



Brookland News



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From the Mayor's

Desk:

As most of you know, we have city workers that weedeat the ditches. I was out helping them one day and realized how dangerous it is when motorists do not yield to our workers. No worker was in danger, but when weedeating in a ditch, the equipment can throw rocks and hit passing vehicles. If you see the workers in your area, please stop and honk your horn before passing if you have to drive close to equipment. Once they have stopped, you may proceed. The maintenance to the elevated water storage tank on East Matthews is now complete. We received a \$23,000 grant from Rural Services for the painting. The total project cost was \$23,125, which only left \$125 to be paid by Brookland Utilities. I applied for a mini-grant with the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) to repair the crosswalk at Holman (Hwy. 49-B) and School Street. The AHTD received over 300 applications and unfortunately we were turned down on this grant. There are still two grants that I have not received confirmation on at this time and we are working with Senator Lincoln, Senator Pryor and Congressman Berry. Our goal is to find the resources to aid in the purchase of a tornado safe shelter for Brookland citizens. Please call these political leaders and express our need for this structure. We are also working with Senator Lincoln regarding funding that would help to extend the sewage system to

areas that do not have sewage, but are inside the Brookland city limits.

During the May council meeting, we had some concerns brought before the Mayor and City Council members. Residents concerns were trash carts being left along the side of the street for several days following trash pickup and vehicles parked in the street.

Trashcans left out and vehicles parked along city streets are in violation of Ordinance 1991-2. This ordinance states as follows:

1) No vehicle, unless in an emergency, or to allow another vehicle or pedestrian to cross a street or to load or unload, shall be stopped or parked upon any street, alley or road within the corporate limits of Brookland, Arkansas. 2) No vehicle shall be stopped **nor any other items** be placed or **allowed to remain so as to obstruct an alley, road or street** and shall not be stopped or allowed to stand within any intersections of any street, alley or road. Trashcans left on the shoulder and vehicles parked beside the street can block the vision of oncoming traffic which could result in an accident. I wanted to bring this issue to your attention and ask all residents to move their trash cans from the side of the street on Thursday evening. Vehicles should be parked in driveways or yard areas away from the street.

Summer is here and we have a wide range of citizens using our streets. We have all age groups riding bicycles and walking. Slow down, share the road and have a great, safe summer.

Mayor Jones



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.

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July Holiday!



SUMMER STORY TIME

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JONESBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

JULY 5, 12, 19

AT 11:00 AM

BROOKLAND CITY HALL

***ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!!**

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.

**BEARCATS
TRAP TEAM**

The Brookland Bearcats Trap Range summer hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 1pm - 7pm and every other Sunday starting June 13 from 2pm - 6pm. The range is located at 1831 CR 936, which is 2 miles east of Bearcat Football Stadium on East School Street. The fees are as follows: Trap Round: \$4 AYSSP students; \$5 public shooter; Rifle / Pistol Range: \$5 daily fee. Fees include range use, clay targets for trap and steel targets for rifle/pistol. NRA coach is onsite and concessions are available. For more information, contact Jim Magee at (870)926-3909 or e-mail him at bearcatstrap@gmail.com



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, clear glass and #1 & #2 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:

- 03/26 - Grace Redden
- 04/02 - Jeanne Henderson
- 04/09 - Norris Smith
- 04/16 - Marie McCain
- 04/23 - Janis Moore
- 04/30 - Jewel Lawrence
- 05/07 - Marvin Tate
- 05/14 - David Luna
- 05/21 - Pat Harris
- 05/28 - Glenda Neff
- 06/04 - Brian Jones
- 06/11 - Kathryn Warren
- 06/18 - Jeff Townsend



**From the
Brookland Police
Department:**

OUT FOR THE SUMMER!! That's what the students at Brookland School are saying. We want everyone to have a fun, but safe summer. The police department wants to remind parents and grandparents that this is the time to review bicycle safety with our kids. Officers of the Brookland Police Department have already witnessed children on bicycles driving on our roadways, showing little regard for vehicle traffic. This is a recipe for disaster. If your child or grandchild will be riding their bicycle on city streets, we

encourage you to stress the importance of safety, including following all traffic control devices.

