

CITY NEWS

Foundation gives back to Brookhaven's finest

While Brookhaven Police Department (BPD) officers and staff go about their daily business of keeping the City safe, a group of residents have created a unique and meaningful way to show appreciation for their safety and crime prevention efforts. Two years ago, 13 people banded together to form the Brookhaven Police Foundation with the express purpose of providing financial assistance to members of the Department and their immediate families on an as-needed basis.

“The original intent and primary focus of the Foundation was to provide scholarship funds to BPD officers, staff and immediate family members, but the scope has expanded to include emergency funds and funding for public safety equipment or care and feeding of some of the Department’s K9 officers,” said J.D. Clockadale, president of the Foundation. “To date, over \$62,000 has been used to provide scholarships to BPD officers or their children.”

A commitment to education and verifiable financial need are two of the main criteria for receiving scholarship monies. “To qualify, they must maintain a B+ average, participate in activities socially and, in the case of officers, pursue educational goals that will help them advance in their career,” added Clockadale.

Educational pursuits do not necessarily have to be related to law enforcement (one officer is pursuing an MBA). With proof of payment, individuals can be reimbursed for expenses, but generally, scholarship monies are paid directly to the educational or lending institution for tuition, housing, food, or whatever the need related to the educational pursuit.

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Above, Foundation President J.D. Clockadale, K9 Handler Officers Trent Williams and David Fikes, and Mayor John Ernst gather at the recent National Night Out. Inset, Officer Williams introduces K9 Thor to young attendees at the event.



“I am working on my Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice,” said BPD Officer Trent Williams. “The Foundation has paid my college tuition and the scholarship funds they provided have taken additional financial stress off of me. I am very grateful for their help.”

Monies are also provided for emergencies used to offset economic hardship caused by instances such as natural disasters, catastrophic life events, illness, injury or similar. For example, the Foundation covers expenses like hospital treatments, utility bills and general living expenses.

In addition, the Foundation is able to provide funds for equipment that enhances the safety of the BPD and/or Brookhaven residents. There have also been special instances such as a recent donation for \$2000 to the BPD’s K9 unit that will go towards the care of K9 officer dogs.

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From the Desk of the Mayor

Happy fall, y'all!

As Brookhaven heads into the fall season, we can proudly look back on a summer when we certainly weren't taking a summer break.

Some recent milestones:

- We completed the 2018 paving list, having paved 39 Brookhaven roads totaling more than 13 lane-miles.
- We've built more than two miles of sidewalks.
- We broke out the street sweepers over 52 curb-miles of Brookhaven roads (about 20%).
- We cut the ribbon on Georgian Hills Park improvements.
- We are putting the finishing touches on the Murphey Candler Open Space and Skyland Park. These will be open soon.
- We just broke ground on some magnificent improvements at Blackburn Park that will include a new restroom and new playground on the north end.
- Later this year, we'll be breaking ground on a new police headquarters, as well as the construction of the Peachtree Creek Greenway.

In short, we are getting things done.

And do you know what is going to be a gigantic help in getting things done? In July, both Standard & Poor's (S&P) and Moody's Investor Services graded our financial health, management and fiscal policies, and both give us their highest ratings.



John Ernst, Mayor
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Town Hall Schedule

Mayor John Ernst hosts monthly town halls on varying topics at City Hall, 4362 Peachtree Road, 6 to 7 p.m. Below is the schedule for the remainder of 2018:

September 20

November 15

October 18

December 20

Town halls are streamed live on the City's Facebook page @BrookhavenGAGov.

Visit www.BrookhavenGA.gov for updated calendar and event schedule.

Brookhaven is one of just five cities in Georgia with this double distinction, and these ratings are a powerful endorsement of our work so far. Both ratings will be used for the construction of Brookhaven's Peachtree Creek Greenway, which will be a game-changer for both the City and the region.

I hope you enjoy the fall season in our fantastic City, and don't hesitate to contact me at John.Ernst@BrookhavenGA.gov or at 404-637-0710 with any questions or concerns. I hope to see you at a Town Hall or City Council meeting.

