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Upcoming...

- Food Trucks return May 6 to Blackburn Park! Every Wednesday from 5 p.m. 9 p.m. more than a dozen food trucks will be there. The popular event, which also features local entertainment, runs through Oct. 28.
- All city parks get new upgrade! New benches, playground swings, picnic tables and trashcans will be installed mid-March. All park playgrounds are getting new borders and mulch, as well.
- New restrooms at Briarwood Park are finished and ready to use. Restrooms at Blackburn Park are in the design phase and will be built later this spring.
- The pavilion in Blackburn Park is being renovated, and completion is set for end of February, barring any severe weather that would affect construction.

- The City will soon release a request for proposal (RFP) for the recodification of the city's zoning ordinance, in accordance with the work program outlined in the Comprehensive Plan 2034. To review the plan visit www.BrookhavenGA.gov
- The Council is prioritizing roads for the 2015 paving and sidewalk list.
- Peachtree Creek Linear Park update: survey ordered, next step is installation of first section of the trail, which we estimate will be 900' long. Amenities include a small pavilion and benches.

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Brookhaven to get Google Fiber in early 2016!!



On January 28, Google announced that the City of Brookhaven made the final, short list of U.S. cities to get Google Fiber – a new fiber-optic network that will deliver Internet and TV connectivity 100x faster than the basic broadband we currently have.

Google says installation will start this year and actual fiber service could begin in Brookhaven as early as 12 months, meaning early 2016.

The selection process actually began at the January 2014 U.S. Conference of Mayors when City Manager Marie Garrett suggested Mayor Davis do an online commercial for Google's

"Get Your Business Online" program. Prior to this, Google had not been aware of Brookhaven as their maps had yet to designate our city boundaries. Just a few weeks later Brookhaven was contacted by Google and became one of just 34 cities in the U.S. and one of only 9 cities in Georgia selected as a candidate for Google Fiber. Since then, we've worked diligently with Google to explore what it would take to bring a new fiber-optic network to our community. It was a rather complex process but one the City knew was worth pursuing.

Like the rest of the world, we've come to expect faster web service, and we know we must have the infrastructure necessary to continue attracting innovative businesses to Brookhaven. These businesses want and demand fast and secure Internet and network connections. That means fiber. It's as simple as that.

Only incorporated areas were selected for Google Fiber. A statement on their website best explains why Brookhaven was considered from the very beginning as a possible city for expansion of the network (Google Fiber is already offered in Austin, TX, Provo, UT and Kansas City MO/KA.)

Google fiber

"These cities are led by people who have been working hard to bring faster Internet speeds and the latest technologies to their residents. We believe these are communities who will do amazing things with a gig. And they are diverse – not just geographically, but in the ways they'll give us opportunities to learn about the wide range of challenges and obstacles that communities might face in trying to build a new fiber network."

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From the Desk of the Mayor



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Last month, City Manager Marie Garrett and I attended the annual winter U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, D.C. It was a jampacked three days of meetings and discussions about many issues facing U.S. cities, including community policing, the economy, innovation and transportation.

Importantly, the conference was an opportune time for us to meet with our congressional delegation – U.S. Senators Johnny Isakson and David Perdue, and U.S. Congressman Tom Price – to brief them on specific needs in Brookhaven that could use federal assistance in either funding or facilitating.

We asked for help in obtaining federal EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) funds to improve the capacity of Murphey Candler Lake and strengthen the health of the entire Nancy Creek watershed. As many of you know, the lake currently has no capacity to hold additional rainwater. Stormwater runoff from the lake into Nancy Creek and other tributaries creates reoccurring problems.



This problem impacts the entire basin area, which includes Brookhaven, Chamblee, Dunwoody and parts of DeKalb County. It's essential that we make these improvements soon to prevent any further damage.

The City recently funded a study of the lake to determine the solutions, which could include dredging, deepening and restoring the lake's banks. Through the years – before we became a city – federal assistance helped the county to repair the lake on different occasions. We're working hard with our leaders in the D.C. to assure that we can get similar help.

We also discussed Buford Highway from the perspective of connectivity and our long-term plans for developing that corridor into a live-work-play community.

I also attended meetings at the White House and was able to engage with members of the President's cabinet. At the conference I discussed DeKalb education issues and the City's effort for a charter school with Secretary of Education Arnie Duncan. He expressed enthusiasm for charter schools and offered help with this project.



