

Brookland News

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From the Mayor's Desk:
October 1st is here. The new 400,000 gallon water tank is built and will be painted this month. Rainwater Construction is 50% complete with the new 8" water main. New water well casement is complete and the new well house will start construction this month. Once all is complete it will go through several weeks of inspections, and water testing to insure water quality is ready for our citizens.

After several years of planning, work, and prayers our Brookland Museum and Library may finally move forward. The city has made an offer to purchase the two buildings occupied by Nightingale Heat and Air. These two buildings will allow the city to move forward with these projects. It will provide citizens and visitors a place to walk through the history of our Great City of Brookland. The library will give people that do not have a way to go to the library in other cities, access to the books and computers here in their own city. Citizens can walk to the museum/library. I know there are a few residents that feel this is not needed, but there are several students and residents that go to the library in Jonesboro who will be able to stay in their city and have the same options. Also with the availability of these two buildings, I will ask the city

council to look at locating our Veterans Memorial in the location of the old Brookland Bank and Jones Mercantile. The Museum and Library, Veteran's Memorial, Storm Shelter, and Senior Citizens building will all located in this block. The concrete work on the Storm Shelter building is complete and work will continue over the next few months to finish roof, add electric, heat/air, and bathrooms. Our goal is to have this facility available by the December/January storm season.

The new North Oak Sidewalk that will connect Brookland Elementary to Brookland Middle School has been approved by ARDOT and is ready to advertise bids. Once bidding is complete, we will be ready to start construction. The two detention ponds at the corner of East School and Holman (49B) are complete. We still have a little clean up and concrete to add to the edge of the asphalt along E School Street.

Two streets that we will begin widening this winter are West Matthews and Stevens Street. Also, still in the plans for 2018 through the ARDOT State Aid Street program are Hayes Street, Eason Street (from Maple Slough Ditch to Three Notch Road), and Whitten Creek Road between Stevens and School Street. The City of Brookland and Craighead County Road Department have teamed up

on Eason Street and Whitten Creek Road to get both roads ready to overlay.

On August 1 and 2 the city was audited by ADEQ for our Storm Water Prevention Plan (SWPP) as determined by our MS4 permit. Our audit showed deficiencies in documentation of how we monitor our Storm Water Prevention Plan which is defined in Ordinance 2009-1. We will start in this newsletter adding a theme that helps both the developers and citizens understand this process.

This is the last quarter newsletter of the year. The holiday seasons will be upon us soon. I pray everyone has a safe Holiday Season.

Mayor Jones

City-Wide Fall Yard Sale

Oct. 6 & 7



Please contact City Hall at (870)935-0538 if you want your address included on the map. Maps will be available at City Hall and Brookland Post Office.

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. 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.

NOTE: Please place your tags on the outside of the bags so that they are easily removable.

Bluebag Winners:

- 7/7/17 - Wyveta Groves
- 7/14/17 - Pat Nelms
- 7/21/17 - Eric Dacus
- 7/28/17 - Preston Jaynes
- 8/4/17 - Kirsten Millsap
- 8/11/17 - John Burns
- 8/18/17 - Jerry Hubble
- 8/25/17-Andrew Peters
- 9/1/17 - Presley Cesare
- 9/8/17 - Peyton Jaynes
- 9/15/17- Jessica Webb
- 9/22/17- Shonna Potts
- 9/29/17- Wendy Burton



**BROOKLAND
BAND
FALL
FESTIVAL**

**OCTOBER 7
10AM - 2PM**

The Brookland Band Boosters will have a fundraising event on Saturday, October 7 from 10 am until 2 pm. The event will be held in the Jr. High Parking Lot. If there is rain, the festival will be moved indoors to the cafeteria. There will be crafts, candy, live music, food, games and prizes. Game tickets will be 50 cents each and can be purchased at the festival. Booth vendors are being solicited and the booth space cost is \$20 each. Bring your family and friends and join in on the fall fun and support our band students! For more information, contact Donna at odom3@outlook.com.



**Brookland
Christmas Parade
Dec. 3 @ 2:00 pm**



The City of Brookland will have its 17th annual Christmas parade on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2:00 pm. The theme is "Christmas Melodies". 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. Refreshments will be served for parade participants at the Brookland City Hall immediately following the parade.

