

CITY NEWS

Paving, Parks & Progress

Residents and visitors to Brookhaven are seeing a lot of activity in the city limits this summer. Following years of planning, the City is rapidly moving forward with projects this year.

In early June the first loads of asphalt were delivered to Woodsdale Road, which kicked off a record-breaking paving project the City is undertaking this year.

In April, the Brookhaven City Council approved a \$4.72 million contract for road paving, the most aggressive in City history. Since Brookhaven's inception, 18.8 percent of the City's 120 miles of roads have been repaved. With an additional 10.7 miles of resurfacing, rehabilitation or reconstruction planned in 2017, nearly 28 percent of Brookhaven's City roads will be less than 4 years old.

"Maintaining our road infrastructure, after many years of neglect, is a crucial factor for the long-term success of Brookhaven, said City Manager Christian Sigman. "It's a quality of life issue for our residents, it's a public safety issue for



Above, Deputy Public Works Director Andrew Thompson, Assistant City Manager Steve Chapman, City Manager Christian Sigman, Mayor John Ernst and Public Works Director Hari Karikaran at this year's paving kick-off.



The new water spray feature at Murphey Candler

first responders, and it's an economic development issue for our business community."

Pedestrians should note that Brookhaven recently completed 800 feet of new sidewalk on East Roxboro Road from North Druid Hill Road to Roxboro Road. More sidewalk work is underway at Woodrow Way, Dresden Drive and Coosawattee Drive.

It wouldn't be summer without taking a look at our parks. The pools feature new shade structures and water features, and after completing individual master plans for nearly all our city parks last year, residents can expect to see progress on the new Skyland Park, Georgian Hills Park and Murphey Candler open space in the near future.

"This is an exciting time for parks in Brookhaven," said Parks & Recreation Director Brian Borden. "Our parks are getting better every year, and it's all for our residents, and a result of their input."



District 4 Councilmember Joe Gebbia at the completed sidewalk on East Roxboro Road.

From the Desk of the Mayor

Hard hats on, shovels in the ground

Happy summer, Brookhaven!

I hope that you and your family are off to a fun and relaxing summer season. The City of Brookhaven is certainly not on summer break. We're putting our hard hats on and shovels in the ground to complete multiple projects in all our service areas.

The City of Brookhaven is delivering on the promises of better parks, paving, police and watershed.

You'll see notices all summer about upcoming City paving projects on neighborhood streets and major roadways. City Council recently approved the largest paving project in Brookhaven's history. This record-setting amount of work will be a return on investment for taxpayers - better roads lead to less wear-and-tear on your car, improve your quality of life and help bring economic development to the community.

We are also rolling up our sleeves on critical water-



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shed issues. Right now, on Osborne Road crews are working on the first phase of a major drainage improvement project that will mitigate flooding in the area.

It wouldn't be fitting without talking about the improvements and enhancements at our parks to help you cool off during the summer sizzle.

We have great new shade structures at the Murphey Candler and Briarwood pools, and a cool new waterfall feature at Murphey Candler. This summer you will also see construction start on the new Skyland Park, a walking track and half-court basketball court in Georgian Hills, and the new open space area in Murphey Candler.

As a City, we made a pledge to our residents to not only enhance our current parks but to add greenspace acreage. I'm proud that we were able to move ahead on the Peachtree Creek Greenway that will ultimately connect us to PATH 400 and the Atlanta Beltline.

We also purchased the 33 acres of greenspace near the PDK airport. This is an exciting milestone for our residents who have worked tirelessly for years to preserve this green and vibrant environment. I know I'm looking forward to exploring this greenspace with my sons when it opens this fall.

In Brookhaven, we pride ourselves on bringing high-quality services and projects to you in an efficient manner, and we want to hear how you think we are doing. Don't hesitate to contact me at John.Ernst@BrookhavenGa.gov or 404-637-0710.

