

# Brookland News

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*From the Mayor's Desk:*  
Brookland 2018. What is ahead for us as a city? If you talk to developers, the sky is the limit. If you listen to the citizens of Brookland, they also think there is a great opportunity for our city's future. We the administrators of government and city employees all agree the future opportunities for our city are great. With growth is opportunity. Let's look at the proposed Haag Brown project at School Street and Hwy 49. One of the most requested developments is a grocery store. Not only will this proposed development have a grocery store it will have a bank, restaurants, etc. The City of Brookland supports this proposed development. Brookland currently has five subdivisions being built. Brookland Hills is working on the third phase; Whispering Hills phase one is complete and construction of homes has started; Heritage Trace, the Planned Unit Development, is nearing completion; and Cameron Place, and Brookvale Subdivision are still in the pre-construction phases. The city has purchased 307 N Bernis and 202 Smith Street. The house at 307 N Bernis will be removed and the lot will be subdivided by the city. Two lots will be sold as residential, and a retention pond will be built on the remainder of land for the area. The property at 202 Smith Street is approximately 2.4 acres and will be home to the new Brookland City Park. The current park, located

behind 309 N. Bernis, will be moved to 202 Smith Street. Land at the current park will be subdivided and sold as R-1 for single family homes. The water improvement project is moving forward. The new well has been drilled and installed, the 400,000-gallon water storage tank has been finished, water line improvement project is proceeding, and new well house is started. The new well scheduled to be on line in February. We want to thank everyone for their patience as construction of these projects near completion. There is still a lot of work to be done on water line work throughout our city. Once these lines have been charged, tested, and approved by the Arkansas Health Department residences will start being moved to the new main. Yards that have been disturbed where work has been done, will be leveled and cleaned up. The contractor who is doing the work will strive to get them back to pre-construction stage. Street widening projects currently being worked on is Stevens and W. Matthews. Several other street projects are scheduled for 2018. I just want to remind everyone that leaving trash carts out by city streets is breaking a city ordinance. The problem is created when cars meet on city streets and one of these trash cans is hit by a vehicle and causes damage. Are you aware if you leave a trash can on the side of a city street and a car hits it or it causes a wreck, you the home

owner/renter could be held responsible?

Brookland School's new sports arena opened this fall. If you have not had the opportunity to go watch a basketball game, I suggest you do. What a great addition to Brookland School.

The sidewalk between Brookland Elementary and Brookland Middle School is scheduled to start as soon as the temperature will allow.

It has been COLD! Just want to remind you to leave your cabinet doors open not only in your kitchen, but on your bathroom vanities as well. Put insulated covers over your outside faucets and insulate your pipes. I even leave each faucet in my home on with a drip. This might just stop my water pipes from freezing saving me a plumber's fee. Let's remember to check on our elderly citizens and neighbors throughout this cold weather season, and remember your outside pets have plenty of warm bedding and fresh water daily.

I pray everyone has a Blessed 2018.

*Mayor Jones*



## **Winter Tips**

Once again, winter is upon us. Just a few tips to help you through the cold: **1)** Keep your cabinet doors open on cold nights to help keep your pipes from freezing. **2)** Have someone check the antifreeze in your car. **3)** Care for your animals outside.

**Happy 2018!**



## 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 with the recycle triangle. 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.

Also, remember to recycle your newspapers and old magazines. Put them in a separate sack and put them out with your bluebag.

### Bluebag Winners:

10/6/17 - Robbie Polsgrove  
 10/13/17 - Charles Cesare  
 10/20/17 - Jeanette Gambill  
 10/27/17 - Nelda Milburn  
 11/3/17 - Julie Miller  
 11/10/17 - Denise Campbell  
 11/17/17 - Anna Jones  
 11/24/17 - Kathy Ferguson  
 12/1/17 - Pat Kimble  
 12/8/17 - MC Taylor  
 12/15/17 - Irene Elder  
 12/22/17 - Barbara Sutfin  
 12/29/17 - Leigh Ann Cross



## Christmas Parade

### Update:

The theme was "Christmas Melodies" for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Brookland Christmas Parade on December 3, 2017.

