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## Pet pals

### *Brookhaven residents can adopt pets for free thanks to LifeLine/City agreement*

Adding a dog or a cat to the family just got a little easier in the City of Brookhaven.

The City of Brookhaven and LifeLine Animal Project officially kicked off a citywide sponsorship agreement at LifeLine's location at 3280 Chamblee Dunwoody Road with Mayor Pro Tem Linley Jones and Mayor John Ernst in attendance along with LifeLine CEO Rebecca Guinn and LifeLine staff and volunteers. The agreement is the first sponsorship of this magnitude with a municipality. In the agreement, LifeLine agrees to provide pets for adoption to Brookhaven residents at no charge from LifeLine's DeKalb facilities, following LifeLine's regular adoption application and contract requirements. The City of Brookhaven agrees to sponsor LifeLine's regular adoption fees for adopted pets in Brookhaven.

The agreement with LifeLine supports the Natural Environment framework of Sustainable Brookhaven, in preservation of natural resources, and encourages the public safety, health, and welfare of residents of the City.

Meet pets for adoption at [www.LifeLineAnimal.org](http://www.LifeLineAnimal.org).



Top picture: Mayor Pro Tem and District 1 Councilwoman Linley Jones meets adoptable puppy 'Brookhaven' as she and LifeLine CEO Rebecca Guinn (far left) sign the agreement. Inset: LifeLine staff show off dogs for adoption. Right: Mayor John Ernst takes adoptable dog Santana for a walk.

# Letter from the Mayor

Happy Fall Brookhaven! There's a lot of exciting things happening in the City these days.

Have you visited LifeLine yet? Thanks to an agreement we reached with that wonderful pet rescue organization, Brookhaven residents can now adopt animals from their DeKalb facilities free of charge. I challenge cities around us take note and strike up a deal with LifeLine, too.

Initiatives like this are all part of living up to Sustainable Brookhaven goals by putting plans in action that better our environment and community. I'm also proud to say I recently accepted an Energy Matters award on behalf of the City from the Georgia Public Service Commission.

Brookhaven's investment in permanent buildings is also key to sustainability. We recently purchased the current Police and Court building on Buford Highway, which will become home to our Community Development and Public Works departments. Police and Courts will move to their permanent, innovative and energy friendly building on the Peachtree Creek Greenway soon. And the City has reached an agreement with MARTA to build our permanent City Hall on the MARTA property in Brookhaven.

Don't hesitate to contact me at [John.Ernst@BrookhavenGA.gov](mailto:John.Ernst@BrookhavenGA.gov) or at 404-637-0710 with any questions or concerns. Thank you for all you do to make Brookhaven better!

*Yours truly,*



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## Brookhaven City Council Meetings

The Brookhaven City Council generally meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 4 and 7 p.m. at 4362 Peachtree Road or virtually on Zoom. Visit [www.BrookhavenGA.gov/Calendar](http://www.BrookhavenGA.gov/Calendar) for schedule changes.

To access meetings and videos, go to the Meetings & Agendas tab near the bottom of the homepage.

## Brookhaven Vision and Mission

### 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 Council adopts City Centre Master Plan



Following over a year and a half of public input opportunities, the Brookhaven City Council adopted the City Centre Master Plan with amendments during its Aug. 9 meeting.

“This plan will serve as a guide for what a central area in Brookhaven could include, and guide development in the area of the future City Hall at the Brookhaven MARTA station,” said Assistant City Manager Patrice Ruffin.

The City began the input process with a round of public meetings and a drop-in center in December 2020, along with an interactive project website that included an initial survey, a public forum and an interactive mapping tool. The website also contains background information, survey results, and community engagement summaries.

Residents also had the chance to learn about the Brookhaven City Centre master plan process at a series of District pop-ups (pictured above) and in public input meetings. The City Centre team later presented its recommendations at the Brookhaven Planning Commission and City Council meetings. In April, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan.

“I want to thank our residents who participated in the City Centre process and gave their input for this important planning initiative,” said Brookhaven Mayor John Ernst. “With the announcement of a future permanent City Hall at the Brookhaven MARTA Station, and the adoption of this plan, I’m excited to see what the future holds for Brookhaven.”

