

Brookland News

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From the Mayor's Desk:

Update on 2016 Water Improvement project. The replacement of the old AC water line in the city is complete. The new loop around our city is complete. Contractors are now finishing installation of the pressure control boxes. This is the large concrete vaults that you see being installed in different areas. They are going through now and finalizing individual service line connections. As this is completed, lawns should be leveled and cleaned. If residents have the dirt cave in over the new water line after contractor completes his job, they will need to call city hall and a work order will be issued to get the trench filled with dirt.

The new well house, pump, and 400,000-gallon water tank is complete. Once water tank is filled, tested, and the lab results are approved by the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), the new tank will go on line. Again, I want to thank you for your patience through the construction of the new water system.

The North Oak Street Water Line Extension bids were opened June 28, 2018 at city hall. Once the engineer completes his review of bids for this project, it will be awarded.

The Brookland Storm Shelter, located at 407 Holman is open. The storm shelter was available for residents to use for the first time during the tornado warning in May 2018. Sixteen people utilized the shelter. There is still a little work to be completed on the shelter itself. It is loud and echoes, due to the above ground concrete. We are looking into sound barrier materials to put on the walls and

ceiling. It may be loud, but it is a safe alternative for citizens to use during a severe storm event that is producing tornado warnings in our area.

Sidewalk project #100855, connecting Brookland Elementary and Brookland Middle School campuses together is nearing completion. Once we get AR-DOT approval, the bid process will begin for Safe Routes to School Sidewalk project #100935. This sidewalk will begin at the Holman and Stevens Street intersection and run north to School Street. You may have noticed the street work that has been done on the southerly section of Eason Street, on Hayes Street between E. School and E. Matthews Streets, and on Whitten Creek Road between Stevens Street and W. School St. These streets will be overlaid through the AR-DOT state aid street program. There will be work signs posted before the overlay process begins.

The City of Brookland has two more detention ponds planned. One will be located at 307 North Bernis and the other at the corner of East Matthews and Nelms Street. We are currently working with engineers on the main ditch that flows through Northern Heights Subdivision and drainage ditches along Brooks Street. We are looking at what engineers call a rain chain, along the Northern Heights ditch. This is where you take areas of a ditch and level the slope creating small areas of detention. This slowing down of the storm water helps support the detention ponds already in place while cleaning the ditches. This reduces the flooding that can take place downstream. The storm water event on May 25, 2018 was rare. We got 1 inch of rain in about

15 minutes. It stopped, but a short time later the sky opened up again, and we got another 1 ½ inches of rain. The ditches that run through Brookland support a large storm water basin. It takes around fifteen to thirty minutes for this water to gather and get into the ditches running through our city. This is what happened on May 25. When we got the second 1 ½ inches of rain, our ditches were full of storm water from the first rain. Then, another 1/2 inches of rain was added to it. There was no place for the water to go. It was the first time in a more than a year that we had water running over Holman (HWY 49B) by Danny's Diner.

We want everyone to know that we have a bank that has made a commitment to opening a branch in Brookland. As details are completed, we will post them on the city website.

Our 2017 General, Street, and Police Fund audit was completed and reported to the city council members at the June 11, 2018 meeting. The City of Brookland was in compliance with all records. The audit is available at city hall for your review or on the Arkansas Division of Legislative Audits website.

The Fourth of July is coming up on Wednesday. We want to remind everyone that fireworks are allowed in the city beginning June 29 through July 5, 2018. A copy of the ordinance is on line at brooklandarkansas.org or a copy can be picked up at city hall between the hours of 8 am to 4:30 pm.

I pray each of you have a safe Independence Day and enjoy time spent with family and friends.

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.



**Sr. Citizens
Community Pot Luck
Lunch**

Come join us for Brookland's Senior Citizens Community Pot Luck Lunch at Brookland City Hall, 613 Holman on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:30am. Bring any dish and come enjoy the company. There is a different speaker or musical entertainment each month.

**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.



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.