Thank you for all you do to make Brookhaven better!

Yours truly,

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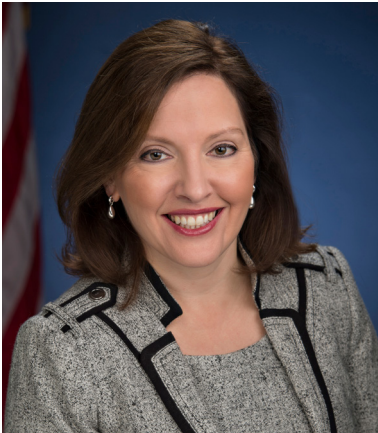
Money raised by the Foundation is done primarily through donations and fundraisers such as the group's charity golf tournament that is held every other year, with the next one planned for 2019. "This fall, we also have a Police Ball planned as a fundraiser, but right now we are primarily looking to get our name 'out there' and let people know we exist, what we do and how they can donate to the Foundation," noted Clockadale. "At this time, the easiest way people can donate is to write a check payable to the Brookhaven Police

Foundation and drop it off or mail it to the Brookhaven Police Department at 2665 Buford Highway, Brookhaven, GA 30324."

Donors can designate a specific category (scholarship/hardship/public safety) for their donation.

"Monies provided by the Brookhaven Police Foundation are a great asset and provide support for our officers and their families in regard to scholarships and health emergencies," said BPD Chief Gary Yandura. "I know everyone that has been helped is extremely appreciative for the assistance."

City Council



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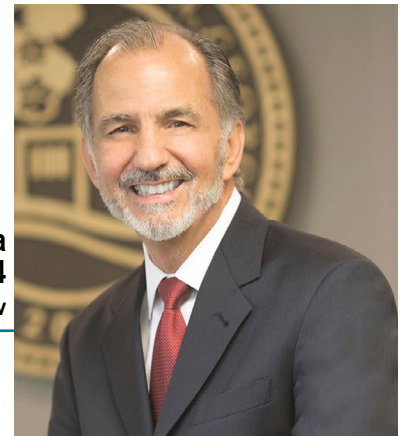


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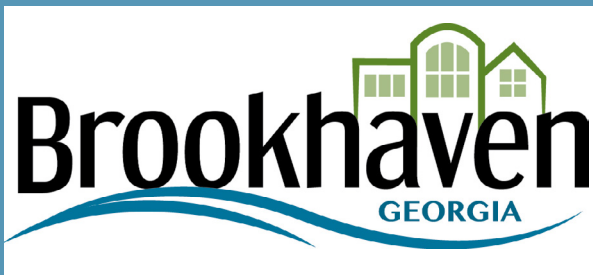


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The Brookhaven City Council generally meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 3:30 and 7 p.m. at 4362 Peachtree Road. Visit www.BrookhavenGA.gov for schedule changes.

City meetings are streamed online and archived at www.BrookhavenGA.gov. To access meetings and videos, go to the Meetings & Agendas tab near the bottom of the homepage.



City Vision and Mission

The following are vision and mission statements of the City of Brookhaven.

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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Unique Briarwood Park treehouses will take youngsters to ‘new heights’

Thanks to input from residents and monies recently approved by the Brookhaven City Council, a new adventure treehouse addition to the Briarwood Park children’s playground promises to be an exciting first-of-its-kind design that will literally get youngsters “up in the air!”

“Actually, there will be three treehouses in a triangular formation that interconnect with rope ladders and combine physical activity with teaching youngsters how to transform ideas into fun solutions,” said Parks and Recreation Director Brian Borden.

Coordinated by Greenberg-Farrow, an Atlanta-based architecture, engineering and planning firm, the custom-designed treehouses were created by KOMPAN, a leading manufacturer of playground equipment.

“When developing the master plan for the park, neighbors wanted something different, trying to get away from the normal everyday playground and treehouse concept...something new that would engage the children and hold their attention,” noted Borden.