Mayor Davis with U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson

All of the meetings were extremely productive and our Congressmen were very receptive to what we are working on in Brookhaven. It was an honor for me to represent our City in Washington, D.C.

I will be starting up "Walks with the Mayor" again this Spring which gives you and me the opportunity to walk and talk in your neighborhood about issues important to you. As always "Mondays with the Mayor" are held continuously throughout the year. Please contact Faz Gonzalez to set up either a meeting or a walk. She can be reached at faz.gonzalez@BrookhavenGA.gov.

Respectfully,
J. Max Davis
Mayor

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Cherry Blossom Festival Set for March 27-29

Inaugural event offers something for everyone

Planners are busy readying Brookhaven's first Cherry Blossom Festival scheduled for the weekend of March 27-29 at Blackburn Park. Be sure to tell your out-of-town guests about special rates and festival packages at our hotels.

Presented by the Brookhaven Office of Tourism, the idea for the Festival began with Council Member Rebecca Chase Williams. "We wanted a signature event for our growing city and the idea of building it around our official city tree – the cherry tree – was very appealing and seemed to have a natural fit," said Williams. "Most of all, the festival is a celebration of all that blooms in Brookhaven, and we invite everyone across the southeast to come see what that means."

Under the guidance of landscape designer Kerry Blind, a total of 225 cherry trees – a variety of Shirofugen Flowering Cherry, Kwazan, Yoshino, Autumnalis and Prunus First Lady – were planted last year across six city parks and at

the entrance to the City along Peachtree Road.

Traditionally, the cherry tree is a symbol of peace and good will. It was adopted in April of last year as the City of Brookhaven's official city tree.

"There's no other cherry blossom event this close to the heart of Atlanta. So, we're 'all in' on presenting a successful event for our residents and visitors to enjoy. It's going to be a lot of fun," added Williams.

Musical performances, a 5K/1K run and walk, an arts & crafts market, children's village and pet parade are some of the activities planned for the weekend.

The costs of the trees and the festival are being funded by hotel-motel taxes collected by the City for the purpose of tourism. Sponsorships from local businesses are lining up as well. Brookhaven's hotels and businesses quickly got-on board last year with helping promote and support the festival.

Sponsors get a tree named in their honor, so be sure to join in on the fun. For more information on Brookhaven's inaugural Cherry Blossom Festival and on sponsorship, please visit BrookCherryFest.org.



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City Council Views...



Rebecca Williams District 1

I'm excited that 2015 is the year we will start making significant progress on our improvements for the City. With the completion of the Compre-

hensive Plan, and master plans for parks, transportation and Buford Highway, it is time to start working on specific projects. Here's my District 1 To Do List for 2015.

- A Master Plan for Murphey Candler Park, and possibly Blackburn and Lynwood parks.
- Paint the Scout Hut while we continue to study its best future use.
- Complete bike and pedestrian path study.
- Install new walking trails in Murphey Candler Park and connect old ones, especially Blackburn PATH to Chamblee.
- Complete traffic study of Ashford Dunwoody Road to develop long-term plan, while doing short-term fixes like additional turn lanes.
- Find solutions to cut-through traffic on West Nancy Creek and Bubbling Creek.
- Pave our worst roads. West Nancy Creek across the dam is at the top of the list.
- Start working on some of our worst residential roads, as well.
- Continue to beautify our City with landscaping/tree planting on our main roads and gateways.
- Consider entrance signs and cleaning up the concrete wall on Peachtree along the Marta line.
- Work on establishing a permanent Veteran's Memorial in our City
- Host a successful Cherry Blossom Festival that will celebrate all that blooms in Brookhaven.

This list does not include all the zonings and other issues that come before us on a regular basis, but you can see I have hopes for making significant progress on improving our parks, roads, sidewalks, addressing traffic and beautifying our city.

I'm available always to meet with your neighborhoods or homeowner's associations, garden clubs, PTO's or other groups. There is so much good news to tell, and I'm anxious to keep our citizens informed and involved. Please let me hear from you.

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The Ashford Park Greenspace

There is a jewel in our midst that many of us did not even realize was there until very recently. The for-

mer runway protection zone often referred to as the PDK Greenspace or Ashford Park Forest Greenspace is 30 acres of true old growth forest and wetlands nestled between 9th, Skyland, Tobey, and Clairmont. This natural buffer mitigates noise, air, and water pollution from the PDK airport. Aside from the plethora of flora and fauna, walking trails include areas where one can only hear the water flowing down the creek. All this in the heart of Brookhaven!

