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## Register Today for Spring 2015 Sports and Recreation Programs

The Brookhaven Parks and Recreation Department's Spring 2015 schedule of sports programs and recreational activities is chock full of interesting things to choose. Art, fitness, baseball, dance, basketball or volleyball...there's something to pick from, no matter your age.

Registration is now open - some classes are closing soon - so sign up today at:  
<http://brookhavenga.gov/city-departments/parks-recreation-/activities-programs>

Activity	Park	Register By
Adult Coed Volleyball	Lynwood	3/6 - 4/10
Adult Men's Basketball	Lynwood	2/9 - 2/27
Adult Softball League	Blackburn	1/26 - 2/13
Adult Fitness (6 classes)	Blackburn, Briarwood & Lynwood	See website for details
Adult Dance Classes	Briarwood	See website for details
Adult Group Fitness	Briarwood, Lynwood	See website for details
Health Classes	Lynwood	See website for details
Nutrition 101 Series	Lynwood	
Art Classes (6 years and up)	Briarwood, Lynwood	See website for details
Elevate Sports Academy	Lynwood	1/5 - 5/11 (continuous basketball classes)
Gymnastics (ages 1-8)	Lynwood	Closes Jan. 12 and 14
Junior Development Tennis	4 locations	See website for details
Sports Fundamentals	Lynwood	See website for details
Youth Fitness (ages 5-13)	Lynwood	Closes April 25



The holiday season is both a time of joy and reflection. A time to be close with family and friends in the City we call home. A time to reflect back on our history and be thankful for the many opportunities we've created to enjoy life here. And a time to reflect on the year ahead, as we continue to take important steps for our future.

Here's wishing each and every one of you a peaceful and happy holiday and the best of all things in the New Year.

*The City of Brookhaven*

## Brookhaven's 2nd Birthday Celebration!

We've accomplished so much to improve our quality of life in two short years and we want to celebrate. Please join us!

**When:**  
Wednesday, Dec. 17

5:30-6pm	Reception
6-7pm	Town Hall
7 pm	Refreshments and Cake

**Where:**  
Briarwood Park Gymnasium  
2235 Briarwood Way  
Brookhaven 30319



## From the Desk of the Mayor



At this time of the year, it's good to just stop every once and a while and remember how much we have to be thankful for, especially those of us lucky enough to live and work here in Brookhaven.

Please join us on Dec. 17 at Briarwood Park Gymnasium to celebrate our second year of cityhood. It's very hard to believe that

two years have passed since we incorporated yet so much has happened in that short amount of time. We've made many significant accomplishments since December 2012 to enhance our quality of life.

This year's proposed budget includes \$3,000,000.00 for parks capital improvements along with \$1,700,000.00 for continued and improved maintenance and programming in our parks. That is more than 6 times the amount the county was allocating to our parks less than 2 years ago. We have completed the most important comprehensive planning documents this area of metro Atlanta has ever initiated. We have established a vital police department and adopted our own 911 system. We continue to pave more roads, build new sidewalks, and are continuing to install new and much safer crosswalk systems.

We have also included funding in early 2015 for traffic studies in key areas of the Dresden/Druid Hills and Ashford Dunwoody corridors connecting to Peachtree. This will allow us to start making improvements to address the traffic snarls we experience in our ever popular city.

We're ending the year with a solid financial picture with a proposed reserve of nearly 4 million dollars. With having

reduced our tax rate for 2 consecutive years, this is quite an accomplishment. Brookhaven is growing and thriving.

Those are just a few of the key accomplishments, but know that the list of improvements goes on, and will continue to go on as each year passes. These improvements are the result of your tax dollars being spent in your community for things you want and need. Thank you Brookhaven taxpayer!

Having an engaged citizenry is always a goal for us here at City Hall. The input we received from many of you during the various planning steps taken this past year was invaluable and the perfect example of citizen engagement. We will continue to reach out to you and we hope you continue to volunteer your time and talents to help us as we plan for a solid future.

The City Council and I are committed to improving and protecting the quality of life in this special place and we will keep working hard with our professional staff to provide you the best customer service in 2015.

Please don't hesitate to contact me any time with questions or feedback. Please continue to contact Faz.Gonzalez@brookhavenga.gov for Mondays with the Mayor or for Walk Your Neighborhood with the Mayor. It is always good to see and speak with you face to face.

I wish you, your family and friends a happy and safe Christmas and Holiday season.

Sincerely,

*Mayor J. Max Davis*

## John Park Sworn in to Represent District 2

Newly elected City Council Member John Park was sworn in November 12 to represent District 2, bringing the Council to its full roster.

"I am honored to be elected. I am honored to be a member of this team. The purpose of a team is to become more effective than the sum of its parts," said Park.

Mayor Davis added, "This is an exciting day for us because we grow our council back to the size it's supposed to be. I'm happy for the residents of Ashford Park, Drew Valley and everyone in District 2."



## Our Christmas Wish List

### Mayor Davis

*"Continued success for our city is my wish this year and always."*

### Council Member Rebecca Williams

*"I wish for a great Cherry Blossom Festival next spring."*

### Council Member John Park

*"Becoming a good representative for my constituents is my simple wish to Santa."*

### Council Member Bates Mattison

*"I wish to see the Brookhaven Innovation Academy a reality."*

### Council Member Joe Gebbia

*"I'm wishing (and working) hard for a park in District 4!"*



## Hotels Welcome Your Holiday Guests with Special Rates

Welcoming family and friends to Brookhaven during the holidays is easy with special holiday guestroom

rates from four area hotels.



Hilton Garden Inn - \$ 69.00 plus tax (based on availability), Contact: Georgette Lake-Hill at 404-504-0425, I-285, Exit #29

Holiday Inn Express - \$ 75.00 plus tax (based on availability), Contact: Colleen Gunderson at 404-248-1550, I-85, Exit #91



Holiday Inn Perimeter- \$ 79.00 plus tax (based on availability), Contact: John Reeve at 770-296-6001, I-285, Exit #30

Hyatt Atlanta Perimeter At Villa Christina - \$ 109.00 plus tax (based on availability), Contact: Elaine Szeto at 678-515-2725, I-285, Exit #29