“I believe we have achieved that goal. This is a ‘first’ in the Brookhaven park system and could well serve as a prototype for future playground improvements in other City parks.”

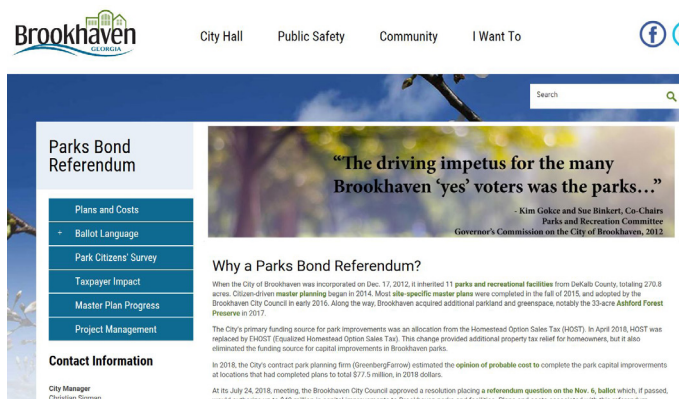
Construction of the new playground addition will begin in early 2019. Briarwood Park is located at 2235 Briarwood Way, NE.

Brookhaven launches Parks Bond Referendum website

The City of Brookhaven launched a Parks Bond Referendum website to ensure voters have access to information about the referendum question prior to the Nov. 6 election. The referendum, if passed, would authorize up to \$40 million in capital improvements to Brookhaven parks and facilities.

The website is at www.BrookhavenGA.gov/parks-bond-ref and is also listed as a menu item under the City Hall tab on the Brookhaven website at www.BrookhavenGA.gov.

The website contains line-item details about specific improvements in six Brookhaven parks: Ashford, Blackburn, Briarwood, Brookhaven, Lynwood, and Murphey Candler I, as well as systemwide improvements which would be funded through this referendum. Information about the financial impact of the parks bond, the ballot language, master plans, project management, and the Parks Citizen’s Survey are also



contained on the site.

“We put everything up there, so residents can make an informed decision about this issue in plenty of time before the election on Nov. 6,” said Brookhaven City Manager Christian Sigman.

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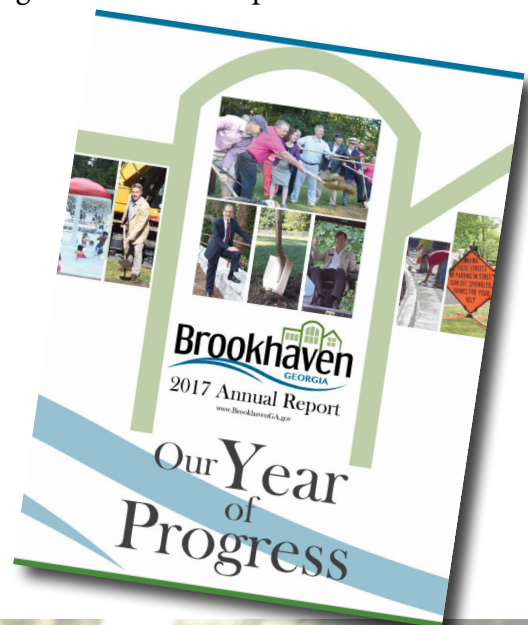
Preserving Lynwood history



District 1 Councilmember Linley Jones, Parks and Recreation's Cassandra Bryant (a Lynwood Park native), former Mayor Rebecca Chase Williams and historian Valerie Biggerstaff, along with members of the Lynwood Park Foundation, are working on obtaining a Georgia Historical Marker to commemorate the significance of Lynwood Park School and the neighborhood's residents. This year marks the 50-year anniversary of the school's closing.

2017 Annual Report available now

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Brookhaven completes 2018 paving list

Thirty-nine roads totaling 13.19 lane-miles are now Brookhaven's smoothest

Utilizing recently-approved Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) proceeds, the City of Brookhaven has wrapped up an aggressive 2018 paving schedule with the completion of Brooklawn Court.