**Community
Calendar:**



10/01-04 - New Antioch Baptist Church Fall Revival @ 6:30 pm

10/02 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

10/06-07 - City Wide Yard Sale

10/07 - Brookland Band Fall Festival; 10:00 am until 2:00 pm @ Brookland Jr. High Parking Lot

10/07 - Wood's Chapel General Baptist Church Community Fun Day; 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

10/09 - City offices closed for Columbus Day

10/09-12 - Fall Clean Sweep

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

10/17 - Sr. Citizens Pot Luck @ City Hall; 11:30 am

10/16 - Great Arkansas Cleanup

10/22 - Wood's Chapel General Baptist Church; The Punches Family Bluegrass Gospel Group @ 5:00 pm

10/27 - Community Trunk or Treat; Danny's Diner 6:00 - 8:00 pm

10/31 - Brookland Church of Christ-"Trunk or Treat"; 6:00 - 7:30 pm

10/31 - New Antioch Baptist Church Fall Festival

10/31 - Connection Point Baptist Church-"Trail of Treats"; 6:00 to 7:30 pm



11/06 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

11/10 - City offices closed for Veteran's Day

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

11/14 - Sr. Citizen's Pot Luck @ City Hall; 11:30 am**NOTE DATE CHANGE

11/17 - Wood's Chapel General Baptist Church; Lefevre Quartet @ 7:00 pm

11/18 - Brookland United Methodist Church Fall Bazaar; 10:00 am until 3:00 pm

11/18 - Connection Point Baptist Church Chili Cook-Off and Live Auction @ 6:00 pm

11/23-24 - Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday



12/02 - Brookland Pet Vaccination Clinic at City Shop Building; 8:00 am to 11:00 am

12/03 - Christmas Parade @ 2:00 pm. Refreshments immediately following the parade at the Brookland City Hall.

12/04 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

12/10 - New Antioch Baptist Church Children's Christmas Program @ 6:00pm

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

12/12 - Sr. Citizen's Pot Luck @ City Hall; 11:30 am**NOTE DATE CHANGE

12/17 - New Antioch Baptist Church Christmas Cantata @ 11:00am

12/24 - Connection Point Baptist Church Christmas Eve Service @ 10:00 am

12/25-26 City offices closed for Christmas holiday

01/02 - City offices closed for New Year's holiday

Sr. Citizen's Monthly Potluck



The Sr. Citizen's pot luck lunch is the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11:30am at Brookland City Hall. (Note: Due to the holidays, the November and December meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of these months.) Bring a dish and come enjoy fellowship with other Brookland residents. Invite your neighbors and give your friends a ride. Special guest speakers on topics that affect senior citizens or singers provide entertainment each month.

Great Arkansas Cleanup

The City of Brookland and the Brookland EAST students will participate in the Great Arkansas Cleanup on Monday, October 16th from 3:30pm until 5:00pm. Groups of students and adults will be in various areas of town cleaning up trash in ditches and along streets. This event is sponsored by the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission who provides supplies necessary for the cleanup. Please drive safely while students are picking up litter.



New Antioch Baptist Church

A busy fall planned starting with a revival service beginning on October 1st through the 4th. Services will begin at 6:30pm each night and the evangelist is Jamar Andrews, who is the pastor at the Word Church in Jonesboro.

On October 31st, the annual Fall Festival will be held. There will be food, games, blow-up slide and lots of candy. Door prizes of three Wal-Mart gift cards will be given away. There is no charge for the festival and the community is invited to attend.

In December, Christmas will be celebrated beginning with the Children's Christmas Program on December 10 at 6:00pm. The Christmas Cantata will be on December 17 and will begin at 11:00am.

Everyone is invited to attend all of the events listed above. 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 at newantiochbc@gmail.com, check them out on Facebook or visit the church website newantiochbaptistchurch.com. Tony Stottlemire is the pastor.

Brookland Church of Christ

In September, the Brookland Church of Christ started their Bible & Breakfast Program for the new school year. This program is open to all young people who are attending school. A full breakfast is served beginning at 6:15am and ending at 7:10am on Wednesday mornings in the annex building. Following the breakfast, there will be a short devotional service

to sing and discuss a bible verse. At 7:15, the young people will be transported to school on the church bus. If there are any questions concerning the Bible & Breakfast Program, contact the church office.

The Brookland Church of Christ will be having a "Trunk or Treat" on October 31 on the parking lot and at the annex building of the church. There will be hot dogs, drinks and desserts along with a Haunted Room and a Costume Parade. The event will begin at 6:00pm and will end at 7:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend. 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.

