

Brookland News

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From the Mayor's Desk:

I was mainly going to update you on our projects in this newsletter. However, some things have happened just in the last few days, that I want to mention upfront.

The City of Brookland has applied for a Delta Regional Authority (DRA) Critical Infrastructure Grant. If awarded, this grant will help us partner with ARDOT in improving the HWY 49 and School Street Intersection. I would like to mention how the local businesses and developers have stepped up, providing letters of support for the HWY 49 and School Street Intersection improvement project. We began sending emails and making phone calls to all the local businesses and developers requesting this letter of support and I am very pleased to say that the response has been AMAZING. So if you stop at any of our local businesses, tell them thank you for their support letter that will improve our chances of receiving this grant.

Update on HWY 49 & Pine Log Road Intersection Signal. The City of Brookland is in the final stage of an internal traffic study to present to ARDOT. After our meeting with ARDOT officials in August, they agreed to also do a traffic study to see if there was a change in the car count information they collected. ARDOT has shown that a signal light is needed at this intersection; however, the volume of cars that indicate the signal light is needed does not meet the car count requirements to get 80/10/10 matching funds. It currently meets the requirements of 50/50 matching

funds. Once the study is completed, and all information is presented to ARDOT, a decision will be determined, and we will move forward with this project also. The intersections at School Street & HWY 49 and Pine Log (aka CR 762) & HWY 49 are crucial to the traffic flow around Brookland School.

Sports-Plex Job 1 is complete. I spoke with Fisher Arnold Engineers and they will let Job 2 out this month.

We received quotes on the two inner city parks playground equipment from Fisher Arnold. The equipment and pavilion was over \$453,078.71. Our total budget for both parks when we started in 2021, was estimated to cost us around \$500k completed. Inflation is affecting all of us. I plan to give you an update on the Sports-Plex and the two inner city parks in the January newsletter.

The sidewalk from School Street, north to Jessica Lane, is in the second phase of planning with ARDOT. Once this is completed, we will be notified of a date to meet with ARDOT about construction.

Harp's Grocery Store is progressing daily. I have heard they are working to have the construction completed in December.

McDonald's is progressing daily as well. I think we will be able to report it is open in the next newsletter.

I also want to let you know that there are several streets planned to be overlaid in 2024. Two of them are W. Matthews and Stevens Street. You have seen the drainage work being done at the intersection of S Bernis and Stevens. This drainage work will

reduce the drainage issues in the area.

Work has started on the Brookland Museum. Contractors are putting concrete mortar in the original concrete bricks where mortar has been falling out. This will stabilize the building. Outside is complete and we will be starting the inside soon.

The North Oak Sewer Project is complete. We will begin to look at our next sewer projects which are the Eason Lift Station upgrade, sewer extension south along HWY 49 to the southern city limits and extending sewer along HWY 230 to the property purchased by Brookland School. Brookland School has purchased the Pittman property just east of Woods Chapel General Baptist Church. When completed, this will spread out the Brookland School Campus, which should help with vehicle congestion on School St. and N. Oak.

Two subdivisions on Whitten Creek Road are moving forward and we should see construction on homes begin in the near future.

As we move into the last quarter of 2023, we have a lot to be thankful for. Our city is blessed with growth, that equals opportunity. We will continue to strive to keep our city safe. We still need your help to do so. If you see anything, or hear anything, please do not hesitate to contact Brookland Police Department or City Hall. During the last quarter we will have several holidays, and I pray you all have a Safe and Happy Holiday season.

Mayor Jones



Brookland
Christmas Parade
Dec. 3 @ 2:00 pm



The City of Brookland is scheduled to have the 22nd annual Christmas parade on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2:00 pm.

The theme is "Christmas Around The World". 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:



10/03 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

10/09 - City offices closed for Columbus Day

10/09- City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm

10/16 - Parks Committee meeting @ 7:00pm



11/07 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

11/13 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm

11/20 - Parks Committee meeting @ 7:00 pm

11/23-24 - Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday



12/03 - Christmas Parade @ 2:00 pm. Theme "Christmas Around The World"

12/5- Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

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

12/18 - Parks Committee meeting @ 7:00 pm

12/25-26 City offices closed for Christmas holiday

1/1/24 - City offices closed for New Year's holiday



Christmas Light Contest

The annual residential Brookland Christmas light judging will be December 11. 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.



Notes from the Police Dept. regarding adequate visible address on residence:



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.