We had warm weather with temps in the high 60's to low 70's and the participant and spectator turnout was great! All the float entrants did a great job of creating really good floats this year and they are commended for their hard work.

Winners are as follows:

**Float:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Connection Point Baptist Church; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Brookland United Methodist Church; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Brookland Student Council.

**Antique Tractors:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Christopher Williams, 1945 John Deere H; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Leonard Dacus, 1956 Allis Chalmers WD-45; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ronnie Light, 1962 Allis Chalmers D-17.

**Horse & Rider:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Amanda Bailey riding "Oliver"; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Greene County 4-H Club riders; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Cameron Collin riding "Charlie".

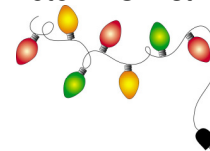
**Motor Cycle/ATV:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Goldwing-Chapter D Ridge Riders; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

- Al Fisher; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Dan Passmore family.

**Antique/Classic Vehicle:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Johnny Maynard, 1986 Corvette; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Chris Ayers, 1966 Mustang ; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jim & Sandy Clariday, 1946 Pontiac LeMans.

**Miscellaneous Division:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Brookland JROTC; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Brookland Band; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Gary Grim "driving patriotic decorated golf cart."

The date for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Brookland Christmas parade is to be December 2, 2018 and the theme will be "Hometown Christmas".



## Christmas Light

### Contest Winners:

The judging of the annual residential Christmas light contest for city residents was held December 11. Donald Mink at 201 W. Hinkley was the first place winner and received the \$100 prize. Jeff & Shelly Chaplain at 119 Nelda Lane was the second place winner and was awarded the \$75 prize. Michelle Cobb at 117-A Hayes Street won the \$50 third place prize, with her "Star Wars" themed display.

Thanks to everyone who decorated their yards and

houses and to everyone in the community who decorated their homes for the holidays.



***New Antioch Baptist Church***

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New Antioch Baptist Church will be having a Community Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31 at 2:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend this event.

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](mailto:newantiochbc@gmail.com) at [newantiochbc@gmail.com](http://newantiochbc@gmail.com), check them out on Facebook or visit the church website [newantiochbaptistchurch.com](http://newantiochbaptistchurch.com). Tony Stottlemire is the pastor.

**City Calendar:**

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**January**



01/01 - City Offices Closed - Holiday

01/08 - Planning Commission meeting @ 6:00 pm

01/08 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm

01/15 - City Offices Closed - MLK Holiday

01/16- Sr. Citizens Pot Luck @ 11:30 at City Hall

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**February**



02/05 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

02/12 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm

02/16 - Make A Wish Roadblocks (Hwy 49-B and Christy Street beside Kum & Go and at both Jordan's Kwik Stop locations)

02/19 - City Offices Closed - President's Day Holiday

02/20 - Sr. Citizens Pot Luck @ 11:30 at City Hall

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**March**



03/05 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

03/12 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm

03/20 - Sr. Citizens Pot Luck @ 11:30 at City Hall

03/30 - City offices closed for Good Friday Holiday

03/31 - Community Easter Egg Hunt at New Antioch Baptist Church

**REMINDER TO BUSINESS OWNERS:  
2018 Privilege License are due February 28.**



**20th Annual Have A Heart Wish\*A\*Thon for Make A Wish February 16, 2018**

Make plans to stop at one of our Brookland roadblock locations in front of Danny's Diner and at both Jordan's Kwik Stop locations and make a donation to help make kids wishes come true! If you are interested in volunteering at one of the Brookland roadblocks, contact Brookland City Hall to complete the paperwork for a background check and let us know what time you would be available to volunteer so we can add you to the schedule.