

Table of contents

Peachtree Creek Greenway	4
Voters say 'YES!' to Parks Bond	6
Brookhaven blossoms	8
Growing Brookhaven's parks	10
Paving the way	12
Planning for the future	14
Protect and serve	16
Fiscally sound	18
Get connected	19
Brookhaven departments by the numbers	20
Brookhaven at a glance	21
News & notables	22



Message from the Mayor



John Ernst
Mayor

John.Ernst@BrookhavenGA.gov

Greetings Brookhaven residents! I am proud to present our Annual Report for 2018. It was a history-making year for the City that culminated in many plans coming to life and a lot of hard work coming to fruition.

On the next pages you'll see a recap of a great year that included among many milestones the groundbreaking of Brookhaven's portion of the Peachtree Creek Greenway, the passage of the \$40 million Parks Bond, and significant sidewalk, paving and stormwater maintenance progress.

These goals could not be reached without the help of my fellow City Councilmembers, a hard-working staff, and most importantly, you.

Thank you for another great year!

Brookhaven City Council



Linley Jones
District 1

Linley.Jones@BrookhavenGA.gov



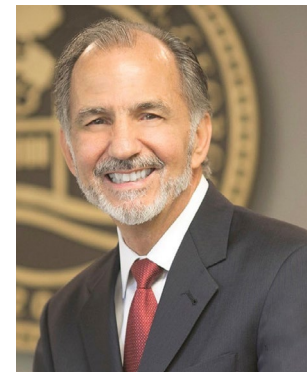
John Park
District 2

John.Park@BrookhavenGA.gov



Bates Mattison
District 3

Bates.Mattison@BrookhavenGA.gov



Mayor Pro Tem Joe Gebbia
District 4

Joe.Gebbia@BrookhavenGA.gov



Peachtree Creek Greenway Groundbreaking



Brookhaven's Phase 1 of the Peachtree Creek Greenway (PCG) is now under construction following a groundbreaking in December 2018 of the historic project, two decades in the making. The ceremony, attended by over 100 invited guests, featured elected officials representing federal, state, county and local levels of government, residents and other key stakeholders who have had a hand in making the initiative a reality. Phase I consists of 1.27 miles of Brookhaven's three-phase 2.9-mile PCG. Phase I will stretch from North Druid Hills Road to Briarwood Road and will include a series of paved multi-purpose and promenade trails. In October, the City Council awarded a \$7.99 million contract to Lewallen Construction to build Phase I, expected to open in late 2019.

www.BrookhavenGA.gov/PCG



A rendering of a future bridge view of the Peachtree Creek Greenway.

“PCG has come to have a dual meaning to me.
PCG is also synonymous with
‘People Collaborating to achieve Goals.’

- Mayor John Ernst
City of Brookhaven

“The PCG will not only be a signature
destination for Brookhaven, but also a
catalyst for connectivity in the area.”

- Mayor Pro Tem Joe Gebbia
City Council, District 4

“I thank the officials who made this
‘Model Mile’ possible and I thank the
City staff who worked diligently
and wisely on the project.”

- Betsy Eggers
Peachtree Creek Greenway Inc.

The voters decide



On Nov. 6, 2018, voters affirmed their faith in the City of Brookhaven by approving a referendum which dedicates \$40 million in capital improvements to Brookhaven parks, identified in City Council master plans. Concept renderings for Ashford Park and Briarwood Park are pictured on these two pages.

www.BrookhavenGA.gov/parks-bond-ref



“The passage of our Parks Bond was a referendum on City Council’s leadership. The voters spoke and they spoke loudly. For that I remain thankful. I know all of us will continue working hard to maintain your confidence and trust.”

- Mayor Pro Tem Joe Gebbia
City Council, District 4



Brookhaven blossoms



The fourth annual Brookhaven Cherry Blossom Festival marked a turning point for the City's marquee event. The two-day festival drew record crowds to Blackburn Park with first-year partnerships with both Live Nation and Splash Festivals. Pairing with Live Nation allowed the City to recruit national musical acts such as Craig Morgan, Edwin McCain, and Five for Fighting, while the Splash Festivals partnership expanded the Artists Market to 100 vendors. Perennial favorites such as the Kidz Zone, Pet World, and the Classic Car Show were also part of the fun. The success of 2018 set the stage for an even bigger and better event in 2019. Stone Mountain Park, Atlanta Braves, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, and Oglethorpe University were the event's major sponsors, and they continued their sponsorships in 2019.

"The entertainment and festivities keep getting bigger and better every year at the Brookhaven Cherry Blossom Festival. The partnership of Live Nation and Splash Festivals has raised the level of excitement surrounding our music and art extravaganza."

