

Brookland News

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From the Mayor's Desk:

Can you believe 2023 is half over? First let me say I hope everyone had a Blessed and Happy 4th of July. Our city is growing and there is so much to talk about that I don't know where to begin.

Home construction in the City of Brookland is still good. We currently have 16 developers building in our city. 1- multi-family residence on East School Street; Wagner Place which consists of 15- multi-family residences; 5 - developments of two to seven single-family homes; 6- developments of 100 single-family homes; 3- areas where the property has been purchased and single-family homes are being planned. Commercial projects currently under construction is Harp's Foods. I spoke to the contractor, and depending on weather they hope to open in December.

A little farther north on Hwy 49, earth work is beginning at the location of the new Family Dollar/Dollar Tree that is coming to Brookland. McDonalds is also preparing to break ground and will be located just across the road from Sonic. The strip mall has been completed just west of the bank on West School St. and includes the following businesses: Trauma Hog BBQ, THQ Event Center, Robert Byrd Insurance

Agency, Courage Counseling and four pet groomers. Also on the same lot with the strip mall is a new car wash, Laguna Auto Spa. The new businesses under construction, new businesses recently opened, along with the established businesses will make Brookland stronger. Please go to our website; cityofbrookland.com and under the Residents tab, click on businesses to view a list of all current businesses in the City of Brookland. These businesses are really appreciated and are the foundation of what we have going on today! Thanks to all of you!

Earth work has started on the sports-plex and the two inner city parks. The plans for the new municipal building has been finalized and the architect is in the final stage of preparing drawings. It will be located on the northeast corner of the Sports Complex property. Still in the works is the dog park and Brookland Museum.

I want to introduce you to our latest personnel addition. Mike Bishop has been hired as the new city engineer. In the short time Mike has been here he has moved our stormwater program steps ahead of where it was, and has helped the city with all the new construction that we have in progress. Mike is

working on the structure to the future Brookland Museum so we can move this project along. He will be working to prepare our engineering department for the future.

Brookland operates by the Fire Protection, Plumbing, HVAC and Electrical Codes, all adopted by the State of Arkansas. These codes are adopted by the City of Brookland by Ordinance as required by Arkansas State Law. They are for the protection and welfare of the homeowners. While these are the guidelines to protect future owners, it is also to protect the developer and sub-contractors by making sure that the guidelines are followed. Permits are required by sub-contractors, and their license number is documented on the permit application. The city inspector checks their license number to insure they are certified by the State of Arkansas to do their specified job.

The Street Department is working with the city engineer to widen West Matthews. Workers will be very busy in the next few months cleaning ditches, mowing grass and grading gravel roads.

The City of Brookland will be holding a planning Charette meeting. This will be a public meeting in which citizens can have input about the future of our city. We are working with

James Walden on dates to hold the Charette meeting. Future weather forecast show our temperatures to be at 100 degrees or above. Makes me think about the drought in 1980, with several days in a row above 100 degrees and a couple days the actual temperature reached 105 to 107 degrees. In the earlier years, we didn't even know what a "feels like temperature" was. We knew when it was muggy and that we needed to stay hydrated. I am saying this so that you can continue outside activities, but realize when you're getting too hot, you need to stay hydrated, get in the shade or inside your home to cool off. It's the time of the year when children are out playing, so please remember to follow speed limit signs, slow down in residential areas, and pay attention to your surroundings. We want this to be a safe and enjoyable summer for everyone.

Mayor Jones



*Have a Safe and
Happy 4th of July
Holiday!*



**Fireworks Ordinance
Reminder**

Fireworks may be discharged between the hours of 10 am & 10 pm 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.



**REMINDER FROM
DEDMAN'S SANITATION
REGARDING DISPOSAL
OF YARD WASTE:**

Dedman's Sanitation wants to remind residents about not putting yard waste and grass clippings in their trash carts. State law prohibits yard waste disposal at the solid waste management facility.

The City of Brookland's MS-4 Stormwater Permit, issued by ADEQ, also prohibits grass clippings from being placed in city ditches.

Residents can contact the Jonesboro City Incinerator at 870-932-7520 for their hours and fees, to haul the grass clippings to their site at 2650 Lacy Dr.



**MOSQUITO CONTROL
INFORMATION**

As you may have noticed mosquito populations have really 'bloomed' as of late. This, however was not unexpected for it is that time of year again.

Preparations for the 4th have begun and will continue until the fourth. Nightly spraying will increase as we move through the coming months to help battle the bugs. Individuals with major events planned for the 4th are

welcome to call our office for extra treatment (870 933-6939). Please be aware this is not a door to door service so please use common sense when requesting. We are usually inundated with calls around the 4th so the earlier you call to schedule the better chance you have to get treated.

