improving the School Street and HWY 49 Intersection. City growth along with Brookland School growth has made this intersection dangerous, because there are no turn lanes or designated turn signals to allow traffic to move safely during peak travel times and school events. AR-DOT Street Aid usually only overlays city streets. However, there has been a movement to help with development phase of streets. For safety reasons at this intersection, I will ask for funding to help improve this intersection through this program. We are also working with Senator Boozman's office trying to find federal grant money that can help with this issue. Another intersection that has become a serious issue is Holman (HWY 49B) and School Street. AR-DOT recently did a study on this intersection and we are waiting to hear their view of what possibly can be done to fix this situation.

The Holiday Seasons are upon us! Halloween is on October 31. Children will be out on the streets trick-or-treating and I encourage all residents to drive safely. Watch for announcements of Trunk or Treat events around our city. Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for our family and the

blessings that we have received throughout the year. I encourage everyone to slow down and take a moment to enjoy time with family and friends.

Christmas is the time to be thankful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and what his birth means to so many. New Years Eve a time to reflect on the events of the past year, learn from them and try to do better in the New Year that begins January 1, 2019.

As we go through this time, I want to ask everyone to remember those men and women in our military who so bravely and unselfishly, are not at home during this time. Instead, they are possibly on foreign soils fighting to protect the very freedoms we enjoy each day. Also, remember the first responders/police officers who serve daily or could even have to leave a family holiday meal to help someone in need. Whether you agree with the politics of our nation or not, please remember these men and women that put their lives on the line every day for our freedoms and to provide help to us when needed.

I pray everyone has a safe and Blessed Holiday Season.

Mayor Jones

City-Wide Fall Yard Sale

Oct. 5 & 6



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:

7/6/18 - Kyle Brown
7/13/18 - Jerry Blair
7/20/18 - Ann McGee
7/27/18 - Darrell Reece
8/3/18 - Donald Forehand
8/10/18 - Eric Dacus
8/17/18 - Teresa Ellis
8/24/18 - Heather Parsons
8/31/18 - Carrie Fields
9/7/18 - Grace Redden
9/14/18 - Pat Harris
9/21/18 - Shelby Hasting
9/28/18 - Anna Brown



Brookland

Christmas Parade

Dec. 2 @ 2:00 pm



The City of Brookland will have its 18th annual Christmas parade on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2:00 pm. The theme is "Hometown 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:



10/01 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

10/05-06 - City Wide Yard Sale

10/08 - City offices closed for Columbus Day

10/08-11 - Fall Clean Sweep

10/13 - Wood's Chapel
General Baptist Church Annual
Community Fun Day; 11am-
2pm

10/08 - City Council meeting @
7:00 pm

10/16 - Sr. Citizens Pot Luck
@ City Hall; 11:30 am

10/31 - New Antioch Baptist
Church Community Fall
Festival; 6:30pm-8:30pm



11/12 - Planning Commission
meeting @ 6:00 pm

11/12 - City offices closed for
Veteran's Day

11/12 - City Council meeting @
7:00 pm

11/13 - Sr. Citizen's Pot Luck @
City Hall; 11:30 am**NOTE DATE
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11/17 - Brookland United
Methodist Church Fall Bazaar;
10am to 3pm

11/22-23 - Offices closed for
Thanksgiving Holiday



12/02 - Christmas Parade @ 2:00
pm. Theme "Hometown
Christmas"

12/03 - Planning Commission
meeting @ 7:00 pm

12/10 - City Council meeting @
7:00 pm

12/11 - Sr. Citizen's Pot Luck @
City Hall; 11:30 am**NOTE DATE
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12/24-26 City offices closed for
Christmas holiday

01/01 - 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. (Note: Due to the holidays, the November and December meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of these months.) 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.



New Antioch Baptist Church

New Antioch Baptist Church will have a community fall festival on Wednesday, October 31 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Everyone is invited to attend the event 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 newantiochbc@gmail.com at the church website newantiochbaptistchurch.com. Tony Stottlemire is the pastor.

Wood's Chapel General Baptist Church

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual Community Fun Day on October 13. The event will begin at 11am and end at 2pm.

For more information on upcoming events at Wood's Chapel, contact their pastor Rick Hathcoat at 870-932-1780. The church is located at 175 Hwy. 230 E.

Brookland United Methodist Church

Brookland United Methodist Church will host its annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 17 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Vendors will offer a variety of items including baked goods, jams and jellies, boutique clothing, jewelry, doll clothes and furniture, Pampered Chef, crafts, gift items, door hangers and more. Admission is free, and those who attend and visit every vendor's booth will have a chance to win a \$100 Visa gift card. In addition, lunch will be served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Barbecue plates are \$6 and hot dog plates are \$3. For more information, contact, Gretchen Hunt at (870)219-9443.

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.



Christmas Light Contest

The annual residential Brookland Christmas light judging will be December 10. 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.



Fall Clean Sweep



Please place all items on curb before 10/08/18

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 10/11/18. 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.



BROOKLAND STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

In 2001, Brookland was put into an urban status with Jonesboro, due to the population having 1,000 residents per square mile. This required Brookland to obtain a MS-4 permit to regulate storm water within the city limits.

In April of 2009, Ordinance 2009-1 was passed which implemented the Storm Water Pollution Prevention and Erosion Control Plan for the City of Brookland to be in compliance with our MS-4 permit.

The objectives of this ordinance is to maintain and improve the quality of water impacted by the storm drainage system within our city; to prevent discharge of contaminated storm water runoff and illicit discharges from industrial, commercial, residential and construction sites into the storm drainage system; to promote public awareness of the hazards involved in the improper discharge of trash, yard waste, lawn chemicals, pet waste,

wastewater, oil, petroleum, cleaning, and paint products, hazardous waste, sediment and other pollutants into storm drainage system; to facilitate compliance with state and federal standards and permits by owners of construction sites; and to enable the city to comply with all federal and state laws and regulations applicable to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting requirements for storm water discharge. Ordinance 2009-1 (Storm Water Pollution Prevention & Erosion Control Plan) is available to read in its entirety on the zoning/planning tab of the city website at brooklandarkansas.org.



Due to recent changes by the Craighead County Election Commission, Brookland City Hall is one of the sites that will hold early voting two weeks prior to the General Election.

Early voting will be held at Brookland City Hall on October 22-26 from 8am to 6pm; October 29-November 2 from 8am to 6pm; and November 5 from 8am to 6pm.

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6 from 7:30am until 7:30pm.