- Linley Jones
City Council, District 1



www.BrookCherryFest.org

Growing Brookhaven's parks



Even before voters approved the parks bond referendum in November, the Brookhaven Parks and Recreation Department was busy improving and building City parks. The new Skyland Park (above) opened and includes features like a large open space, walking trails, the City's only sand volleyball courts, a dog park, and a playground. Next page, clockwise from top left, City officials and special guests broke ground on improvements at Blackburn Park, the Murphey Candler open space debuted, and a young visitor enjoyed improvements to Georgian Hills Park.

www.BrookhavenGA.gov/parksrec



“Murphey Candler Park is a jewel in the Brookhaven park system that’s practically hidden in plain sight. It offers so many opportunities for residents to gather to socialize, pursue athletic activities or simply enjoy nature at its best. It is such a shining example of why we devote so much time and attention to our park system.”

- Linley Jones
City Council, District 1



parks by the numbers

- 16 parks
- 3 swimming pools
- 2 recreation centers
- 1 community building
- 332 acres
- \$2.5 million budgeted for park master plans
- \$900,000 budgeted for park maintenance
- \$516,337 programs & facility rentals revenue

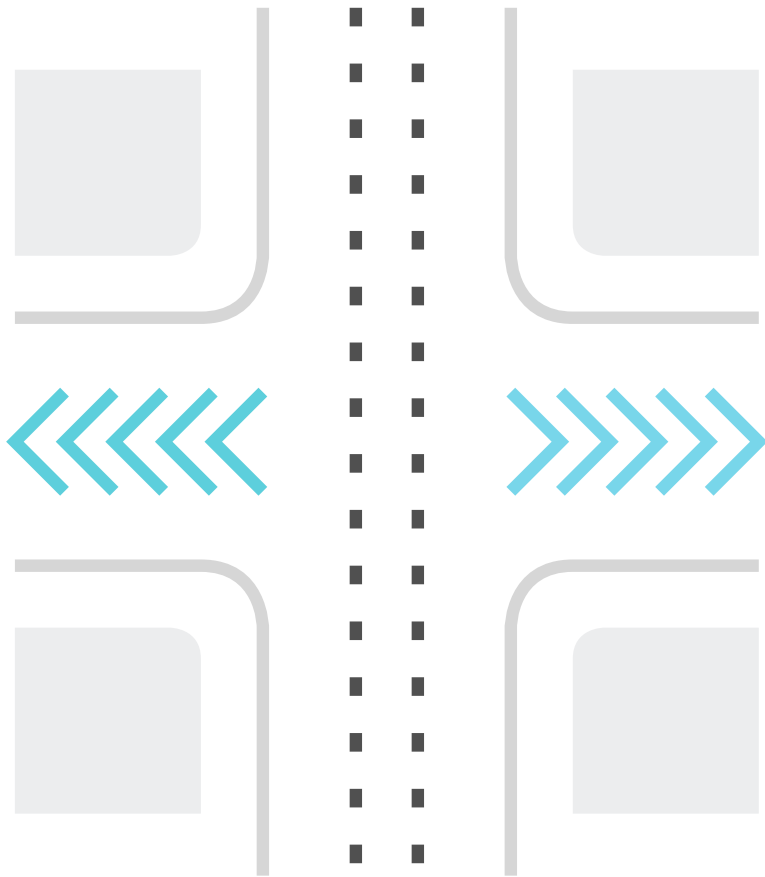


Paving the way



The City of Brookhaven's Public Works Department made significant progress with sidewalks and paving in 2018. By the end of August, the department completed construction of all prior year approved sidewalks except two, and all sidewalks approved and funded in the 2018 budget. It was also a banner year for paving as the City made important progress on the five-year paving program and was able to get a jump start on 2019 paving. This aggressive effort paid off as the department raised the overall Pavement Condition Index from 60 to 70.43. The department also worked on other notable projects including installing the City's first gateway monument signs at five entry points, cleaning and maintaining the Murphey Candler Lake Spillway, and the continuation of the street sweeping program.

www.BrookhavenGA.gov/publicworks



public works by the numbers

13,900 feet of sidewalks

13.79 lane miles of paving

122 curb miles of streets swept

40 roads repaved

5 monument signs



"We are rolling up our sleeves and working towards having the best roads in the metro area, if not the state."