The future of this property is now uncertain as FAA deed restrictions have been removed and it is now deemed surplus property. The property is owned by DeKalb County and any proceeds from its sale would go towards airport operations. Brookhaven is the zoning authority so therefore we would need to work together in properly planning its future.

There are several efforts underway. The City of Brookhaven has started the process of amending its comprehensive plan to designate this plot as priority greenspace rather than priority redevelopment. However, the DeKalb commission will decide what will be done with the property.

Some believe the highest and best use is to develop the property for housing. In general, residential areas do not produce enough tax digest to support the services required. More homes would require more services, and it would risk becoming a fiscal drain on the city and the county. While the sale of this property could result in a windfall for the airport and home-builders, ultimately the cost would increase for the taxpayers of Brookhaven and DeKalb County.

In reality, the highest and best use for this property would be for it to become the centerpiece of a network of paths and greenways that would bring Brookhaven to the forefront of livable communities. Studies show a 10-30 percent increase in property values when located close to greenways, while requiring minimal cost in infrastructure. The vision shared by many is to continue our path system from Blackburn Park, through the Ashford Park greenspace, Briarwood Park, the planned North Fork (Peachtree Creek) greenway, and continue to the Atlanta Beltline.

This is why I have joined a group of citizens who are working hard for the preservation of the Ashford Park Greenspace. In the long run, it is the right decision fiscally and environmentally. And if it's lost, it's lost forever.

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The City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

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Bates Mattison District 3

Please join me in welcoming Google Fiber to Brookhaven! When fully implemented, this super high-speed Internet & TV service will be a tremen-

dous opportunity, enhancing the entrepreneurial spirit alive in our City.

We know that development is coming to Brookhaven. The Atlanta Business Chronicle recently said we have the fastest growing zip code (30319) in metro Atlanta, and a national real estate company said we were the most exciting place to live in Georgia.

So, smart planning is absolutely crucial. We need strategies and ordinances that enhance our retail and restaurant options within our commercial corridors, while still preserving what our citizens love about our City - our green canopies and quiet in-town nature.

With that always in mind, we're taking a very proactive approach to the re-development of the Brookhaven MARTA station. This will most likely be the biggest development project submitted to the City in 2015. Proposals (RFPs) are due in March; MARTA will likely select their developer sometime this summer, and we probably will see a development plan by end of year.

Though its MARTA's project, we certainly want to have a seat at the table as far as making decisions on what it's going to look like and how it will improve our community's connectivity.

We have created a MARTA Citizens Review Board, which will meet regularly to coordinate this effort. Its purpose is to provide a dialogue between the community, MARTA, and the developers bidding on the project. The board articulates what the community's issues are, and likewise, communicates the process and MARTA/developer concerns back to the community.

On the board are: Denise Starling (Dist. 1), Blair Belton (Dist. 2), Joe Palladi (Dist. 3), Lynda Martin (Dist. 4), Jack Honerd (Brookhaven Fields), Giles Stevens (Brookhaven Heights), Joel Putterman (Historic Brookhaven), Kathy Chrisman (Ashford Park), David Leaderman (Fernwood Park), Michael Roberts (BPCA), Pat Hoban (Brookhaven Development Authority and Susan Coker (Brookhaven Development Authority).

As we talk about smart growth, it's important to remember that the MARTA study last year also included a regional plan for the entire commercial corridor of Peachtree Road and Dresden Drive. Based on extensive input from citizens, businesses, landowners, developers, and urban planning specialists, the study's goal is to create a vibrant, walking community that will become a sense of place for our still new City.

The MARTA project and Google Fiber represent our business friendly environment and our overall support of entrepreneurs. We want to keep going in this direction. Not just because of economic development, which is vital to the success of any city, but also to create an environment that truly enriches the lives of all our citizens.

In the future, part of that environment will be the City's proposed bike/pedestrian path plan. We've just begun the study for this

project, working with surrounding cities to ensure our bike and pedestrian paths connect with them, and connect our citizens to projects like the Atlanta Beltline, the GA 400 path. North Fork Peachtree Creek will play an important part in the mix.

Our education initiatives are moving ahead and I look forward to sharing more about them in an upcoming newsletter.

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Joe Gebbia District 4

"Georgia's Not Buying It" is the statewide effort to eliminate the sexual exploitation of our children.

