

CITY NEWS

Brookhaven Cherry Blossom Festival: Bigger and Better Than Ever

The Atlanta area festival season kicks off this year in our own back yard with the fourth annual Cherry Blossom Festival, Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25 at Blackburn Park.

“The Brookhaven Cherry Blossom Festival is our marquee event of the year, and with the partnership of Live Nation and Splash Festivals, we are going to have a music and art extravaganza that will kick off the Atlanta-area festival season in style,” said Brookhaven Mayor John Ernst.

Country music stars Craig Morgan and Keith Anderson will grace the stage that Saturday, preceded by up-and-comer Transviolet. On Sunday, Hannah Wicklund & The Steppin Stones, another exciting newcomer, will perform with more all-star guests, who had yet to be announced at press time.

In October, the Brookhaven City Council approved a contract with Splash Festivals to operate the Arts & Crafts Market and handle logistics for the event. Splash Festivals also manages the festivals in Dunwoody, Norcross, Johns Creek, Alpharetta and other locations. So far, Splash Festivals has registered 100 vendors for the Brookhaven event, more than triple the size of previous markets.

Live Nation is handling the booking of the musical acts.

This year, the festival will premiere a food court sitting area providing guests with a 360-degree view of the stage, Kidz Zone and dog show area. The classic car show will be returning on Saturday, March 24, and the 5K road race, now designated as a Peachtree Road Race qualifier and fundraiser for Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, will take place on Sunday, March 25.

The Brookhaven Cherry Blossom festival is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 25. More

live entertainment will be announced in the coming weeks.

“The entertainment and festivities keep getting bigger and better every year at the Brookhaven Cherry Blossom Festival,” said Brookhaven District 1 Councilmember Linley Jones. “The partnership of Live Nation and Splash Festivals has already raised the level of excitement surrounding our music and art extravaganza. The best part is that admission is free and there is something for everyone in the whole family.”

For updated Brookhaven Cherry Blossom Festival information, visit www.BrookCherryFest.org.

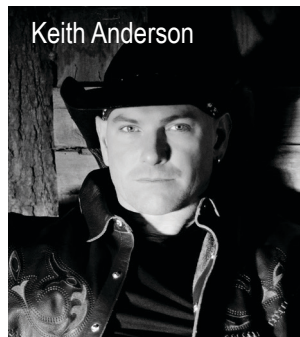


A Music & Art Extravaganza

March 24-25, 2018



Craig Morgan



Keith Anderson



Hannah Wicklund & The Steppin Stones



Transviolet

From the Desk of the Mayor

Brookhaven is Blossoming in 2018

Hello neighbors - I can't believe I'm now in my third year serving as your Mayor!

As Spring approaches, it's fitting to say that the City of Brookhaven is surely blossoming in 2018.

Right around the corner is our fourth annual Brookhaven Cherry Blossom Festival. One of our City's founding goals was to find ways to bring the community together - and our marquee event certainly does the trick.

Festival favorites such as the Pet World, Food Trucks and Kidz Zone are returning, and our Artist Market is expanding to more than 100 vendors. Our annual 5K, a Peachtree Road Race qualifier, for the first time is serving as a fundraiser for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

And I'm especially excited about this year's stellar music lineup, thanks to a partnership the City has formed with Live Nation. I hope you can join us as the likes of Craig Morgan, Keith Anderson and some exciting up-and-comers grace the Cherry Blossom Festival stage.

Community-building isn't the only goal we're accomplishing this year. We started the new year with a new website that highlights City projects and makes it



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easier to find information. Check it out at www.BrookhavenGA.gov. And while you are there, check out our new "Open Data Portal," accessed through our GIS Department's web page. It's an innovative way to download, combine and compare all kinds of City data.

We've made significant progress with sidewalks - check out some of our before-and-after photos on the next few pages.

And we can't forget the upgrades to our Parks system. This year we will break ground on one of the most important projects the City has undertaken - the Peachtree Creek Greenway. Meanwhile, major improvements and additions continue at Blackburn, Murphey Candler, Georgian Hills and the new Skyland Park.