- Mayor John Ernst
City of Brookhaven

Planning for the future



The City of Brookhaven's Community Development Department worked in 2018 to ensure that the City is positioned for smart and sustainable growth. The department places a top priority on high-impact clients, which allowed Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to open the Center for Advanced Pediatrics in 2018. Pictured above at the center's ribbon cutting are District 3 Councilmember Bates Mattison, CHOA President and CEO Donna Hyland, Mayor John Ernst, Jonathan Goldman, chair of the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Board of Trustees, District 1 Councilmember Linley Jones, and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Gebbia. The department also successfully completed the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite project to provide regulations to implement the land use policies identified in the 2034 Comprehensive Plan, the Character Area Study, and other planning and policy documents. With a focus on customer service, the department implemented Project Portal, an online permitting and electronic plan review tool (facing page).

www.BrookhavenGA.gov/commdev



"We're bringing modern technology to our services to make complex processes easier and more efficient - allowing the public to interact with the City 24/7."

- Patrice S. Ruffin, AICP
Community Development Director

community development by the numbers

- 1,117 building plan reviews
- 171 planning & zoning applications
- 3,572 building permits issued
- 115 land disturbance permit reviews
- 5,169 code enforcement inspections
- 3,201 land development inspections
- 44 land disturbance permits issued
- 10,946 building inspections



Protect and serve



In 2018, the City of Brookhaven announced that a new Public Safety Building would be built on a 19-acre tract of land on Briarwood Road adjacent to the signature trailhead for the Peachtree Creek Greenway. The building will be primarily funded via SPLOST, approved by voters in 2017, and will provide state-of-the-art and sustainable building systems and room to grow for the Police Department and Municipal Court, which are now crowded into a rented building on Buford Highway. The new headquarters will also include public restrooms accessible to those enjoying the greenway. In 2018, the department also implemented “Brookhaven Alert,” a real-time emergency notification system for residents.

www.BrookhavenGA.gov/police



Sign up at www.BrookhavenGA.gov/BrookhavenAlert

"Brookhaven Alert allows for critical communication with the public and provides individuals with the information needed to stay safe or take precautions during hazardous or emergency situations."

- Gary Yandura
Brookhaven Chief of Police



police by the numbers

80,827 calls for service

74 officers

4 min, 20 sec average response time

365 hours of use-of-force training

606 hours of firearms training


8,438 traffic warnings issued

6,815 traffic citations issued

2,278 arrests

Get connected

The City of Brookhaven offers residents a number of ways to connect with the City and receive alerts and news.

 <p>The Brookhaven Blast</p>	<h2>Stay in the know</h2> <p>Have a Blast and stay on top of what is happening in the City of Brookhaven. The Brookhaven Blast is a weekly wrap-up of all things happening in the City. Free of charge, no paid ads, and tons of information of all things Brookhaven. It's free and sign up takes only seconds. Visit www.BrookhavenGA.gov/communications to sign up.</p>	<p>Subscriber growth, 2017-2018*:</p> <h1>14%</h1>
<h2>Make a service request</h2> <p>Brookhaven Connect is a free app that enables residents to let the City know about non-emergency/non-police issues, like potholes, sidewalk problems, and code enforcement issues such as outside storage, tall grass or construction concerns. The Brookhaven Connect app is available for iPhone, Android, and Windows phones or sign up at www.brookhavenga.gov/community/page/brookhaven-connect-service-request.</p>		<h1>61%</h1>
<h2>Brookhaven Alert</h2>	<h2>Get emergency alerts</h2> <p>Brookhaven Alert is a free service to get notifications from state and local authorities like weather, traffic and other emergencies. Sign up at www.BrookhavenGa.gov/brookhavenalert or download the Smart911 app.</p>	<p>*Year-to-year statistics are not yet available for Brookhaven Alert, which was launched in 2018.</p>



@BrookhavenGAgov
 @BrookhavenPD
 @BrookhavenRec



@BrookhavenGAgov
 @BrookhavenGA_PD
 @BrookhavenParks



16%



11%

www.BrookhavenGA.gov/communications



Brookhaven departments by the numbers

Visit www.BrookhavenGA.gov/citymanager/page/monthly-departmental-reports for City departmental updates each month.