It is also the time of the year when swimming pools seem to pop up everywhere. We want to remind residents that Brookland has a city ordinance requiring the enclosure of any pool, with a water depth of 15 inches or more. Full copies of this ordinance may be obtained at City Hall.

The City of Brookland has also established an account to help offset the healthcare for the newest member of our police department, K-9 Hardy. Hardy will require regular checkups at the vet, so that he can continue to fight crime in our community for many years to come. People wishing to contribute to this account can do so by bringing donations to City Hall.

*Mark Rusher,
Chief of Police*

**NATIONAL NIGHT
OUT**

National Night Out will be observed on August 3 at 6:00 pm at the Brookland Fire Station and City Park located at 309 N. Bernis. The event is being hosted by the Brookland Fire Protection District. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, games and fun so make plans to bring your lawn chair and join in the festivities.

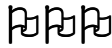
SEWER SMOKE TEST

Brookland Utilities will be smoke testing the sewer lines on July 19. Attached you will find information concerning this process.

City Calendar:

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July



- 07/04 – Independence Day Holiday
- 07/05 – City Offices closed for Holiday
- 07/05 – Kid’s Summer Story-time 11:00 am @ City Hall
- 07/05 – 10 – Brookland Baptist Church mission trip
- 07/06 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm @ City Hall
- 07/11-15 – VBS @ New Antioch Baptist Church – 6 - 8:30 pm
- 07/11-15 – VBS @ Macedonia Baptist Church – 6 - 8:30pm
- 07/12 – Kid’s Summer Story-time 11:00 am @ City Hall
- 07/13 – City Council Meeting 7:00 pm @ City Hall
- 07/18-20 – VBS @ Brookland Baptist Church - 6:30-8:30 pm
- 07/19 – Sewer smoke testing begins
- 07/19 – Kid’s Summer Story-time 11:00 am @ City Hall
- 07/30 – New Harvest Friday Night Lights – 7:30pm
- 07/31 – Vaccination/Microchip Clinic – Brookland City Hall; 7:30 –11:00am
- 07/31 – Brookland United Methodist Church fish fry; 5-7pm

August



- 08/03 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm @ City Hall
- 08/03 – National Night Out – 6:00 pm @ Brookland Fire Station
- 08/10 – City Council Meeting 7:00 pm @ City Hall
- 08/15 – Homecoming services at Macedonia Baptist Church - 11am
- 08/19 – First Day of School

September



- 09/06 – City Offices closed for Labor Day Holiday
- 09/07 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm @ City Hall
- 09/14 – City Council Meeting 7:00 pm @ City Hall
- 09/18 – Brookland United Methodist Church monthly fellowship breakfast @ 8:00 am
- 09/19 – Homecoming services at New Antioch Baptist Church – 11am; lunch at noon
- 09/26-29 – Brookland United Methodist Church revival @ 7:00 pm nightly

LOW COST PET VACCINATION – MICROCHIP CLINIC

The City of Brookland has partnered with Northeast Arkansans for Animals to host the 2nd annual low-cost shot clinic. The clinic will be held on Saturday, July 31, from 7:30am until 11:00am at Brookland City Hall, located at 613 Holman. Rabies shots will be \$7, Canine 5 in 1 - \$10, Feline 3 in 1 - \$10 and Occult Heartworm testing will be \$15. Micro-chipping will be offered at a cost of \$15, for those who are interested, which included registration. Heartworm and flea/tick preventative will also be available. All services will be provided by veterinarian, Dr. Jack Jones. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call NAFA at (870)932-1955



Upcoming events:

New Antioch Baptist Church

New Antioch Baptist Church is located at 429 CR 960, near Goobertown, will have their annual Vacation Bible School program beginning July 11 through July 15. It will start at 6:00 and end at 8:30 each evening and the theme is “Saddle Ridge Ranch”. All area children are invited to attend.