Bluebag Winners:



- 04/06/18 - David Chadwick
- 04/13/18 - Wendy Burton
- 04/20/18 - Nelda Milburn
- 04/27/18 - Stephanie Jernigan
- 05/04/18 - Phillip Gay
- 05/11/18 - Kathy Ferguson
- 05/18/18 - Scott Keen
- 05/25/18 - BC Brackett
- 06/01/18 - Jeff Stotts
- 06/08/18 - Penny Neal
- 06/15/18 - Robbie Polsgrove
- 06/22/18 - Randy Gillean
- 06/29/18- Mary Passmore

**Community
Calendar:**

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July



07/02 - Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm @ City Hall

07/04 - City offices closed for Independence Day Holiday

07/09 - City Council Meeting 7:00 pm @ City Hall

07/16-20 - Brookland United Methodist Church VBS - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

07/17 - Sr. Citizens Community Pot Luck Lunch 11:30 am @ City Hall

07/22-24 - Connection Point Church VBS 6:00 - 7:30 pm

August



08/03 - BUMC Freecycle clothing event @ 3-9 pm

08/04 - BUMC Freecycle clothing event @ 8 am - 2 pm

08/06 - Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm @ City Hall

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08/13 - City Council Meeting 7:00 pm @ City Hall

08/21 - Sr. Citizens Community Pot Luck Lunch 11:30am @ City Hall

September



09/03 - City Offices closed for Labor Day Holiday

09/08 - New Antioch Baptist Church Yard Sale @ RGB Mechanical Parking Lot in Jonesboro

09/10 - Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 pm @ City Hall

09/10 - City Council Meeting 7:00 pm @ City Hall

09/16 - New Antioch Baptist Church 112th Homecoming Celebration

09/18 - Sr. Citizens Community Pot Luck Lunch 11:30am @ City Hall



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Brookland United Methodist Church

Brookland United Methodist Church will host its annual clothing giveaway the first weekend in August. Anyone who would like to donate clothes, can drop them off at Brookland City Hall or Danny's Diner in Brookland through August 1. If you have a large donation, you can contact Megan Heyl at 870-215-3546 to arrange a pick up or drop off time. The church will be open on Friday, August 3, from 3-9 pm and Saturday, August 4, from 8 am to 2 pm. There are no income requirements, and all are welcome to participate in this clothing freecycle event.

BUMC will host its Vacation Bible School July 16-20 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm each evening. The VBS will include snacks, games, music, Bible story and crafts. Activities will be available for toddlers through sixth grade. Everyone is invited.

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

Connection Point Baptist Church

Connection Point will hold their annual Vacation Bible School beginning July 22 through July 24. VBS will begin at 6:00 each evening and end at 7:30. The theme is "Camp Moose on the Loose". Camping is always fun, so come experience hiking, tents, fishing, campfires and wildlife each night. This event is open to the community for kids ages 3 through the 6th grade.

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.

New Antioch Baptist Church

New Antioch Baptist Church Youth Group will have a yard sale at the RGB Mechanical Contractors parking lot in Jonesboro on September 8.

On September 16, New Antioch will have their 112th Homecoming Celebration.

Tony Stottlemire is the pastor and the church is located at 429 CR 960 (Goobertown Curve). 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 Utilities Update:

Our online bill pay through Nexbillpay is now available on the city website or you can call 844-293-9814 and pay by phone. There is a minimum of a \$2.50 fee or 2.75% of the total bill, whichever is greater. **To pay online, please use the city website:**

brooklandarkansas.org to access the Nexbillpay System.

Several customers have used the Search Engine on their phone or computer and it takes them to a doxo.com website and the fee is approximately \$5. This site has a Brookland Bearcat on the logo will not immediately pay. They send a check through the mail and will show a date of delivery of the check.

As most of you know, we installed the new Sensus radio read water meters in the summer of 2016. These new meters provide us with a great deal of information, and allow us to notify customers in the event that there is high usage or continual low 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. If you would like to have your phone number updated in our system, please write your phone number on the bill stub when you make your next payment, or call and let us know what the correct phone number is.

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 cook 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
July 4th in observance of
Independence Day
Holiday*



SUMMER Notice to Elderly Residents:

We have already experienced a few days that are extremely hot and humid this summer. Please notify city hall if you are having problems with your air conditioning and are in need of a fan or a cool place to stay during the hot part of the day. Our police officers will be making rounds checking on elderly residents to ensure that they don't get overheated.