This is a subject matter that is dear to my heart, though it's a topic that is often difficult to discuss. Nevertheless, we need to discuss it with more of a sense of urgency, and for one basic reason: Georgia (and greater Atlanta) ranks as one of the most active states nationwide for the illicit domestic sexual exploitation of children.

In order to eradicate this trend we need to enlighten our residents and businesses on what is going on so we can work in concert to stop this tragedy from happening to our most valuable and vulnerable asset - our children.

The City of Brookhaven is taking deliberate and meaningful steps to aid in this cause. Last fall I was invited by the Governor's Office on Children and Families to design a program that defines ways all Georgia cities can help in achieving the state goal. I presented it to my fellow council members, who unanimously embraced it. This led to Brookhaven becoming the first City to be certified by the Governor's Office of Children and Families in the fight to educate and eradicate this hideous crime. It was a proud moment for our new City.

Mayor and Council established a mandatory training program for all City employees to learn about the magnitude of the problem, to recognize a child in distress, and learn the appropriate actions to take. City Hall employees were trained by Street Grace - a GA non-profit renowned for its work in this field, and the Police Department was trained by the GBI. I am proud to say we had 100 percent participation.

As part of the effort, the Chamber of Commerce will assist in training employees at our hotels and restaurants, and training will be offered to our schoolteachers, homeowner associations, medical facilities, and any other outlet willing to help in this cause.

I was recently asked why I got involved in this initiative, and my response was simple – it's the right thing to do, and the problem is right here in our backyard. Our police officers have encountered minors caught up in this trade; the last one was missing from Texas.

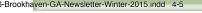
I am very proud of what we're accomplishing and our efforts are being recognized nationally. Cities from Indiana and Washington have called Street Grace asking for help in getting similar programs started - a real compliment indeed.

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Meetings are open to the public. To learn more: www.brookhavenga.gov

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Brookhaven helps shed light on child sex trafficking

City hosts screening of "8 Days" film inspired by actual events

On February 23, Brookhaven hosted a screening of "8 Days," the newly released, acclaimed film which takes a hard-hitting look at child sex trafficking across the U.S. The movie is inspired by actual events and is so effective in its storytelling that law enforcement and government officials are using it to help educate the public on the growing problem.

It's particularly relevant to our community because metro Atlanta is one of the worst areas in the country for child sex trafficking.

Following the Brookhaven screening, was a panel discussion led by the filmmakers, law enforcement officials, child advocates and elected officials, including Mayor Davis.

"I was certainly aware of the problem here in Atlanta before, but the film opened my eyes even more," said Davis. "I encourage everyone to see the movie and share what they learn with their children, families and friends."

In January, Brookhaven became the first city in Georgia to be certified by the Governor's Office of Children and Families in the fight to educate and eradicate the crime. Since then, Mayor Davis, City Council Member Joe Gebbia and Police Chief Gary Yandura have led the charge on keeping Brookhaven in the forefront of educating the public on the problem.



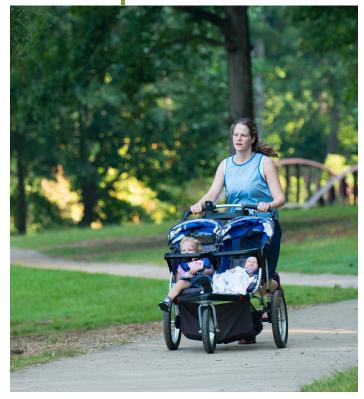
Bike/Pedestrian/Trail Plan takes shape

Nine leading planning and engineering firms, with experience in multimodal transportation planning, submitted proposals in late January to develop a comprehensive Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Plan for Brookhaven.

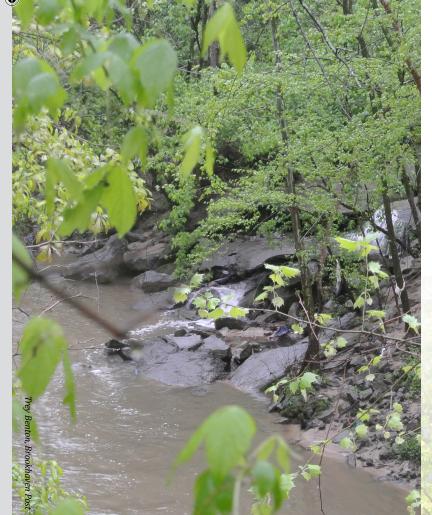
The goal of the plan is to provide a safe, connected and integrated network of pedestrian, bicycle, and multipurpose trail facilities throughout the City. That network would then connect to a regional one in the future. The plan would accommodate a wide range of users and abilities from children to seniors. It will address future investments, as well as prioritize feasible and cost-effective projects.

