

Brookland News

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From the Mayor's Desk:

I hope everyone had a great New Year. As we say goodbye to 2018 and look to 2019 we have several things to give our thanks for. Our city is growing, school is growing, new homes are being built, new bank is coming to city, and several businesses are looking at us as well. Things are looking very good for our future. Our 4.7-million-dollar water project is 90% complete. We are now upgrading main water lines to the outer areas. This includes new main lines south to Crain road along HWY 49, north to city limits along west side of HWY 49, east to city limits along East School Street, and many others. HWY 49 and School Street intersection turn lanes on east and west bound lanes are a priority for 2019. We have it listed on the North East Arkansas Transportation board priority list for their next TIP money. However, it will be 2023 before this funding becomes available. As our community grows, our school district grows, the issue at this intersection will continue to be a major issue. What I have asked the city council to consider, is a Franchise Tax Bond. This is done by ordinance that dedicates a percentage of the current franchise tax to make the bond payment. We will keep you posted on this issue. At School Street and Holman (HWY49B) we are looking into some pedestrian crosswalk lights. It will be activated by a pedestrian pushing a button that triggers the light. AR-DOT will have to approve the lights we choose before they can be installed.

Drainage will continue to be a work in process. We will finish our retention pond and ditch clean out at 307 N. Bernis. The new culvert installation on W. Matthews will be completed on north side. Northern Heights subdivision ditch work will start in 2019. This will be done in three phases. Phase one will be from HWY 49 to Christy. Phase two will be from Christy to Teresa. Phase three will be from Teresa to Janis. Engineers are working on drawings. When completed, this drainage ditch will work in conjunction with the school detention ponds and the detention ponds at E. School and Holman.

Work will continue along Stevens Street, East and West Matthews, Eason Street from East Hinkley to Maple Slough Ditch for future widening of these roads. Drainage ditches along Brooks Street are in the planning stage. State aid funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 dollars overlaid Hayes Street, Eason Street from Maple Slough Ditch to Three Notch Road, and Whitten Creek Road from E School Street to Stevens Street. We will apply again for this funding in 2020.

The library project is moving forward, and you should see work beginning at 401 Holman soon. Plan is to get library up and running, then start on museum side. If you pass by the stores, day or night, you can see the 1941 Chevrolet Fire truck owned by the City of Brookland sitting inside. This was the city's first fire truck and it will be on display in the museum. We will be looking for volunteers to help with these projects in the future.

The Storm Shelter at 407 Holman is ready for use. Though it is not painted on the outside, the structure is ready. The multi complex room on the west end of the storm shelter is being remodeled. Once complete, it will be available to rent by citizens of the city for use.

Plans are in the preliminary stage for the lots between the library/museum and the storm shelter/multi-complex buildings, to utilize the area for a Brookland City Veterans Memorial. Brookland City Council recently formed a Veterans Memorial Committee and will ask them to look at this area. As the committee meets and presents ideas, we will keep you posted. Watch the website for future announcements. I want everyone to remember our veterans past and present, and say a prayer for them and their families as well as those actively serving in the military.

I pray all of you have a Blessed New Year 2019!

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 2019!



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:

10/5/18 - Betty Gray
10/12/18 - Julie Miller
10/19/18 - Angie Smith
10/26/18 - MC Taylor
11/2/18 - Connie Nesmith
11/9/18 - Lorie Elmore
11/16/18 - Denise Campbell
11/23/18 - Wendy Stotts
11/30/18 - Kathy Ferguson
12/7/18 - Kristine Hammonds
12/14/18 - Frankie Loyd
12/21/18 - Era J. Jackson
12/28/18 - Haven Dacus



Christmas Parade

Update:

The theme was "Hometown Christmas" for the 18th annual Brookland Christmas Parade on December 2, 2018.

We were blessed with another year of great weather and the participant and spectator turnout was great! All the float entrants did a great job of creating really good floats this year and were so creative in how they portrayed the theme. They are all to be commended for their hard work.

Winners are as follows:

Float: 1st Place – Connection Point Baptist Church; 2nd Place – Restore Church; 3rd Place – H & R Block.
Antique Tractors: 1st Place – Christopher Williams, 1945 John Deere H; 2nd Place – Gerald Henry, 1948 Farmall Cub; 3rd Place – Rick McGarity, 1942 Case DC.

Horse & Rider: 1st Place – Gracie Elkin riding "Jelly Bean"; 2nd Place – Greene County 4-H Horse Club riders; 3rd Place - Carrie Rossman riding "Lucy".

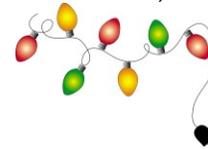
Motor Cycle/ATV: 1st Place - Fisher / Weaver families; 2nd Place - Keith Cooper; 3rd Place - Larry Davis.

Antique/Classic Vehicle: 1st Place – Dennis Johnston, 1961 Ford F-

100; 2nd Place – Jack and Lola Wyatt, 1956 Volkswagon Beetle ; 3rd Place – Jeff & Sandy Dutton, 1965 Volkswagon Microbus.

Miscellaneous Division: 1st Place – Girl Scout Troop 3486 "Whoville"; 2nd Place – Brookland JROTC; 3rd Place – Brookland Band.

The date for the 19th annual Brookland Christmas parade is to be December 1, 2019.



Christmas Light

Contest Winners:

The judging of the annual residential Christmas light contest for city residents was held December 10. Judy Jones at 400 Stevens was the first place winner and received the \$100 prize. Donald Mink at 203 W. Hinkley was the second place winner and was awarded the \$75 prize. Katherine Carmon at 311 North Oak Street won the \$50 third place prize, with her display.

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



City Calendar:

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January



12/31 - 01/01 - City Offices Closed - New Year Holiday

01/07 - Planning Commission meeting @ 6:00 pm

01/14 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm

01/21 - City Offices Closed - MLK Holiday

01/15- 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

02/15 - Make A Wish Roadblocks (Hwy 49-B and Christy Street beside Kum & Go and at both Jordan's Kwik Stop locations)

02/18 - City Offices Closed - President's Day Holiday

02/19 - Sr. Citizens Pot Luck @ 11:30 at City Hall

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March



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

03/11 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm

03/19 - Sr. Citizens Pot Luck @ 11:30 at City Hall

REMINDER TO BUSINESS OWNERS: 2019 Privilege License are due February 28.



21st Annual Have A Heart Wish*A*Thon for Make A Wish February 15, 2019

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 and let us know what time you would be available to

volunteer so we can add you to the schedule.



Brookland Planning Commission Changes Monthly Meeting Day



At their January 2019 meeting, the Brookland Planning Commission voted to change the day of their monthly meetings. Effective February 1, 2019, the Planning Commission meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month.