***Brookland United
Methodist Church***

Brookland United Methodist Church will host its annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 18 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. A barbeque meal will be served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Vendor spots are available for \$25 each. For more information, contact, Gretchen Hunt at (870)219-9443.

BUMC is located at 301 West Matthews and Cory Pfeifer is the pastor. For more information regarding the above mentioned events, please call (870)935-3501.

***Connection Point
Baptist Church***

Connection Point Church will be hosting their 3rd annual Trail of Treats on October 31 from 6-7:30pm. Come follow the trail through candy stops and fun-filled props. It is a safe way to enjoy the night. Open to all in the community!

Connection Point Baptist Church would like to invite everyone to come out to their Chili Cook-off and Live Auction on November 18, starting at 6pm. There will be lots of great auction items and some of the best chili in Northeast Arkansas. To enter the cook-off, call 870-931-1076 and leave your contact number. Everyone is invited to attend the Christmas Eve Worship Service on December 24 at 10am. It will be a time of singing and celebration.

Connection Point Baptist Church is located at 600 West School Street (in front of Whitten Creek Apartments.) Chad White is the pastor. For more information concerning events at Connection Point, call 870-931-1076 or visit the church website MyConnectionPoint.org.

***Wood's Chapel
General Baptist Church***

On October 7, Wood's Chapel will be having a Community Fun Day from 11:00am until 3:00pm. There will be food and games and everyone is invited to attend.

The Punches Family, a bluegrass gospel group will sing on Sunday, October 22. The service will begin at 5:00 pm.

On Friday, November 17, the Lefevre Quartet will be ministering in song. This special night of singing will begin at 7:00 pm.

Need a ride to church? Wood's Chapel has a bus ministry available. To schedule a Wednesday night pickup, contact Russell at (870)897-0153. For Sunday pickup, call David at 870-4760419.

For more information on upcoming events at Wood's Chapel, contact their pastor Rick Hathcoat at 870-932-1780. The church is located at 175 Hwy. 230 E.



**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.



**Fall Clean
Sweep**



**Please place all
items on curb before
10/09/17**

Dedman's Sanitation will not pick up paint, oil or concrete. Yard waste, tree limbs and tires will be picked up by city workers. The final pickup day will be 10/12/17. Anything on the curb after that date is the resident's responsibility to dispose of.

Notes from the Police Dept:



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.



**COMMUNITY
TRUNK OR TREAT
10/27 @ 6-8pm - 701
Holman**

The Brookland Police Department and Danny's Diner have teamed up to have a community "Trunk or Treat". The event will be October 27 from 6-8pm at Danny's Diner, located at 701 Holman.

Any business or individual who would like to donate candy for this event, please contact Danny's Diner or Brookland Police Department at 870-336-2073.

Any individual who would like to set up a trunk or treat in the parking lot is welcome to do so. This is a FREE event and everyone in the community is invited to participate.



BROOKLAND PET VACCINATION CLINIC

Northeast Arkansans for Animals will have a pet vaccination clinic on Saturday, December 2. The event will begin at 8:00 am and end at 11:00 am. The location of the clinic is at the city shop building, located at 310 Hayes Street.

BROOKLAND STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

In 2001, Brookland was put into an urban status with Jonesboro, due to the population having 1,000 residents per square mile. This required Brookland to obtain a MS-4 permit to regulate storm water within the city limits.

In April of 2009, Ordinance 2009-1 was passed which implemented the Storm Water Pollution Prevention and Erosion Control Plan for the City of Brookland to be in compliance with our MS-4 permit.

The objectives of this ordinance is to maintain and improve the quality of water impacted by the storm drainage system within our city; to prevent discharge of contaminated storm water runoff and illicit discharges from industrial, commercial, residential and construction sites into the

storm drainage system; to promote public awareness of the hazards involved in the improper discharge of trash, yard waste, lawn chemicals, pet waste, wastewater, oil, petroleum, cleaning, and paint products, hazardous waste, sediment and other pollutants into storm drainage system; to facilitate compliance with state and federal standards and permits by owners of construction sites; and to enable the city to comply with all federal and state laws and regulations applicable to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting requirements for storm water discharge. Ordinance 2009-1 (Storm Water Pollution Prevention & Erosion Control Plan) is available to read in its entirety on the zoning/planning tab of the city website at brooklandarkansas.org.