Municipal Court

7,194 case filings

103 court dockets

5,146 defendants on dockets

7,379 cases on dockets

www.BrookhavenGa.gov/court



Human Resources

39 hires

2,649 job applicants

140 job applicant interviews

114 hours of sexual harassment prevention training

52 customer service tips of the week

8 employee lunch & learns

3 employee health challenges

www.BrookhavenGa.gov/hr



Communications

257 press releases

317 media inquiries

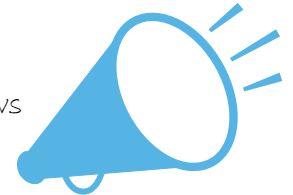
724 stories in the news

707 tweets

3,644 Twitter followers

5,995 Facebook likes

www.BrookhavenGa.gov/communications



Information Technology

2,787 help desk tickets

791 permits and plans scanned

143 Operation Plugged In registered

22 video cameras installed

44 license plate reader cameras installed

www.BrookhavenGa.gov/itgis



City Clerk

57 ordinances

68 resolutions

7 proclamations

484 open records requests

87 meeting minutes compiled

www.BrookhavenGa.gov/cityclerk



Brookhaven at a glance

Population
54,169



Square miles
11.6



New jobs added in 2018
1,923



Bachelor's degree or higher
61.6%



Tree canopy
53.6%



Square feet of available office space
1 million+



Median age
34.2



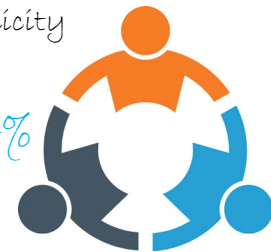
Average family size
3.18



Median income
\$70,392



Population by Race/Ethnicity
White: 62.5%
Hispanic Origin: 27.7%
Black: 11.1%



www.SelectBrookhaven.com

News & Notables

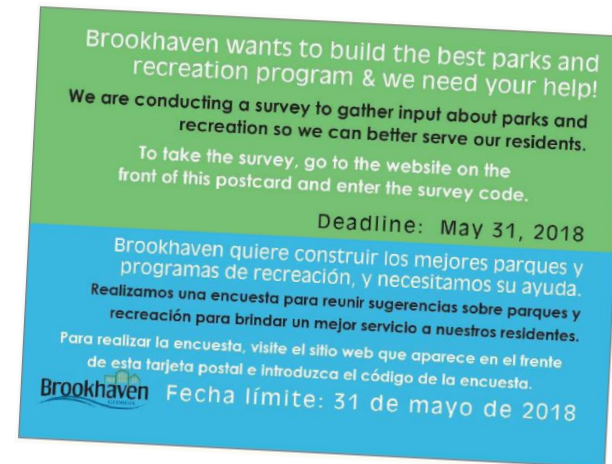
Residents give 'thumbs up' to parks in survey

In a community input survey of Brookhaven's Parks and Recreation system, residents not only gave a rousing "thumbs-up" to overall park improvements, but they also awarded high marks for improved personal safety. The overall "good" performance of the City's park system more than quadrupled from those in a similar 2014 survey from 14% to a whopping 61%.

City named 'Corporate Champion'



District 1 Councilmember Linley Jones, District 2 Councilmember John Park, Brookhaven Mayor John Ernst, District 3 Councilmember Bates Mattison, and Brookhaven City Manager Christian Sigman receive the Corporate Champion Award from the Latin American Association during the 2018 Companeros Award Luncheon.



Brookhaven a 'City of Ethics'

"We are extremely proud of this accomplishment (Brookhaven's City of Ethics recertification in 2018). Each city is required to apply for recertification every four years and this recertification shows Brookhaven's commitment to ethical principles and our local ethics ordinance."

- Mayor Pro Tem Joe Gebbia
City Council, District 4

Funding wins in 2018

\$2.7 million

in federal funding for
Peachtree Creek Greenway

\$100,000

from Georgia DNR
for Briarwood Trail

\$560,000

in federal funding for Ashford
Dunwoody/Windsor improvements

\$400,000

in federal funding for
N. Druid Hills interchange

\$200,000

from EPA for Nancy Creek
streambank restoration

City names 'Ashford Forest Preserve'



Councilmember John Park, Mayor John Ernst and Parks and Recreation Director Brian Borden visit the 33-acre Ashford Forest Preserve, rechristened in 2018 by the City of Brookhaven, which acquired the greenspace near PDK Airport from DeKalb.

"We delivered on our promise to the dedicated citizens in this community who have been lobbying for years to have this land preserved."

-John Park
City Council, District 2



Brookhaven launches new Convention & Visitors Bureau

The Brookhaven Convention and Visitors Bureau (BCVB) held its inaugural meeting in March 2018 to establish board leadership and begin setting up operations. The BCVB was created under the City's charter and authorizes the City to contract with other governments, agencies or non-profit organizations to

promote tourism, conventions and trade shows.

In a unanimous decision in October, the Brookhaven City Council approved the appointment of Renee Areng to lead the BCVB. Areng was nominated by the BCVB Board of Directors at its Oct. 12 meeting after a nationwide search over several months.

City responds to customer demand, adjusts permit hours

In February 2018, the City of Brookhaven permits window hours shifted to 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in response to customers who indicated they needed to get an earlier start on their work day. On the first day of the new service hours, coffee, juice, and donuts were served to Brookhaven permit customers.



City of Brookhaven

4362 Peachtree Road

Brookhaven, GA 30319



Current Resident

www.BrookhavenGA.gov