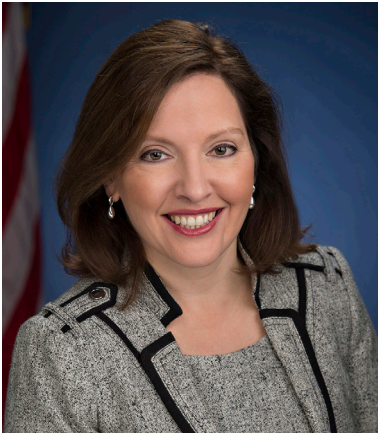


Sincerely,

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John Ernst

City Council



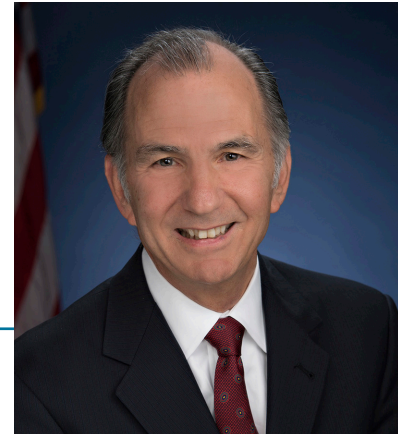
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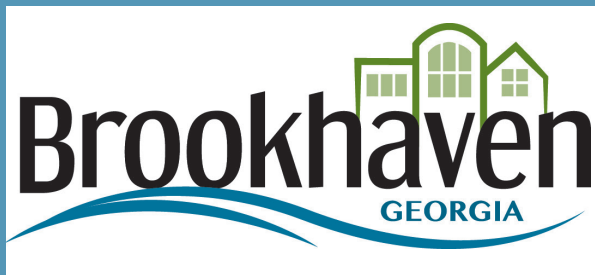
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The Brookhaven City Council generally meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 3:30 and 7 p.m. at 4362 Peachtree Road. Visit www.brookhavenga.gov for schedule changes.

City meetings are streamed online and archived at www.brookhavenga.gov. Go to the "City Government" tab near the top of the homepage and click on "Meetings & Agendas."



City Vision and Mission

The following are vision and mission statements crafted and adopted by the Mayor and Council during their council retreat in 2015.

Vision

Brookhaven will be nationally recognized as a beautiful community where multiple generations can live in safety, flourish in business and succeed in a historic, sustainable environment with exceptional education and transportation options.

Mission

In support of the Brookhaven vision the City government shall: encourage and maintain a beautiful community, meet public safety needs, develop an environment for business success, promote sustainable projects and activities, identify and preserve historic and neighborhood resources, facilitate educational opportunities, and improve transportation conditions, connectivity, and options while listening to and communicating with the public.

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Curbing 101

Curbing is required on all streets and must be furnished and installed by the applicant unless grassed swales are used for water quality control and approved by the public works department.

The minimum classes and types of curbing permitted are:

1. Granite curbing, class D or better.
2. Other as approved by the public works director.

In addition to permit requirements, no person shall remove, damage, haul away or cause misalignment of any granite curbing on public streets, including radius curb and catch basin stones, for any reason without first receiving written permission from the City. Granite curbing on public streets are city property.

Upon conviction in municipal court, any person who violates the City's curb code can be fined up to \$500 per linear foot. Each linear foot will be considered a separate offense.

For more information on curb requirements, call Community Development at 404-637-0500.

City launches web page for open records requests

The public now has an easier way to request open records from Brookhaven. The Brookhaven City Clerk's office has launched a "JustFOIA" portal, allowing users to fill out automated forms online.

The new web portal and software will track requests as they progress, users will receive an email confirmation and notifications, and will be able to check the status of requests online. While the usual fees for open records will still apply, there will be no additional fee for the online service.

For more information on obtaining open records from the City of Brookhaven, visit <http://www.brookhavenga.gov/city-departments/city-clerk/open-records>.

Brookhaven Parks Director receives Patriot Award

Brookhaven Parks and Recreation Director Brian Borden was recently awarded the "Patriot Award Certificate of Appreciation" from the Office of the United States Secretary of Defense.

The Patriot Award is bestowed upon employers and supervisors who have exhibited exemplary support and accommodation to employees serving in our country's National Guard and Reserve units.

Borden was nominated by Petty Officer Third Class Taylor Davis, the Parks and Recreation Department's athletics coordinator; who says that Brian's continued support of his military commitments over the past 15 months has been invaluable. "His continued support of myself, and my family, over the past year truly demonstrates the integrity and values he conveys each day."



From left: Mayor John Ernst, Councilmember John Park, Councilmember Linley Jones, Brian Borden, Taylor Davis, Councilmember Joe Gebbia and Councilmember Bates Mattison.



The Customer is #1

With a renewed commitment to providing residents and businesses with excellent services, all City of Brookhaven employees recently underwent mandatory and interactive customer service training. Topics covered included the importance of customer service, improving communications skills, always being prepared to serve, expressing empathy and improving work skills and knowledge.

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Brookhaven Police Chief Gary Yandura (far left) and Officer Carlos Nino (center left) receive the Positive Policing Award from John Garrigan (center right) and Jeremiah Frazier (far right) of the ASIS Greater Atlanta Chapter.

Brookhaven PD earns Positive Policing Award

The Brookhaven Police Department recently received the ASIS International “Positive Policing Award” from the Greater Atlanta ASIS Chapter. ASIS International is a professional security organization dedicated to promoting leadership throughout the profession.

The award was given to the department in response to the dedication exhibited by their officers to the Brookhaven community. Programs such as Shop with a Badge, Coffee with a Cop, and the Hispanic Citizen’s Police Academy highlight the department’s commitment to community outreach and public engagement.

