

From the Mayor's Desk:

At the March city council meeting, I gave the 2019 state of the city address. In summary, all current indicators are good for our city.

The proposed Veteran's Memorial, Library and Museum, along with street overlay and drainage projects, including new culverts, and detention ponds is positive progress for our city.

The 2020 census is a year away and we need to start preparing for it now. Since our last census, our population count has increased substantially. This growth will increase our funding that is received, and our city will be financially sound. The additional revenue will allow our city to do more infrastructure projects that will improve the quality of life for our citizens. Preliminary infrastructure improvement projects in our future include wider streets with curb and gutter, parks that will be vibrant and give the community a place to enjoy our city without leaving and a baseball/softball complex that will give our children a place to have ball games and tournaments. This positive planning will help

our city attract businesses and families will locate in our city because it is a good place to live and raise their children, and they will have a great school to attend.

Have a great spring and be cautious of our children, who will be more active now that the weather is warming up.

Mayor Jones

City Wide



April 5 & 6

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



Brookland Utilities Online Bill Pay

Brookland Utilities (BU) has partnered with Nexbillpay to give residents the option to pay their bill by phone or online. There is a \$2 or 2.75% fee associated with online pay.

However, due to problems with receiving utility bills from post office in a timely manner, BU is encouraging residents to set up their accounts with Nexbillpay, so they can receive notification of the amount of the new bill each month by free text and/or

email(standard message and data rates may apply). To sign up, each resident must have their account number. The online pay can be access through our website brooklandarkansas.org.

Hopefully this will eliminate the water bill delivery issue.

Customers do not have to actually pay their bills online, but having an account established allows them to receive electronic notification of the amount they owe. The phone number to call in your payment is 1-844-293-9814.

DOXO Bill Payment Warning:

Several customers have used a search engine, such as google to pay their bills online and often end up on the DOXO online payment website. DO NOT USE DOXO TO PAY YOUR BU BILL! The website appears to be affiliated with the water system or municipality, but it is not. "doxo.com" may charge extra or higher fees, and BU cannot control when our utility will receive payments from doxo.com, because they come in the form of a check. This could result in late payment fees or disconnection due to non payment. Therefore, **BU advises customers to ONLY utilize the ONLINE PAYMENT link on our website for online bill pay.**



BROOKLAND HOMETOWN FESTIVAL

June 15
10am - 8pm
Free Community Fun Day
184 Cotton Lane
Games, Singing, Food
Car/Tractor Show \$10
BBQ Contest \$25 entry fee
Vendor Spaces \$25



This event will be held off of the west side of Hwy 49-B N; between Kum & Go and the RoundUp Music Show. There is a Facebook page for more information.

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.

Mowing around your Water Meter Reminder:

Finally some sunshine and warmer weather. With the rising temps, citizens will start cleaning yards and mowing soon. Brookland

Utilities wants to remind everyone to pay attention to your water meters. The new radio read meters that were installed in the summer of 2016, sit up higher than the older style, and running a lawn mower over the top of them with the deck too low can damage the radio, cord, meter box and/or other meter components. The City Council enacted ordinance 2016-02, which states that repairs to damaged water meters is the responsibility of the owner/occupant, and lists the fees that will be invoiced to repair the damaged components. Remember to check your yard after it is mowed, and immediately report any meter damage to the lawn care provider. (A copy of this ordinance can be viewed on the city website brooklandarkansas.org.) The office will receive an alarm notification when the meter is not communicating with the billing software, and city workers will notify residents of any damage that is found. Please be proactive and notify your mowing service when you hire them about avoiding the meter box in your yard.



**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 8-12, 2019

Any items placed on the curb after 04/12/19 will be the responsibility of the resident to dispose of.