The paving frenzy got its start in 2017. In November, the Brookhaven City Council approved jump-starting Phase 1 of the 2018 paving in order to lock in the previous year's pricing schedule. By March, 17 streets were completed. Phase 2 began in April with 22 more roads getting fresh asphalt. The last on the list was Brooklawn Court, which was finished on Aug. 7.

Altogether in 2018, 39 streets totaling 13.19 lane-miles were paved, but not all of them came from the 2018 paving list.

"We have a 5-year paving program approved by the City Council in Fall of 2016 based upon the Pavement

Condition Index, which helps us prioritize projects with available funding," said Public Works Director Hari Karikaran. "We started paving roads on the 2018 list in 2017. This year, we have completed everything on the 2018 list, and all but three roads on the 2019 list."

With cost savings achieved in 2018, Brookhaven plans to pave one more road before the year is over: Camille Drive, the next road that can be paved with the available funds.

"In a couple of years, the City of Brookhaven is going to have the best roads in the entire state of Georgia. We are already on our way," said Mayor John Ernst. "Next year, we are going to re-evaluate all of our roads, reprioritize, and put those SPLOST funds that the voters approved in the roads in the most economically and scientifically efficient way to get the best roads at the best price."

Around Town



Mayor Pro Tem Joe Gebbia (center), Economic Development Director Shirlynn Brownell (second from right) and District 3 Councilmember Bates Mattison (far right) accept the 2018 Welcoming City Award from the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.



Mayor John Ernst and Councilmembers John Park and Linley Jones along with members of the Korean community gather in Blackburn Park to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the installation of the Young Girls Peace Monument



From left, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta CEO Donna Hyland, Children's Board of Trustees Chair Jonathan Goldman, Mayor John Ernst, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Gebbia, and Councilmember Linley Jones celebrate the ribbon cutting for Children's Center for Advanced Pediatrics in Brookhaven.



Councilmembers Linley Jones (center) and Bates Mattison (right) help celebrate the grand opening of Amore Cucina & Bar in Town Brookhaven.



Parks and Recreation Director Brian Borden, Fikree and Farah Jordan, Park Pride's Kayla Altland, Councilmember Linley Jones, Mayor John Ernst, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Gebbia, former Mayor Rebecca Chase Williams, and resident Ida Beth Barner kick off the Blackburn Park project that features improvements to the north end of the park, including a new restroom and new playground.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Food Truck Roundup

PRICE: Free

DATE: Wednesdays through Oct. 3

TIME: 6-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Blackburn Park

DETAILS: Join us on Wednesdays at Blackburn Park for our weekly Food Truck Roundup. Each night will feature 8-10 food trucks, live entertainment, a bounce house, and beer/wine sales from Kaleidoscope. This is a family-friendly event so bring the kids, dogs, and whoever else is hungry!

Paint the Park

PRICE: Free

DATE: Sunday, Sept. 23

TIME: 1-4 p.m.

LOCATION: Blackburn Park

DETAILS: Artists of all ages and skill levels are invited to "Paint the Park." Volunteer judges are also needed. To illustrate the importance of civic art, once the pieces are completed they will be displayed in the park visible from Ashford Dunwoody Road until the event closes. The winning pieces will then be on display at City Hall. Art supplies and paper will be provided, but feel free to bring your own easel and canvas if you wish, and let the natural surroundings inspire you. Cool treats and prizes will also be part of the fun.

Fall Festival

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 20

TIME: 12-4 p.m.

LOCATION: Skyland Park

DETAILS: Enjoy the crisp fall weather at Lynwood Park with a get-together for the family, including food, a bounce house, and other activities to enjoy.