Officer Carlos Nino accepted the award from ASIS International on behalf of the Brookhaven Police Department, saying “I appreciate the fact that all of the department’s efforts with the community were recognized today. Now more than ever, it’s important for us as a local authority to bridge the gap to the community.”



Police force grows

Brookhaven Police Chief Gary Yandura (left) swears in new officers Jessica Seigel and Vladimir Byk. They join this year’s new hires Isaih Bell, Christian Sobadjian and Trenton Nielsen.

Book highlights Historic Brookhaven

“Every house has a story.” That’s the premise behind *The Storied Houses of Historic Brookhaven*, a historical account of the early homes of the Historic Brookhaven neighborhood by Brookhaven resident and architect Richard J. Diedrich.

Concerned with the loss of some original homes, some of the residents of the neighborhood, designated a National Historic District in the mid-80s, formed a committee to raise money to produce the book through advance book sales and sponsorships from local businesses and the community.

Diedrich spent the past three years researching the remaining original homes, walking the neighborhood to take pictures of the homes and painting watercolors depicting some of the facades. The book also includes current and vintage photographs of the homes, the Capital City Club and nearby Peachtree Road, Brookhaven’s early business district.

For more information or to order a book, visit www.brookhavenlibretto.com.



Got neighborhood news to share?
Email news@brookhavenga.gov.

Around Town



Councilmember Linley Jones (left) introduces headlining band the Sweet Tea Project at this year's Cherry Blossom Festival. The two-day event attracted some 15,000 festival-goers to Blackburn Park in March.



Pooches and their people enjoyed vendors, treats and an agility show by Dynamo Dogs at this year's Bark in the Park at Brookhaven Park.



Cross Keys High School marching band performed in this year's annual Lynwood Park Community Day.



City of Brookhaven and Chamber of Commerce officials celebrated the merging of two iconic French restaurants - Violette and Petite Auberge - with the opening of Petite Violette, 2948 Clairmont Road. Mayor John Ernst and Councilmember Joe Gebbia are pictured sixth and seventh from left.



Play Me Again Pianos presented a public piano to Brookhaven's Ashford Park this weekend. The City marked the occasion with a ribbon cutting attended by Councilman Bates Mattison (fourth from right), Parks & Recreation Director Brian Borden (far right), Play Me Again owners and residents.

Special Events

Parent's Night Out

PRICE: \$15 for one child, \$10 for each additional

DATE: Friday, July 14

TIME: 6:30-9 p.m.

AGES: 5-12

LOCATION: Lynwood Community Center, 3360 Osborne Road

DETAILS: Parent's Night Out lets parents drop off the kids on a Friday and get some time to themselves. Dinner as well as games, activities, and plenty of options to keep the kids entertained will be provided. Pre-registration is required by the preceding Wednesday and pickup is promptly at 9.

It Starts in the Parks 5K

PRICE: \$30 through 7/21, \$35 on-site registration

DATE: Saturday, July 22

TIME: Race begins at 7:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Blackburn Park, 3493 Ashford Dunwoody Road

DETAILS: July is National Parks and Recreation Month, so what better way to celebrate than to get out in your parks? Brookhaven Parks and Recreation will host its third annual 5K to coincide with NRPA's National P&R Month. The course will begin and end at Blackburn Park. T-shirts and awards for various categories will be presented at approximately 8:30 a.m. For information on becoming a race sponsor or vendor, email philip.mitchell@brookhavenga.gov

Food Truck Roundup

PRICE: Free

DATE: Wednesdays, Aug. 16-Oct. 25

TIME: 6-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Blackburn Park, 3493 Ashford Dunwoody Road

DETAILS: Join us on Wednesdays at Blackburn Park when our weekly Food Truck Roundup returns following a summer hiatus. Each night will feature eight to 10 food trucks and live

entertainment. This is a family friendly event so bring the kids, dogs and whoever else is hungry.

Dive in Movie

PRICE: Free

DATE: Friday, July 14

TIME: 8 p.m.

LOCATION: Briarwood Pool, 2235 Briarwood Way

DETAILS: Cool off in the pool while enjoying "Secret Life of Pets" on a giant inflatable screen. Concessions will be available for purchase.

