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# Brookhaven

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## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

*'A Groundbreaking Year'*

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2023 was a ground-breaking year - in more ways than one.

It was my last year on City Council before I was elected Mayor and we elected two new council members. We are the most diverse and accomplished council in the state of Georgia.

The City also celebrated its share of ground-breakings. We moved dirt on a new City Hall at the Brookhaven MARTA Station and both Brookhaven and Briarwood Parks.

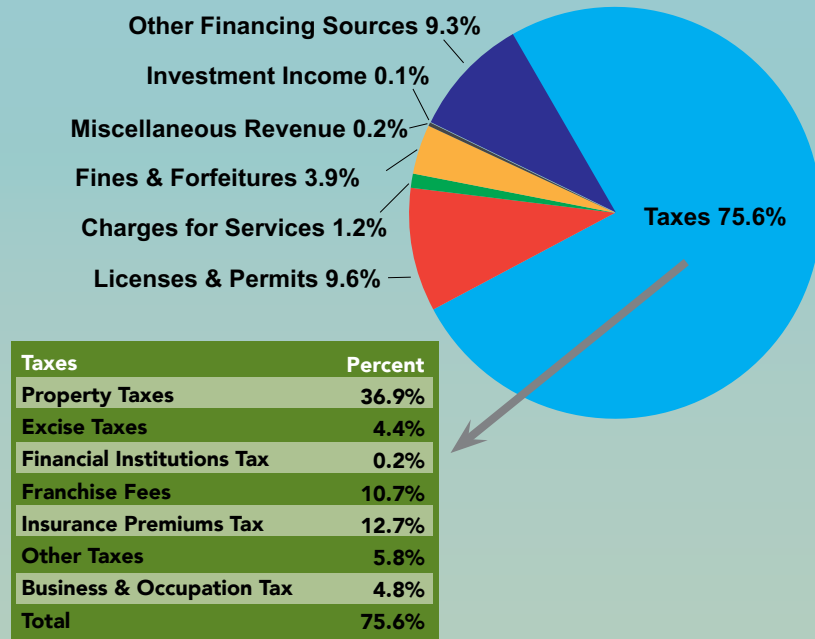
There's much more to celebrate, as you will see when you unfold these pages.

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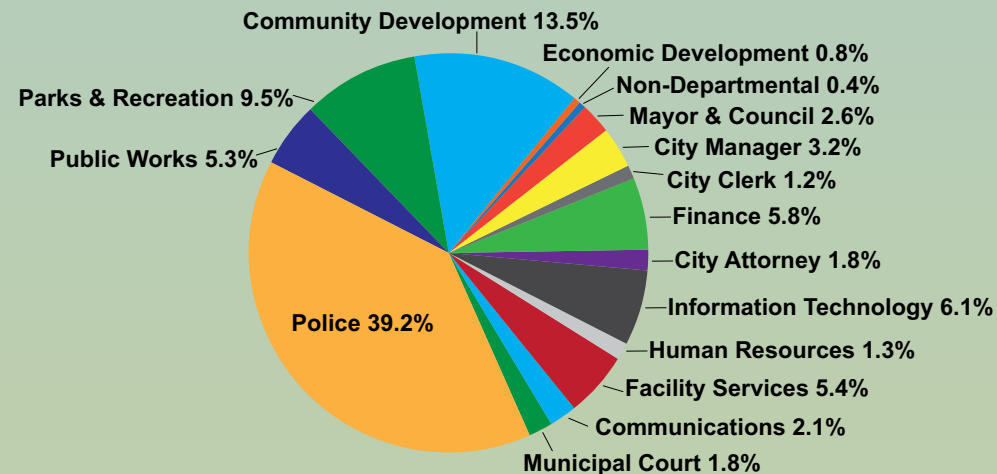
# 2023 BUDGET

## GENERAL FUND BUDGET \$33.1 MILLION

### Where does it come from?



### Where does it go?



# BY THE NUMBERS



## 35

community events held by  
Police Department

## 8,149

charging sessions

## 1,313

unique users  
at City facilities



## 32

trees planted  
in front yard  
tree program

## 2,999

building permits  
issued



## 52,090

pounds of debris  
collected at  
Household  
Hazardous  
Waste event



## 125

attendees at  
the Parks &  
Recreation  
Sweetheart  
Dance



## 15

stormwater  
rehabilitation  
projects



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2023

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DEC



The City's annual MLK Day Dinner returns to Lynwood Park after taking place at MARTA for two years due to the pandemic.

Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services again grades the financial health, management and fiscal policies of the City of Brookhaven, each giving the City the highest rating: S&P rated Brookhaven AAA, Moody's awarded the City Aaa.



District 4 Councilmember John Funny (above), stakeholders and City staff hold a ribbon-cutting for the completion of the Peachtree Creek Greenway Phase 1B project that includes amenities along three new trail spur paths.



Brookhaven awards paving contract for full length of Johnson Ferry Road in Brookhaven. The project was completed in Sept.

The City kicks off its Multimodal Study to update the 2016 Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail plan and build upon the existing network to establish a thorough network of trails, lanes, and paths with an expanded multimodal focus.



Brookhaven appoints Sandra Bryant as its first-ever Latina City Clerk.



A groundbreaking ceremony kicks off construction activities to build out improvements to Brookhaven Park after the front half was acquired from DeKalb.



The Brookhaven Police Department holds its annual Hot Pursuit Glow Run to raise funds for Shop With a Badge, which pairs an underprivileged child with a public safety officer to shop for Christmas gifts.



Local artist Turiya Clark, who grew up in Lynwood Park, speaks during the Historic Lynwood Park dedication. Her artwork is featured in the roundabout at Windsor and Osborne as a tribute to the Lynwood Park Trailblazers and the neighborhood and park history.



Brookhaven breaks ground on its future City Centre, which will serve as the anchor of the 11-year-old municipality. A state-of-the-art City Hall will reside on an approximately one-acre site and be the project's centerpiece with government offices and extensive space for public meetings, gatherings, and special events.



A groundbreaking ceremony kicked off construction activities for Briarwood Park improvement, including a reconstructed parking lot, stormwater improvements, a new community garden and trail.



The City held its biggest Light Up Brookhaven yet with the lighting of the tree and menorah, a bouncy winter wonderland for kids, photos with Santa, live music and more.



Brookhaven selects Jerry Lewis as Deputy Police Chief following the promotion of Brandon Gurley to Chief the prior year.



Brookhaven celebrates Black History Month with a panel discussion featuring Ambassador Andrew Young and hosted by District 4 Councilman John Funny.

The Cherry Blossom Festival has its biggest year yet with 45,000 visitors to the two-day event featuring headliners Hanson and Band of Horses.



Brookhaven establishes a nursery at Osborne Park to cultivate indigenous trees to be given to Brookhaven residents and developers at no cost to preserve the City's tree canopy.

Langford Park opens with a playground, Bocce Ball court, sheltered pavilion, and walking trails that accentuate the natural green space areas.



For yet another year the City of Brookhaven's Finance Department has won the Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for its 2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report from the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the seventh consecutive year Brookhaven has earned this award.



The new Lynwood Park pool and splash pad opens as part of a Parks Bond Project.



Brookhaven begins the transition into the new Public Safety Building, located on the Peachtree Creek Greenway, with a ribbon-cutting.



The City kicks off its Sustainable Brookhaven bumper sticker giveaway in support of its transitioning to a hybrid and electric fleet.

In an effort to curb speeding during school hours, the Brookhaven Police Department began automated speed enforcement with a speed detection camera in the St. Martin's Episcopal School zone.



The City held its first annual Brookhaven International Festival along the Peachtree Creek Greenway, including live music, a global marketplace and more.

Brookhaven's financial records are in good shape, according to a state review of the City's independent auditor, Maudlin & Jenkins. "No items were identified for immediate correction during our review," noted the report, issued by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts.

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