In addition to guiding Brookhaven in creating a vibrant corridor with a strong identity, the plan also has the goals of increasing traffic efficiency, improving pedestrian and cyclist accessibility and safety, and beautifying the area through art, landscape and a cohesive vision of the corridor. Instead of focusing on just one central standalone area, the plan suggests

developing a series of nodes along the corridor connected by multi-use paths and pedestrian crossings, creating a village feel.

Amendments adopted as part of the City Council approval include removing references to a City Hall at any location other than MARTA, all references to redevelopment or building at Brookhaven Park, removing references to lane removals on Peachtree Road, and adding a crosswalk on Ashford Dunwoody Road.

“I want to thank all the citizens who participated in this huge and impactful project,” said Mayor Pro Tem Linley Jones, who represents District 1. “I personally was thrilled with so much of it, including the plans for Dresden, the plans for Apple Valley, the public art plan and it’s all just wonderful.”

“I believe this project will only enhance Brookhaven’s unique character and identity,” said District 2 Councilman John Park. “This could not have happened without the residents who participated in the process.”

“This was an exciting and lengthy project, with robust public input,” said District 3 Councilwoman Madeleine Simmons. “It was great to see people really interested in talking about connectivity and creating ways to bring people together via our various entertainment centers throughout the City.”

“We all know that as we are doing urban planning, there are several elements that must be considered when you are doing a project of this magnitude, and I’m encouraged that this planning exercise did a great job of pulling all those forward to include the Peachtree Road Livable Centers Initiative (LCI),” said District 4 Councilman John Funny. “It also allowed a great opportunity for public participation.”

Learn more about the City Centre plan at <https://sycamore.mysocialpinpoint.com/brookhaven>.

# Fall 2022 Parks Bond Update

## *Improvements in place across several City parks with more to come!*

We hope our residents and visitors have enjoyed all the improvements we've made to several City parks over the last few years as part of the Parks Bond Program. If you haven't visited recently, we encourage you to stop by one or more of our parks and see what's new.

2023 is shaping up to be as busy as 2022 when it comes to adding new and upgraded features and amenities. We're excited to share our progress so far this year and what you can expect in the next several months as we continue to bring the community's vision forward through the 2018 Parks Bond overwhelmingly approved by residents.

### **Briarwood Park - Phase 2** **Bond Funding: \$7,013,100** **Timeline: Construction 2023**

After a successful opening of the Briarwood Park's new pool for the 2021 swim season, the design for additional amenities under Briarwood Park – Phase 2 is nearing completion. This phase will include parking lot improvements, a new community garden, and an expanded trail system. The project will also bring the park up to compliance with the new City stormwater ordinance and address several issues within the park. Construction is scheduled for 2023.

### **Brookhaven Park** **Bond Funding: \$6,000,000** **Timeline: Late 2022/Early 2023**

The City acquired the front half of the park from the County in April of this year. This allowed design to continue with plans for park improvements to be in construction late this year or early 2023.

Improvements will include:

- New dog park pavilion + restrooms and a patio
- New parking lot
- New playground (see renderings) + restrooms and a pavilion

If the budget allows, a large pavilion, stage area, and community garden pavilion will be added.



### **Comments/Questions**

**ParksFeedback@  
BrookhavenGA.gov**

# Fall 2022 Parks Bond Update

## Lynwood Park

**Bond Funding: \$10,977,393**

**Timeline: Summer 2023**

Construction on the Lynwood Park splashpad is picking up speed after contractors worked through site drainage issues and connecting to the County sewer system during the spring and summer.

The splashpad, wading pool with slide structure, and lap pool will be finished for the Summer 2023 pool season.

The poolhouse footings are in place and masonry work is underway.

Excavation for underground stormwater detention has started and will set the stage for the grading necessary to install the synthetic turf field. The turf field will be installed once this is complete and is expected to be ready for use in Spring 2023.