Have happy and safe 4th of July!

Jim Stark
VDCI

Regional Contract Supervisor
Vector Disease Control International

**CITY HALL NEW
OFFICE HOURS**



**6:30AM - 5:00PM
MONDAY-THURSDAY**



CLOSED FRIDAY



**SWIMMING POOL
REGULATIONS**



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 or can be viewed on the website.





RECYCLE CHANGES!

The City of Brookland is discontinuing the curbside bluebag pickup effective June 30, 2023. Anyone wishing to continue to recycle, may take your bags to Abilities Unlimited Recycle Center located at 806 Burke Ave., Jonesboro. (Effective July 1, 2023 the Abilities Unlimited Recycling Center will **no longer take glass products.**)

The **CARDBOARD ONLY** dumpsters will be moved to 300 Missouri Street, near the Marck Recycling facility.

Community Calendar:

July



07/04 - Happy Independence Day!

07/04 - City offices closed for Independence Day Holiday

07/10 - City Council Meeting 7:00 pm @ City Hall

07/17 - Parks Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ City Hall

August



08/08 - Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm @ City Hall

08/14 - City Council Meeting 7:00 pm @ City Hall

08/21 - Parks Committee Meeting 6:00pm @ City Hall

September



09/04 - City Offices closed for Labor Day Holiday

09/05- Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 pm @ City Hall

09/11 - City Council Meeting 7:00 pm @ City Hall

09/18 - Parks Committee Meeting 6:00pm @ City Hall



Brookland Utilities Update:

This is a reminder that our radio-read water meters provide utility employees with a great deal of information, and allow us to notify customers in the event that there is high usage or continual low usage; for example if you are watering your flowers or garden and accidentally leave the hose on, the meter will send notification of continual usage. During the process of trying to contact customers, we have found that a lot of the phone numbers are no longer working numbers. Several residents have switched from landlines to cell phones, but have not updated their phone numbers. Please call and let us know what your correct phone number is, if your number has changed. We also have a system to send e-mail and/or texts to remind customers that their bills haven't been paid. Please contact city hall at (870)935-0538 and provide your e-mail if you would like to receive notifications.

Tim Harrington
Water/Wastewater Supt.



DANGEROUS HEAT ADVISORY TIPS FOR OUTSIDE DOGS

Hundreds of pets will die of heatstroke this year - don't let it be yours.

1. Be sure your pet has a shaded area all day long. Dogs cannot get cool in their dog houses.
2. Be sure your pet has cool water located in the shade all day long - consider changing it out 3 or 4 times a day.
3. Consider putting a kid's swimming pool with a couple of inches of water in the shaded area with the dog.
4. Take a 2 liter bottle, fill it 3/4 with water, add a few dog kibbles and freeze it. When frozen cut the plastic from around the ice and put the ice in a pan, in the water bowl or in the swimming pool.
5. Don't take your pet with you in your vehicle, especially in the back of a truck - the metal can burn their feet.
6. Be sure your pet has something other than concrete to lie on. Don't take

them for walks. Concrete or asphalt can actually burn their feet.

BEST WAY TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE HEAT IS TO BRING YOUR PETS INSIDE. Put them in a crate or behind a baby gate until the weather cools.



Holiday Closing

City offices will be closed Tuesday-July 4th in observance of Independence Day Holiday



22nd Annual Brookland Christmas Parade

The 22nd Annual Brookland Christmas Parade will be Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 2:00pm. The theme will be "Christmas Around the World". Mark the date on your calendars!



STORMWATER POLLUTION

*The difference is you-
The Drain Is Just For
Rain*

Stormwater is rain that falls on roofs or paved areas like driveways and roads. This water is carried away by a system of stormwater pipes that is separate from the sewage system. It soon reaches our rivers and eventually the ocean.

We can help prevent stormwater pollution from ruining our waterways by taking steps to stop detergents, paints, leaves, cigarette butts and other litter from ending up in our drains and ditches.

CLEANING YOUR CAR

If you wash your car in the street or on your driveway, soaps, mud, oil and grease can wash directly into the stormwater system. Many soaps contain phosphates which over-fertilize waterways and can lead to a buildup of toxic algae which is

harmful to fish and humans too.

What can we do to help?

- 1). Try to wash your vehicle on a grassy area or over gravel
- 2). Use as little soap as possible
- 3). Check for any fluid leaks and maintain your car.

CLEANING UP

PAINTING SUPPLIES

Cleaning paint brushes and rollers into gutters or drains puts chemicals in the water which can poison aquatic wildlife such as fish, frogs and even birds.

What can we do to help?

- 1). When using water-based paint, clean up over soil.
- 2). When using oil-based paint: - keep paint and solvents clear of gutters and drains - allows unused paint to dry out and then put it in the trash.