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:

1/4/19 - **Shelby Hasting**
1/11/19 - **Mikayla Williams**
1/18/19 - **Denise Campbell**
1/25/19 - **Frankie Loyd**
2/1/19- **Barbara Wortham**
2/8/19 - **Jeanette Gambill**
2/15/19 - **Sandra Platz**
2/22/19 - **Stephanie Jernigan**
3/1/19 - **Bernice Bishop**
3/8/19 - **Shona Potts**
3/15/19 - **Jevonna Luna**
3/22/19- **JD McHalfey**
3/29/19- **Kathy Ferguson**

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

Community Calendar:



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

04/03 - Noon deadline for City Council agenda

04/05-06 – City Wide Yard Sale

04/06 - Brookland Church of Christ Ladies Day; 8:30am - 11am

04/08-12 – Spring Clean Sweep (for city residents only)

04/08 – City Council Meeting at 7pm at City Hall

04/16 – Senior Citizen's Potluck at 11:30 at City Hall

04/19 - City offices closed for Good Friday Holiday

04/20 - Community Easter Egg Hunt at New Antioch Baptist Church 11am

04/21 - Easter Sunday

04/21 - Easter Cantata "In Christ Alone" at New Antioch Baptist Church at 11am

04/21 - Egg Hunt at Brookland Church of Christ at 2:30pm



05/01 - Noon deadline for Planning Commission agenda

05/07 – Planning Commission meeting at 7pm

05/08 - Noon deadline for City Council agenda

05/12 – Happy Mother's Day!

05/13 – City Council meeting at 7pm

05/18 - Area Wide Singing at Brookland Church of Christ; 6pm-8pm

05/21 – Senior Citizens potluck at 11:30am at City Hall

05/27 – City offices will be closed for Memorial Day holiday

5/29 - Noon deadline for Planning Commission agenda



06/04 – Planning Commission meeting at 7pm

06/05 - Noon deadline for City Council agenda

06/10 – City Council meeting at 7pm

06/15 - Brookland Hometown Festival @ 184 Cotton Lane

06/16 – Happy Father's Day!

06/17-20 - VBS at Brookland Church of Christ; 6:30-8pm

06/18 – Senior Citizens potluck at 11:30am at City Hall

06/23-27 - VBS at New Antioch Baptist Church; 5:55pm - 8:30pm; Theme: "In The Wild".

06/26 - Noon deadline for Planning Commission agenda



*New Antioch
Baptist Church
429 CR 950-Goobertown*

New Antioch Baptist Church will have a Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20 at 11:00am. On April 21, they choir will present their Easter Cantata "In Christ Alone" at 11:00am.

In June, Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 23-27 from 5:55pm - 8:30pm. The theme is "In The Wild". They will be heading out on a wild adventure where snapshots of God's animal creation will be gathered

and they will also examine snapshots of Jesus in the Bible. Nightly there will be singing, games and children will learn about Jesus. Supper will be provided each night. On April 27, there will be a Family Night where all parents are invited to come and see the musical "In The Wild". Supper will be served following the program. All children grades Kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to attend. Pre-registration is available on the website.

Tony Stottlemyer is the pastor and everyone in the community is invited to the above mentioned events. For more information and times of events, please call the church office at 870-972-0339, email at newantiochbc@gmail.com, or check them out on their Facebook page at New Antioch Baptist Church. The church website is newantiochbaptistchurch.com.

***Brookland Church of Christ
9664 Hwy 49-B N

"Erasing Bitterness When Life Happens" is the theme for the Brookland Church of Christ Ladies Day meeting on April 6, 2019. The speaker is Labeth Brewer from Bay, AR. Registration begins at 8:30am; breakfast is at 9:00am and the lesson starts at 10:00am.

Egg Hunt at Brookland COC will be Sunday, April 21 from 2:30-4:30pm. Come enjoy an egg hunt and snacks.

Area Wide Singing will be May 18 from 6pm - 8pm. Refreshments will follow in the Annex building. Everyone is invited to come join in heartfelt song and fellowship!

Vacation Bible School will be June 17-20 and will begin at 6:30pm and end at 8pm each

night. The theme is "Order In His Court's; with the Judges of Israel" so everyone is invited to come meet the Judges of the Bible.

Brookland Church of Christ is located at 9664 Hwy 49-B N and Tony Pulliam is the minister. The contact number for the church is (870)932-5307.

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Wastewater Info:

Cooking oil and grease is an issue I need to address. I want to make residents aware of the consequences of putting cooking grease/oil down the sink drain. 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.*