Striping for bicycle lanes has already begun in various sections of the City. Community input is essential in the development of the plan. Please let us hear from you.

Community input is essential in the development of the plan. Please let us hear from you. For more information on the Bike/Pedestrian/Trail Plan, please contact Public Works at 404-637-0500.



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Peachtree Creek Greenway planning starts

Heath & Lineback Engineers, Inc. has been selected to develop a Master Plan for the Peachtree Creek Greenway (formerly North Fork Peachtree Creek Greenway). The objective of the project is to develop a framework for constructing an integrated system of multi-use and natural trails along the North Fork of Peachtree Creek.

The North Fork begins outside of I-285 and somewhat follows I-85 until it joins the South Fork of Peachtree Creek near the Lindbergh MARTA station.

The goal of the greenway is to provide residents with close-to-home and close-to work access to bicycle and pedestrian trails, serve transportation and recreation needs, and help encourage quality of life and sustainable economic growth.

Please contact Parks and Recreation Director Jerry Kinsey at jerry.kinsey@BrookhavenGA.gov or 404-637-0500 for more information.

"Brookhaven 101" kicks off with look at tree ordinance

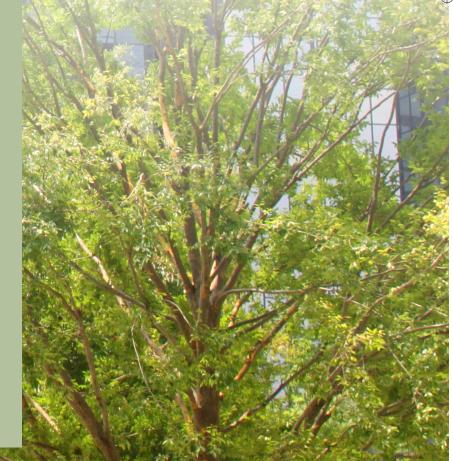
Community invited to March 16 workshop, 9am-Noon

The public is encouraged to attend the first "Brookhaven 101" community workshop to learn more about the City's tree ordinance. The workshop is set for Monday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at City Hall, Council Chambers, 3rd floor.

"The series is designed to educate the community on various City functions and we thought the best place to start is with our Tree Ordinance," said Community Development Director Ben Song. "Brookhaven is often defined by its beautiful, mature trees and our tree ordinance and associated land-scaping requirements play an important role in preserving that tree canopy."

The workshop will explain how the ordinance assures the right level of tree preservation and a case study will be presented to share various facets associated with development and its relationship to the tree ordinance.

Please RSVP for the March 16 'Brookhaven 101' workshop with Kelly Reynolds at kelly.reynolds@brookhavenga.gov or 404-637-0500.



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Stormwater Inventory Nears Completion



Jeremy Hale prepares to use TM's \$14,000 inspection camera to review pipe conditions.

Last November the City began an inventory of its stormwater system – every storm drain, manhole, catch basin, pipe and pond in the city. Brookhaven has about 9,700 drains, 300 storage ponds and almost 1,000 conveyances/pipes.

"The intent is to have a totally connected system that connects the structures in the right-of-ways to the stormwater discharge locations at the city's boundaries," said Gregory Anderson, the city's stormwater utility manager. "We will also have a visual assessment of the maintenance and structural condition of the system,"

TerraMark Land Surveying was hired to conduct the inventory, which includes photographing, mapping and collecting data, such as the condition of each asset.

Mayor Davis says that many residents are unaware that the stormwater system has been transferred from the county to Brookhaven. "Along with this transfer came a maintenance backlog and infrastructure neglect. We have managed our budget well for this department and have the necessary funds which will allow us to manage a more consistent schedule of maintenance and upgrades."

For more information, contact the Brookhaven Stormwater Division at stormwater@BrookhavenGA.aov



Your Feedback...

"I am thrilled with all the things the City is doing. The

paving of Windsor Parkway, the improvements to Lynwood Park, the Father Daughter Dance later this month. It's amazing how much is getting accomplished. Hats off to the Council for a terrific job in such a short amount of time."