Don't hesitate to contact me at John.Ernst@BrookhavenGA.gov or at 404-637-0710 with any questions or concerns, and 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,



From left, Parks & Rec Director Brian Borden, Councilmembers Linley Jones and John Park, former Mayor and Cherry Blossom Festival founder Rebecca Chase Williams, Mayor John Ernst and Councilmember Bates Mattison at last year's festival.

Town Hall Schedule

Mayor John Ernst hosts monthly town halls on varying topics at City Hall, 4362 Peachtree Road, 7 to 8 p.m. Below is the schedule for the remainder of 2018. Town halls are streamed live on the City's Facebook page @BrookhavenGAGov.

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July 19

August 16

September 20

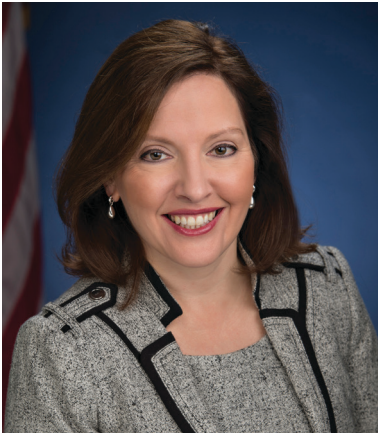
October 18

November 15

December 20

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

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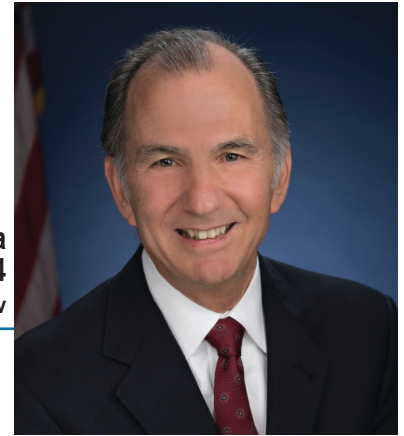


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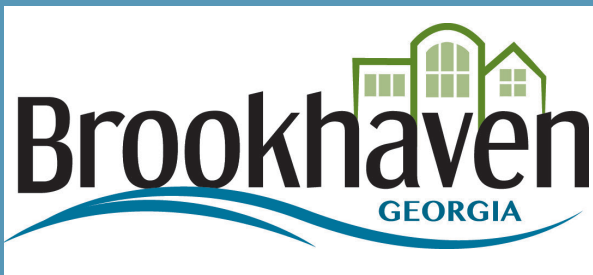


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The Brookhaven City Council generally meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 3:30 and 7 p.m. at 4362 Peachtree Road. Visit www.BrookhavenGA.gov for schedule changes.

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.

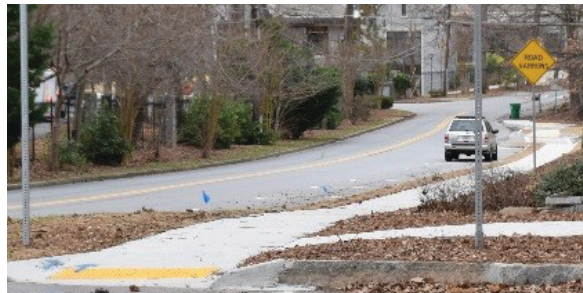
Brookhaven expands sidewalk network

Brookhaven kicked off 2018 by expanding its existing sidewalk network with the completion of several projects along Thompson Road, Skyland Drive, Woodrow Way, and Lanier Drive, totaling 3,317 feet.

The sidewalk along Woodrow Way and Lanier Drive were completed in three sections. The first section on Lanier Drive (850 feet) starts at Peachtree Road and ends at Woodrow Way. The second section on Lanier Drive (320 feet) starts at Woodrow Way and ends at 3027 Lanier Drive. The third and final section runs along Woodrow Way, starts at Lanier Drive and ends at the Oglethorpe Church entrance.



Woodrow/Lanier before



Woodrow/Lanier after

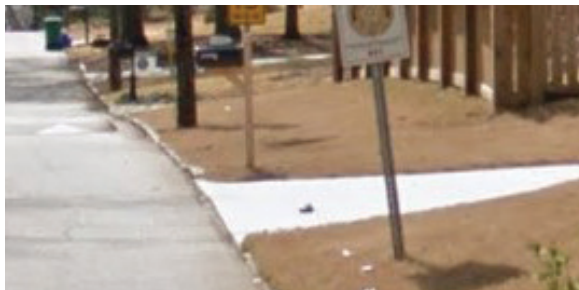


Lanier before



Lanier after

An additional sidewalk totaling 1,000 feet in length was completed along Thompson Road and extends from Dresden Drive to Grant Drive. This project connects Drew Valley residents to the existing sidewalks that run along Dresden Drive.



