

Brookland News

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From the Mayor's Desk:

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you and our city have a Blessed 2017. As we close the book on 2016, we look back and can see some accomplishments, but also see more things that need to be done to make our city a better place for all.

Storm water drainage on Holman (HWY49B) and Union Pacific Railroad on East School Street has improved. We have had two rain events recently that would have normally put that section of School Street under water. Water that would have flowed down Brooks Street and across yards, stayed in the ditch and detention pond banks. Underground culverts, when completed will allow us to widen East School Street between Holman and UP railroad, while straightening the School Street intersection so it is not offset. The crosswalk at this intersection has been moved to the north side of the intersection, allowing better visibility by motorist of children who are crossing the intersection.

We are trying to start cleaning other city ditches out but need your help. We have sent or will be sending out Right-of-Way requests along these drainage ditches. ROW just gives the city the right to clean ditches out and keep these ditches clean in the future.

We applied for and was awarded a grant that will build a new sidewalk from Brookland Police Station at 409 Holman north to School Street in 2017. We were also awarded a grant that will build a sidewalk from Brookland Elementary to the new Brookland Middle School. This project should start first part of

2017. Plans are to apply for a new grant for sidewalks that will aid in the replacement of all the old sidewalks on the west and east side of our city. I will keep you informed on this grant in the future.

The sewer extension project in the Gambill Subdivision has started. Scheduled date of completion is the middle of February, weather permitting. Sewer lines will be stubbed out to the property. There will be a \$45.00 inspection fee by the city. The owner will be responsible for running sewer line from their home to the stub out. If there are any questions, please call Brookland Utilities Water Wastewater Superintendent Tim Harrington at 870-219-4905.

Sealed bids were received for the Water Improvement project. The bids for the line work went to Rainwater Construction Company, LLC Jonesboro, Arkansas; well house and well went to Carl Baldwin Construction, Wynne, Arkansas. The 400,000-gallon water storage tank has been bid but after review by Civil Engineers, it was found that the bids were not done to specifications. We are looking further into this issue, but we may have to re-bid the water storage tank. Work will begin when we get final approval of plans from Arkansas Department of Health.

The Brookland Senior Citizen Helping Hand Committee was formed and will hold their first meeting on January 5, 2017 at 7 pm in the meeting room located at city hall (613 Holman). Our goal is to offer assistance to the elderly citizens in the city that need help with projects they cannot do themselves. The first

meeting will establish the positions of chairman, co-chairman and recorder. The committee will then set their bylaws of how they operate. Various church, school and civic groups have volunteered to help with this program, so once application is made, BSCHHC will contact those groups of volunteers so they can assist with the projects.

We look forward to the new year for Brookland. We have been truly blessed. I hope everyone has a Blessed and Safe 2017.

Mayor Jones



Winter Tips

Once again, winter is upon us. Just a few tips to help you through the cold: 1) Keep your cabinet doors open on cold nights to help keep your pipes from freezing. 2) Have someone check the antifreeze in your car. 3) Care for your animals outside.

Happy 2017!



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 with the recycle triangle. 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.

Also, remember to recycle your newspapers and old magazines. Put them in a separate sack and put them out with your bluebag.

Bluebag Winners:

- 10/7-Shonna Potts
- 10/14 - Mary Passmore
- 10/21 - Phillis Cadle
- 10/28 - Jennifer Courville
- 11/4 - Robbie Ashcraft
- 11/11 - Joyce Cook
- 11/18 - Jerry Hubble
- 11/25 - Peggy Hudson
- 12/2 - Angela Smith
- 12/9 - Woods Chapel Youth
- 12/16 - Hayden Smith
- 12/23 - Katrina Groves
- 12/30 - David Chadwick



Christmas Parade

update:

The theme was "Candy Cane Christmas" for the 16th annual Brookland Christmas Parade on December 4, 2016.

Winners are as follows:
Float: 1st Place – Brookland United Methodist Church; 2nd

Place – H4L Ranch; 3rd Place – Connection Point Baptist Church.

Antique Tractors: 1st Place – Christopher Williams, 1945 John Deere H; 2nd Place – Leonard Dacus, 1956 Allis Chalmers WD-45; 3rd Place – Anthony Copeland, 1953 Farmall Cub.

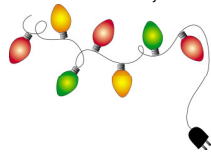
Horse & Rider: 1st Place – Destiny Calderon riding "Dancer"; 2nd Place – Shauna Chinader riding "Dollar"; 3rd Place - Hayden Reynolds riding "Crow".

Motor Cycle/ATV: 1st Place - Keith Cooper; 2nd Place - Tommy Brown; 3rd Place - Ronny Reid.

Antique/Classic Vehicle: 1st Place – Jack & Lola Wyatt, 1929 Ford Model A; 2nd Place – Jeff Dutton, 1965 Volkswagon Bus ; 3rd Place – Kyle Bridger, 1946 Willys CJ2A Jeep.

Miscellaneous Division: 1st Place – BATmobile; 2nd Place – Brookland Band; 3rd Place – Brookland JROTC.

The date for the 17th annual Brookland Christmas parade is to be December 3, 2017.



Christmas Light

Contest Winners:

The judging of the annual residential Christmas light contest for city residents was held December 12.

Donald Mink at 201 W. Hinkley was the first place winner and received the \$100 prize. Joe McKeel at 112 Teresa was the second place winner and was awarded the \$75 prize. Shelly Chaplain at 119 Nelda Lane won the \$50 third place prize.

Thanks to everyone who decorated their yards and houses. Thanks to everyone in the community who decorated their homes for the holidays.



Brookland United Methodist Church

The food pantry at Brookland United Methodist Church is open on the third Monday of each month from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. The food pantry will be open on January 17, February 20 and March 20 for the first quarter of 2017. Contact the church office at 870-935-3501 for more information.

Follow their Facebook page for more information about upcoming events. Cory Pfeifer is the pastor and the church is located at 301 W. Matthews.

City Calendar:

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January



01/02 - City Offices Closed - Holiday

01/02 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

01/09 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm

01/16 - City Offices Closed -
MLK Holiday

01/16 - BUMC Food Pantry
9:00 - 11:00 am

01/17- Sr. Citizens Pot Luck
@ 11:30 at City Hall

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February



02/06 - Planning Commission
meeting @ 7:00 pm

02/13 - City Council meeting
@ 7:00 pm

02/17 - Make A Wish
Roadblocks (Hwy 49-B and
Christy Street beside Kum &
Go and at both Jordan's
Kwik Stop locations)

02/20 - City Offices Closed -
President's Day Holiday

02/20 - BUMC Food Pantry
9:00 - 11:00 am

02/21 - Sr. Citizens Pot Luck
@ 11:30 at City Hall

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March



03/06 - Planning Commission
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**REMINDER TO
BUSINESS OWNERS:
2017 Privilege
License are due
February 28.**



NOW OPEN!!!



BILL'S BARBER SHOP

Bill's Barber Shop located at
209 Holman is now open and
servicing customers in the
Brookland community. Shop
hours are Tuesday - Friday
9:00am to 5:00pm and
Saturday 9:00am to 1:00pm.
No appointments are
necessary; drop in's are
welcome!

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THE PHARMACY AT BROOKLAND

The Pharmacy at Brookland
is now open at 406-A
Honeysuckle (behind
Jordan's Subway). Pharmacy
hours are 8:30am to 5:30pm
Monday through Friday and
9:00am to noon on Saturday.
Michael Barkley, PharmD is
the owner and the pharmacy
phone number is (870)206-
9920.



**HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**