-B. Karampelas, Brookhaven

"As a Drew Valley home owner and resident of one of the 176 area homes flooded in 2003, I wanted to thank Gregory Anderson and everyone else involved for their tireless efforts to keep our detention pond functioning. Your work has been greatly appreciated -- when the pond stops functioning properly, it's just a matter of time before the area floods again."

-G. Phillips, Brookhaven

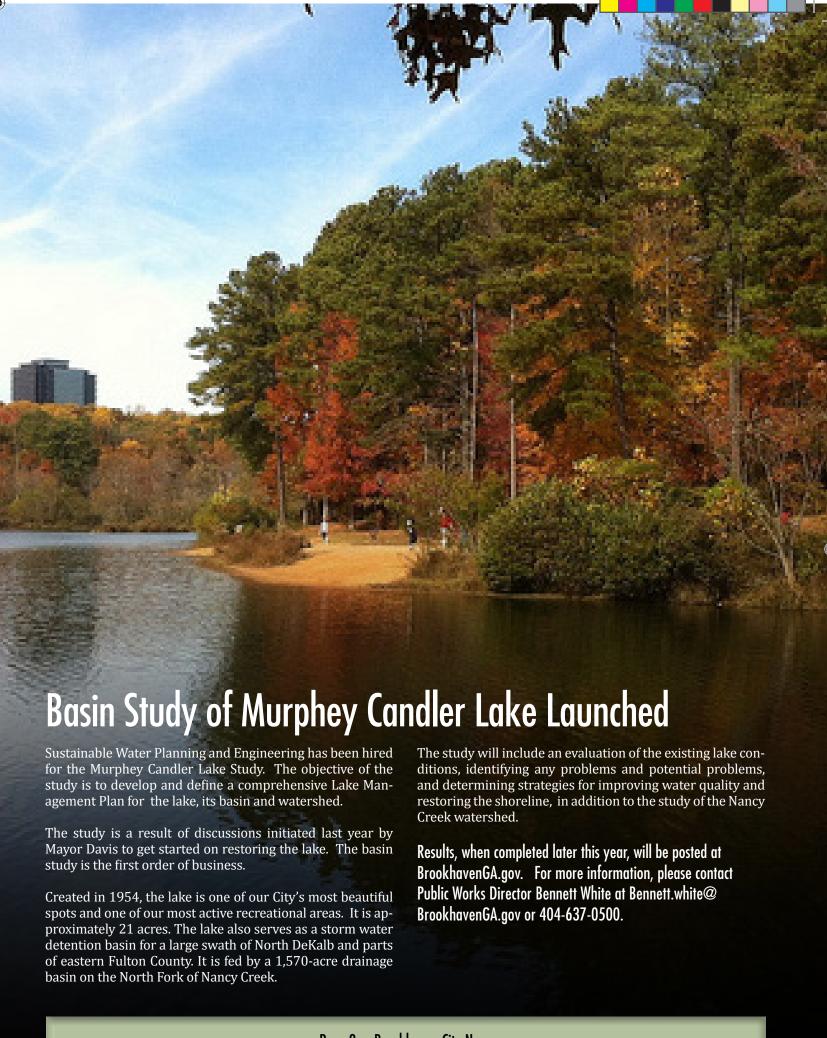
"On behalf of One Brookhaven Condominums, I am pleased to write and thank everyone at the City who worked with us on the cherry tree project. Everyone has been so helpful and cooperative. It is indeed a pleasure to be a citizen of the City of Brookhaven and to work with each executive and staff member."

-I. McHenry, Brookhaven

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the City of Brookhaven and your contractor Georgia Development Partners for an outstanding job on the storm water project for Watkins Place. My home, in addition to several neighbors, has suffered storm water erosion for many years. I was proud to call the New City of Brookhaven my home before this problem was solved, and now you all have restored my faith that government can be effective when the right leaders are in place."

-Dale Deese, Brookhaven

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Update on FEMA land parcels



A number of years ago, DeKalb County purchased 125 land parcels that were in floodplains and subject to repeated flooding damage. They were able to do so with funding from a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant program. The goal was to remove homes on the parcels and restore the floodplains to their natural functions.

Since that time, the City of Brookhaven was formed and 36 of those parcels now lie within the jurisdiction of our City. We are working cooperatively with DeKalb to transfer those properties to the City as they have great potential for green space and pocket parks, specifically.

You can view a map of the parcels at BrookhavenGA.gov.