Thompson before

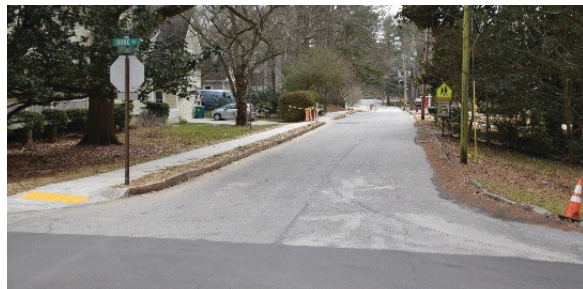


Thompson after

The Skyland Drive sidewalk project is complete with a length of 750 feet. This segment runs from Duke Road along Skyland to South Bamby Lane and enhances Ashford Park connectivity to Dresden Drive. This project also included a three way stop sign and a cross walk at the intersection of South Bamby Lane at Skyland Drive to enhance pedestrian safety.



Skyland before



Skyland after

“All four projects were completed under budget and on time,” says Public Works Director Hari Karikaran. In addition to these completed projects, the Public Works Department is also working on completing sidewalk designs for a segment along Lanier Drive that will terminate at Hearst Drive.

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From left: Advisor Sergeant David Snively, Jarred Cifuentes, Nikol Diaz, Julian Pastor, Will Asher, Sean Rector and Advisor Detective Corey Van Alen.

Brookhaven Explorers for the win

The Brookhaven Police Explorers had another successful year at the annual Winterfest Explorer Competition in Gatlinburg, TN. This year's event drew more than 3,500 participants, including more than 150 teams representing 103 law enforcement agencies from 17 states. For the third consecutive year, Brookhaven's youth members placed in the top 10 of every event they entered, including second place in Suspicious Death Investigation, fifth place in Written Exam, sixth place in Crisis Intervention, and eighth place in Officer Survival.

Parks progress continues

Significant work continues on major park projects this year:

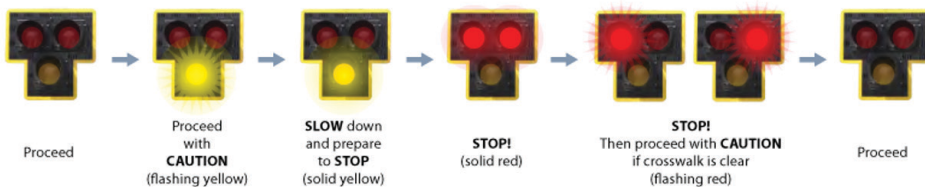
- Work is continuing on the new Skyland Park at 2600 Skyland Drive. The former home of the Georgia Vital Records Office has been demolished, making way for the new park, set to open by summer. Features will include a playground, sand volleyball courts, open space field and shade structures that also serve as solar charging panels for electronic devices.

- The tricycle track for Ashford Park is complete. The idea was conceived during public input planning for the park, which caters to young children and toddlers.

- Work is continuing on the 1.9 acre Murphey Candler Park Open Space Field, which will include a walking trail and seating to accommodate park-goers. The work should be complete in March.

- Improvements are nearly complete at Georgian Hills Park. They include an open space field with Bermuda turf, an irrigation system and a walking trail. A playground, picnic shelter, and an outdoor basketball half-court are also being constructed. Enhancements at this location will include a redesigned parking lot and improvements to the sidewalk that runs along Clairmont Road. This project also includes a new stormwater conveyance system.

DRIVERS



PEDESTRIANS



HAWK crossing safety

GDOT recently made changes to the HAWK Pedestrian Crosswalk signals on Buford Highway. The above picture is to inform drivers and pedestrians what each signal means and how to respond. Pedestrians should note that, during peak traffic hours, the signals are linked to traffic lights and may prompt you to wait for a safe time to cross. The signals now also stop traffic on both sides of the road, so pedestrians can cross in a single movement instead of stopping in the median. The Brookhaven Police Department urges caution at these and all crosswalks.