Homecoming services will be held on September 19 at 11:00. Harold Russell will be the guest speaker and lunch will be served at noon.

For more information on these events, contact the church office at (870) 972-0339. The pastor is Mike Howell.

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Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church is located at 1058 CR 712, near Sage Meadows and their Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 11-15. The theme is “High Seas Expedition,” Exploring the Mighty Love of God. VBS will begin at 6:00 pm each night. All children are invited to attend.

Macedonia will have their 169th Homecoming service on August 15. Services will begin at 11:00 am. Lunch will be served at noon and singing will begin at 1:30 pm. For more information, leave message for John Durham, pastor at (870)972-8455.

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**Brookland United
Methodist Church**

BUMC, located at 401 W. Matthews, will have a fish fry on July 31 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

The monthly Fellowship Breakfast will resume beginning Saturday, September 18 at 8:00 am.

Revival services will be September 26 through September 29 and will begin at 7:00 nightly.

Each Thursday night at 6:00 pm, BUMC has adult Bible study and Children Church School. Contemporary worship service begins at 7:00pm. The public is welcome to attend. James Wainscott is the pastor.

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**New Harvest Family
Worship Center**

New Harvest Family Worship Center, located at 203 N. Lynch Street will have Friday Night Lights program on July 30 starting at 7:30 pm. This is a youth geared program, but parents and adults are welcome to attend. There will be several drama presentations, singing groups and a special message. For more information, contact Youth Pastor Audie Cox at 870-926-7432. Marty Russell is the pastor.

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**Brookland
Baptist Church**

Members of Brookland Baptist Church will be going on a mission trip to New Orleans, LA July 5 - 10.

Please keep this group in your prayers.

An Old Fashioned Bible School will begin July 18 and conclude July 20. It will be held from 6:30 until 8:30 each night and all children are invited to attend. The church is located at 200 N. Oak and Kenny Moore is the pastor

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**MOSQUITO CONTROL
UPDATE**

VDCI is very proud to be entering its 3rd contracted mosquito control season with the City of Brookland. Vector Disease strives to provide the best mosquito control possible in the Delta Region of Northeast Arkansas.

As most are aware, the past few weeks have seen a drastic increase in mosquito populations. Although the weather has been hot and very dry, area agricultural fields are being pumped up to capacity - rice, bean, corn and milo fields are at full irrigation. Vector has responded by increasing nightly spraying of the city from two nights a week to six nights a week. In the past, one truck has been sent to treat the city; however you may see two trucks in the coming days and weeks.

An aerial flight has been tentatively set for around July 2-3. More flights will follow as the surveillance and trap counts warrant.

What to expect in the coming weeks? Regrettably, Mosquitoes! Rice fields will continue "pumping" until at least mid-August. If the dry weather continues, irrigation will continue. With most rice going in early, it may mean an early harvest for some and a somewhat earlier end

to our bugs. Again, be assured that Vector will be on top of these "hatches". I won't promise you that you will not be bit, but I will promise one thing, you will have mosquitoes! The home owner can and should do several things to reduce the "home grown" mosquitoes. Empty dog and birdbath bowls at least every five days and dump children's wading pools every four to five days, if not in use. Also, take a walk around your yard and anything that may hold water, such as wheelbarrows, buckets and especially old tires, turn them over and dump out the water. If you can, please haul these #1 producers of the species which carry the West Nile and St. Louis encephalitis to your local disposal area. Don't forget about clogged rain gutters and down spouts. Remember, ANYTHING that can hold water will probably produce mosquito larvae. I have even found larvae in discarded soda cans, so be observant and spread the word.

As in the past, any citizen that is planning a special event is encouraged to call our office at **(870)933-6939** to schedule an "extra spraying". We ask that you call at least **2 days** before the event so we can schedule your service. VDCI prides itself in its "personal care" of the citizens it serves.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your mosquito control, please feel free to call upon us at anytime. Remember we work for the City and for **you!**

Jim Stark
VDCI

Regional Contract Supervisor