Update on Tree Removal for New Subdivisions Construction

Many citizens have asked about tree removal during construction of two new subdivisions – Parc Chase (26 homes) and The Enclave (7 homes) – coming in between North Druid Hills, East Roxboro and Goodwin roads and Wright Avenue.

Of the total 89 trees that existed on the Parc Chase site, 36 were dead, diseased or deemed hazardous by an independent Certified Arborist. They have been removed, as well as 39 additional trees in order to allow DeKalb County mandated sewer extensions, sidewalks, and compliance of stormwater management regulations.

Through an approved alternative compliance plan, 14 of the original trees were saved. The developer is required to plant 78 new trees (16-18 feet tall oak, maple, black gum and yellowwood) along Goodwin and North Druid Hills roads; as well as 82 new trees (12-14 feet tall serviceberry, holly, cedar, magnolia, arborvitae and elm) along Wright Avenue and North Druid Hills, East Roxboro and Goodwin roads. Additionally, the developer paid \$21,750 into the city's tree fund.

"Part of maintaining a healthy tree canopy is making sure we have diverse ages and sizes of trees," said City Arborist Kay Evanovich. "We require preservation is met then the plant backs we require once cutting has taken place help ensure a healthy canopy for present and future generations to enjoy."

The required 100" per acre of trees on The Enclave site were saved, and the developer will plant additional trees to comply with City zoning requirements.

The City Arborist Kay Evanovich can be reached at kay.evanovich@BrookhavenGA.gov or 404-637-0558 for any additional information.

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City's reserves reach \$4M in 2015

The City's approved 2015 operating and capital budget totals \$31,934,167. More than \$4.7 million goes to parks with over \$3 million for capital improvements, alone. Sidewalks will see over \$3 million in capital spending and \$4 million is designated for reserves.

This is part of the City's plan to aggressively deal with the paving and maintenance backlog we inherited upon incorporation. "From day one we have been hyper-focused on improving our parks, repaving our streets and building a top notch police force," said Mayor Davis, "and we will see even more results in 2015, reflecting what our community wants."

In just 2 years of operations the city has cut property taxes twice and still been able to put away \$4 million in reserves. "By watching the bottom line and making sure the taxpayers get a high level of service for the lowest possible cost, our city's finances are rock solid," said Council Member Bates Mattison.

Council approved reducing the millage rate to 2.795 from the prior year's 2.85 millage rate. The City's charter allows for a maximum millage rate of 3.35.

City financial audit update

In their opinion, the City's financial statements presented fairly the respective financial position of the City's activities, funds, changes in financial position, and cash flows in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S.

Highlights of the report:

- The assets of the City exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal period by \$73,205,965. Of this amount, an unrestricted net position of \$4,631,647 is available to meet ongoing obligations.
- The City's initial net position of \$73,205,965 was due primarily to \$68,795,255 being recorded as a transfer of infrastructure assets at incorporation (roads, sidewalks, etc.)
- At close of 2013, the City's government funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$5,225.419.

The full audit report is found at BrookhavenGA.gov.

2015 budget highlights include:

- \$20,000 homestead exemption; eligible seniors receive additional \$14,000 exemption
- \$3,061,000 for park improvements
- \$115,000 for new public safety equipment
- \$3,124,000 for road and sidewalk improvements
- Establishment of city's own 9-1-1 emergency communications service
- \$2,307,447 for stormwater maintenance and improvements

"It is this application of resources to ideas that can make Brookhaven the jewel of the Southeast," said Mayor Davis. "On behalf of the Council I want to thank our taxpayers for making this city what it is and will be."

To review the 2015 Budget, please visit www.BrookhavenGA.gov.

City receives Qualified Local Government Status

Brookhaven has received the Qualified Local Government status from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). This status makes us eligible for financial incentives from the DCA, the state Department of Natural Resources, the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority and the one-Georgia Authority.

This status is given only to local governments that adopt DCA-approved comprehensive plans consistent with their local planning requirements. Last November, the City adopted its first comprehensive plan, Comprehensive Plan 2034, a long-term vision for the economic, social and environmental sustainability of Brookhaven.

"Our comprehensive plan includes six key substantive elements: land use, community facilities and resources, economic development, population, housing and transportation. A framework for our future has evolved around these planning elements," said City Council Member Joe Gebbia.

To review the Comprehensive Plan 2034 visit www.BrookhavenGA.gov.

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