Around Town



Mayor John Ernst, right, is pictured with Atlanta Hawks owner Tony Ressler at the ribbon-cutting for the Hawks' official practice facility and Emory Sports Medicine Complex in November.



A Marine Corps officer presents District 3 Councilman Bates Mattison with a Toys for Tots certificate of appreciation during the City's Light Up Brookhaven holiday celebration in December.



From left. Councilmembers Joh n Park, Bates Mattison and Linley Jones and Mayor John Ernst cut the cake at Brookhaven's fifth birthday celebration in December.



DeKalb CEO Michael Thurmond delivers the keynote address at the City's annual MLK Day Celebration at Lynwood Park.



District 4 Councilmember Joe Gebbia leads a discussion following a screening of Underwater Dreams at the City's first Welcoming Brookhaven event in February.



Joe Gebbia Sr. takes on Floyd Mayweather Sr. at the Buckhead Fight Club in Brookhaven. "This club is a valuable asset for the kids in our community as it provides constructive after-school activities," Gebbia said.

Special Events

Community Yard Sale

DATE: Saturday, March 3

TIME: 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

LOCATION: Briarwood Gym,
2235 Briarwood Way

DETAILS: Instead of traveling all over town to find the best yard sales, why not visit them all in one place? Event is free to attend, or you can purchase a table to sell your own unwanted items. Cost to vendors is \$20 for one 8' table or \$30 for two tables. Contact Philip at 404-637-0512 for more information.

Brookhaven Cherry Blossom Festival

PRICE: Free

DATE: Saturday-Sunday,
March 24-25

LOCATION: Blackburn Park,
3493 Ashford Dunwoody Road

DETAILS: The City of Brookhaven invites residents and visitors to join us at Blackburn Park for our fourth annual Cherry Blossom Festival. The fun includes musical performances, food trucks, arts and crafts vendors, a children's area and pet world and activities. For more information, visit www.BrookCherryFest.org.

Brookhaven Easter Egg Scramble

PRICE: Free

DATE: Saturday, March 31

TIME: 9:30-11 a.m.

LOCATION: Blackburn Park,
3493 Ashford Dunwoody Road

DETAILS: Brookhaven Parks and Recreation invites all families to join us at Blackburn Park for our fourth annual Easter Egg Scramble. Light breakfast will be provided and the egg hunt will begin promptly at 10. Egg hunters will be split into age groups (3 & under, 4-6, 7+) with separate hunting areas for each.

Junior Miss Pageant & Talent Show

PRICE: \$15 per entry

DATE: Saturday, April 28

TIME: 4-7 p.m.

AGES: 4-13

LOCATION: Lynwood Communi-
ty Center, 3360 Osborne Road

DETAILS: BPRD's annual Junior Miss Pageant and Talent Show. Age groups will be split into 4- and 5-year-olds, 6 and 7, 8 through 11, and 12 and 13. Refreshments and finger foods will be on hand. Participants will get to show off their favorite talent or skill for the chance to win prizes and a trophy, and all participants will get to ride in the Lynwood Park Community Day parade the following week.

Lynwood Park Community Day

PRICE: Free

DATE: Saturday, May 5

TIME: 12-5 p.m.

LOCATION: Lynwood Park,
3360 Osborne Road

DETAILS: This annual celebration will kick off with a parade at noon going from Lynwood United Church of God in Christ to Lynwood Community Center. The event is open to all ages and will include a cookout, live music, and fun games and activities for the whole family.