Light Up Brookhaven

DATE: Thursday, Nov. 29

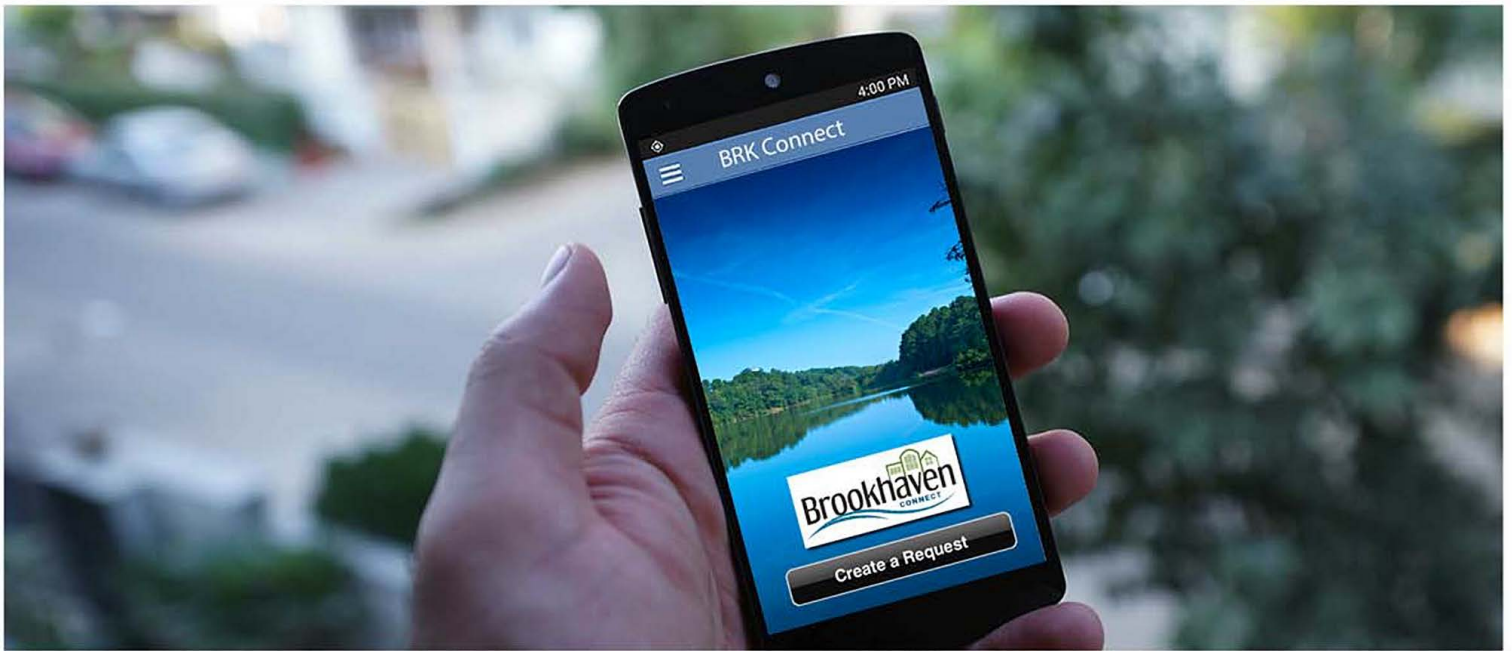
TIME: 6-8 p.m.

LOCATION: Blackburn Park

DETAILS: This free event features special musical performances, visits with Santa, holiday crafts, Toys for Tots collection box, hot chocolate sale, refreshments and Christmas tree and Hanukkah display lighting.



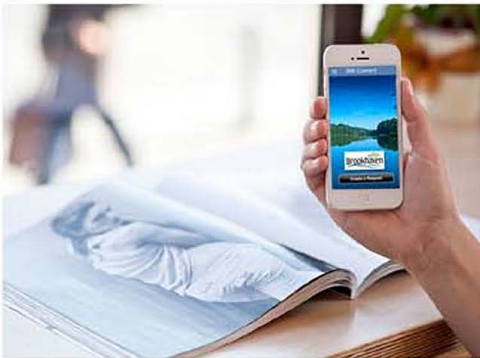
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