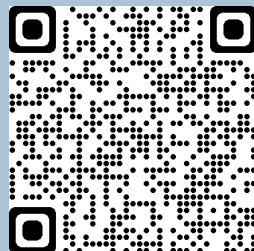


*Site of City's newest pool facilities at Lynwood Park*

**Parks Bond Oversight Committee** meetings are posted to the City Calendar and are open to the public.

[www.BrookhavenGA.gov/Calendar](http://www.BrookhavenGA.gov/Calendar)

Keep up with Parks Bond Program projects and track financial reports at [www.BrookhavenGA.gov/parks-bond-ref](http://www.BrookhavenGA.gov/parks-bond-ref) or scan the QR code.



## Did you know?

*The Parks Bond Program also funds ongoing improvements, such as:*

- Invasive plant removal throughout the park system
- Park system security improvements

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**Murphey Candler Park**  
**Bond Funding: \$8,984,138**  
**Timeline: In progress**

The Parks Bond Program includes multiple projects for Murphey Candler Park. Several of them were completed within the past year with others planned to start later this year and in 2023. Thanks to a robust community engagement process, residents will begin to see the full vision for the popular park.

The **swimming pool parking lot improvements** were completed in time for the spring baseball season. The project included additional parking spaces and a much-needed sidewalk connection from the parking lot along Candler Lake W.



The **Horseshoe Road** project was completed and opened for public access in late July. The project rebuilt the road and added parking spaces for the existing pavilions. Nestled within the Horseshoe Road is one of the key Park Bond projects – the Community Green! It will open once the new sod is established and is ready for heavy foot traffic.



The **Community Green** features a small stage, seatwalls, and electrical outlets and is intended as a gathering and creative space for small groups.

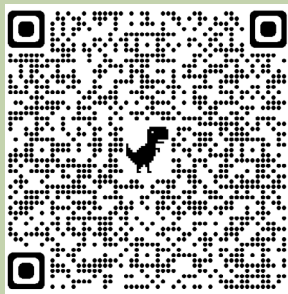
# Fall 2022 Parks Bond Update

## Making trail connections at Murphey Candler Park



After the opening of the **south trail** along Nancy Creek (behind the sports fields) last year, attention is now focused on the **north boardwalk** and the **trail on the MCP dam**. Construction on the **north boardwalk** started early in the year, and despite supply chain issues, should be complete early this Fall.

The **trail on Dam** construction is also underway and is scheduled for completion by the end of the year. It will replace the existing 5-foot wide sidewalk on the north side of W. Nancy Creek Drive with an 11-foot wide sidewalk and feature seven observation decks with benches overlooking the lake. Scan the QR code for more details.



Design of the Lake House at Murphey Candler Park continues and will be completed in time for construction to start in 2023. Visit [www.BrookhavenGA.gov/parks-bond-ref/page/murphey-candler-park-i-planning](http://www.BrookhavenGA.gov/parks-bond-ref/page/murphey-candler-park-i-planning) for more details on the planned facility.



# Around Town



Brookhaven Arts Commission Chair Lauren Kiefer, District 4 Councilman John Funny, Mayor Pro Tem and District 1 Councilwoman Linley Jones, Lynwood Park Church Pastor Victor Lackey, Mayor John Ernst, District 3 Councilwoman Madeleine Simmons, and State House Rep. Shea Roberts celebrate Juneteenth at Lynwood Park.



District 4 Councilman John Funny, Deputy Police Chief Brandon Gurley, and District 3 Councilwoman Madeleine Simmons helped celebrate National Night Out with community members and first responders at Northeast Plaza.



Mayor John Ernst, along with Perimeter Community Improvement Districts CEO Ann Hanlon, Dunwoody Mayor Lynn Deutsch, and Sandy Springs Mayor Rusty Paul, discusses regional growth and development opportunities in the Perimeter area at the Bisnow conference.



MARTA Atlanta Transit System Interim CEO Collie Greenwood, Congresswoman Rep. Lucy McBath, and Mayor John Ernst tour the Brookhaven MARTA Station and discuss train station improvements and the new City Hall.



Brookhaven City officials, including District 3 Councilwoman Madeleine Simmons, Mayor Pro Tem Linley Jones, Mayor John Ernst, and District 4 Councilman John Funny, break ground on Langford Park improvements, which will include a new playground, Bocce Ball court, sheltered pavilion, and walking trails. The project should be complete by summer of 2023.