MOSQUITO CONTROL INFORMATION

Any resident with comments and concerns regarding mosquito control are always welcomed and encouraged to contact Vector. At any time should you need our services you are encouraged to call our office at 870-933-6939 or call City hall here in Brookland and they will contact us on your behalf. Have a Blessed Day!

Jim Stark
VDCI

Regional Contract Supervisor
Vector Disease Control International



18th Annual Brookland Christmas Parade

Christmas is still six months away, but the date of the Brookland Christmas Parade has been set and it is scheduled for the first Sunday in December. The 18th Annual Brookland Christmas Parade will be Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 2:00pm. The 2018 theme will be "Hometown Christmas". Mark the date on your calendars!

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BE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR LATEST UPDATES!

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Check it out at:
brooklandarkansas.org



Dedman's Sanitation has noticed that there is several residents who are putting yard waste in their trash carts. The following is state law prohibiting yard waste disposal at the solid waste management facility. The City of Brookland's MS-4 Stormwater Permit, issued by ADEQ, 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.

• Arkansas Code § 8-6-220 - Yard Waste

(a) (1) (A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2) of this section, it is illegal for yard waste to be placed in a solid waste management facility solely for the purpose of disposal, except for fugitive amounts of yard waste.

(B) A permitted solid waste landfill may collect landfill gas from the fugitive amounts of yard waste for conversion to energy.

(2) (A) If authorized by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality through a permit modification process including a public notice and comment period, yard waste may be accepted by a permitted solid waste landfill that operates a landfill gas-to-energy system for the recovery and use of landfill gas as a renewable energy fuel source.

(B) The department shall consider, at a minimum, the following before authorizing yard waste to be accepted by a solid waste landfill for disposal:

(i) The number and types of permitted compost facilities accepting yard waste within the service areas of the solid waste landfill;

(ii) The environmental impact of the proposed change in disposing of yard waste at a solid waste landfill instead of a permitted compost facility;

(iii) The financial impact to each permitted compost facility located within the service area of the solid waste landfill;

(iv) Whether the regional solid waste management board hosting the solid waste landfill and hosting a permitted compost facility within the landfill's service area supports the request;

- (v)** The amount of yard waste the solid waste landfill intends to accept and the basis for estimating the volume of yard waste to be disposed in the landfill;
 - (vi)** The financial impact to residents and industry within the service area of the solid waste landfill;
 - (vii)** The location of the solid waste landfill;
 - (viii)** The location within the solid waste landfill for the placement of yard waste;
 - (ix)** The plans to offset the effects of disposing of yard waste on the volume reduction for municipal waste disposal;
 - (x)** A description and timeline for the landfill gas collected from the yard waste to become a renewable energy fuel source;
 - (xi)** The design and efficiency of the landfill gas collection system;
 - (xii)** A list of purchase power agreements that guarantee the collection and use of the landfill gas collected from the yard waste for energy conversion; and
 - (xiii)** Other information as may be required by the department.
- (C)** Landfill gas recovered through the landfill gas-to-energy system shall be utilized for the generation of electricity or used as a substitute for conventional fuels.
- (b) (1)** In addition to composting requirements for regional solid waste management districts set forth in § 8-6-719, each district shall furnish yard waste reduction or usage and/or opportunities to ensure that its residents are provided with the availability to choose, based upon need by population or area, ways and means of usage, reduction, reuse, or composting of yard waste.
- (2)** Such choices of yard waste reduction or usage shall be submitted to the department for approval and shall become an integral part of the district's solid waste management plan.
- (c)** As used in this section:
- (1)** "Fugitive amounts of yard waste" means small quantities that escape the approved methods of usage, reduction, reuse, or composting of yard waste;
- (2)** "Landfill gas-to-energy system" means the process of collecting, storing, and converting landfill gas to electricity for a direct fuel use or other use as a substitute for conventional fuels, including without limitation flaring for system testing, system maintenance, or proving capacity for an intended energy use; and
- (3)** "Yard waste" means grass clippings, leaves, and shrubbery trimmings.