Bark in the Park

PRICE: Free

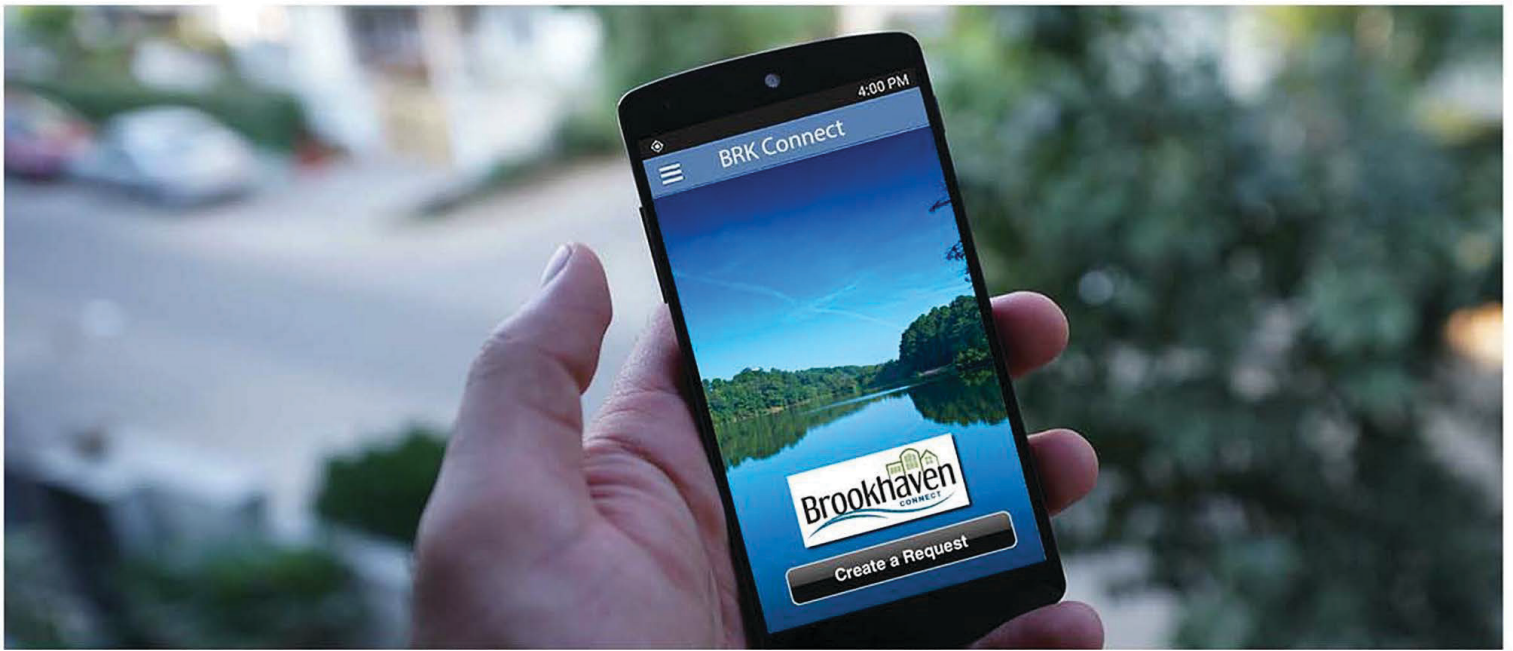
DATE: Saturday, June 2

TIME: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

LOCATION: Brookhaven Park,
4158 Peachtree Road

DETAILS: Our fourth annual "Bark in the Park" will feature a fun-filled day of music, dog trick demonstrations, pet-related vendors, and adoptions. For information on becoming a vendor, email Philip.Mitchell@BrookhavenGA.gov. All dogs must be on a leash.

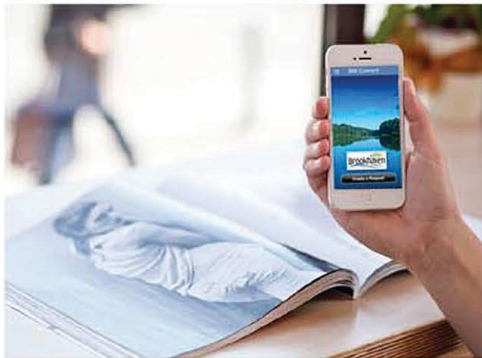




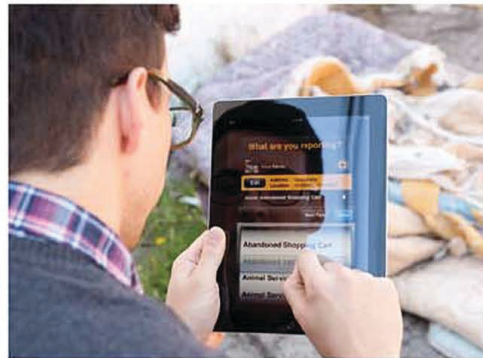
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