Doggy Dip Day

PRICE: \$10 per dog

DATE: Sunday, Sept. 10

TIME: 1-4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Murphey Candler Pool, 1551 W. Nancy Creek Drive

DETAILS: Let the pooches enjoy a splash before the pools are closed for the season. Small dogs, up to 35 pounds, can swim from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and large dogs, 35 pounds and up, can enjoy the pool from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Hot Pursuit 5K & Tot Trot

PRICE: \$30 through 8/31; \$35 up to race day

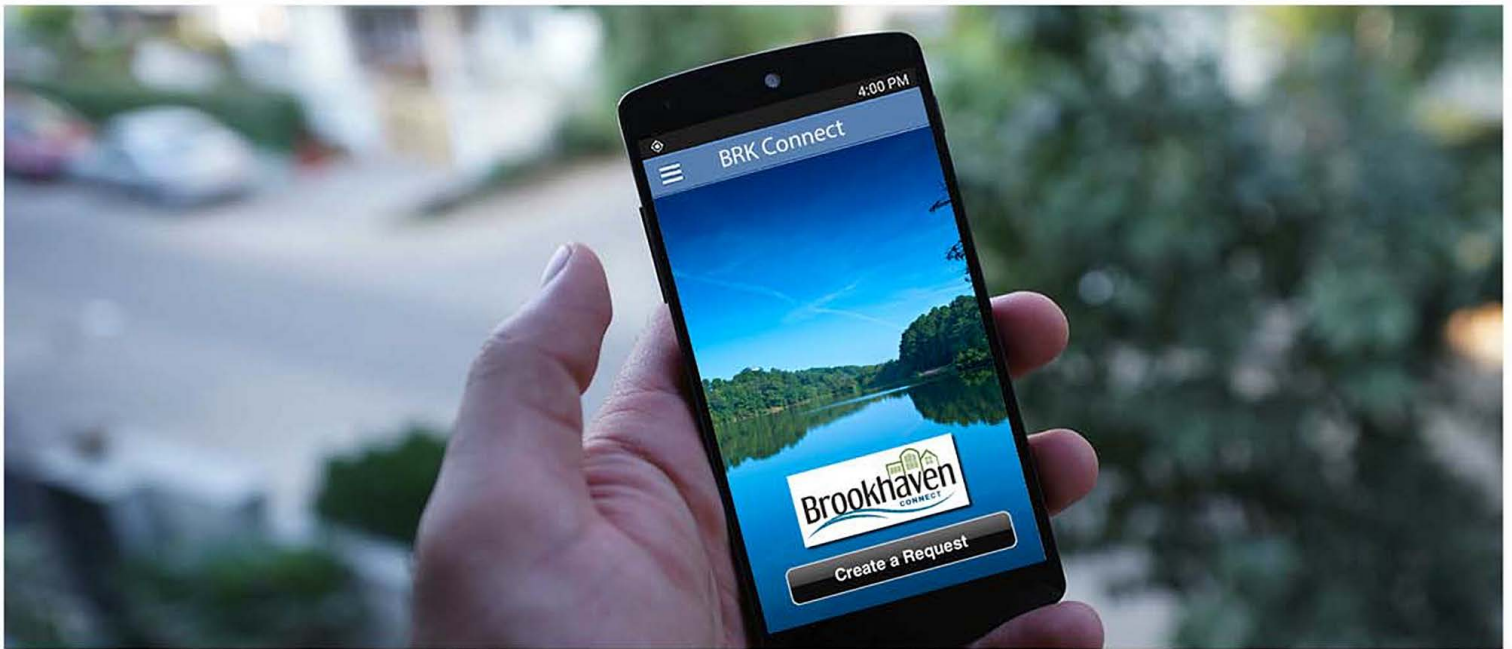
DATE: Saturday, Sept. 9

TIME: 7:45 p.m.

LOCATION: Rear lot of Brookhaven MARTA station, 3360 Peachtree Road

DETAILS: Registration is open for this year's Brookhaven Hot Pursuit 5K. This year, event organizers will deviate from the traditional morning start time and will produce a nighttime glow run. This year's Tot Trot for youngsters starts at 7:45 p.m. and the race kicks off at 8 p.m. This race is an official Peachtree Road Race qualifier and also supports the Brookhaven Police Department's Shop with a Badge initiative that takes place each December.

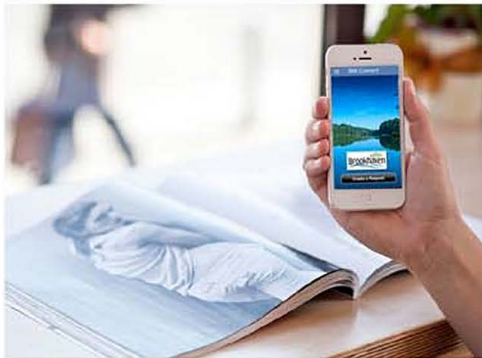




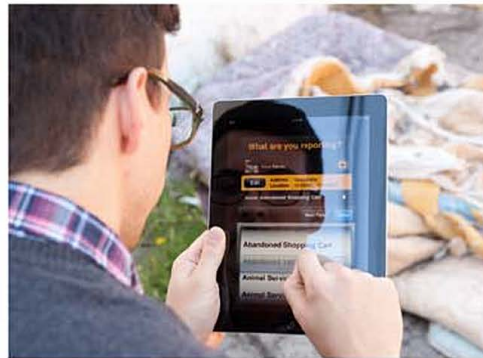
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