

# Brookland News

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## *From the Mayor's Desk:*

I pray everyone had a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year! 2023, can you believe it is here? 2023 is going to be a very busy year for our city. Hwy 49 and N Oak Street sewer extension project has been bid out and will begin construction as soon as the contractor can get manholes, lift station, and supplies delivered. The concrete manholes and lift station may be as far out as April 2023. They are checking with other companies to see if this process of delivery can be shortened. The City of Brookland was awarded a new grant that will continue the sidewalk on Holman from School Street north to Jessica Ln. This is phase 1 of a 3-phase project. The current sidewalk on Holman from School Street south to Smith Street will be continued to the corner of W Matthews and Holman.

Bids for the two smaller parks located at N Bernis/Smith and E Matthews/Nelms will run for the middle of January, and the bid opening will be around the middle of February. In January, the first bid package for the sports complex will be let for bid. This ad will run for two weekends with bid opening following around the first week of February. We will keep you posted on bid opening dates for all projects on the city website.

The Brookland City Hall and Police Department municipal complex building draft floor plan has been approved by Brookland City Council. This proposal will now go back to the architect for full plans to be drawn.

Brookland has several street repair projects for 2023. We

have applied for the State Aid Street Program funding in the amount of \$300,000.00. We turned this request in last year to overlay N Oak and E School Street but did not receive the funds. I talked with ARDOT and we are on the list again this year for these.

Harp's Grocery Store has submitted final plans to pull their permits to begin work. Harp's will also include a deli, fueling station, and more. We look forward to the start of the store project.

Brookland Shopping Center, located west of First Community Bank, currently has an insurance office and car wash open.

I am sure residents have noticed work that is going on at the old KUM & GO location. Southern Chef has purchased the building and is planning to open in late spring. Southern Chef will have gas and diesel.

There have been two new subdivisions announced for the City of Brookland. Horseshoe Creek located on east side of Whitten Creek Road (CR 741) north of W School Street will have approximately 80 lots. This property has been submitted for a rezone to R1 low density single residential. The other will be located on the south side of West School Street.

There is also funds allotted in the 2023 budget for another storm safe room to possibly be built at the corner of E Matthews and Nelms Street, on the lot where the original water tower used to be located.

With current businesses, new businesses, and new home developments the City of Brookland has positioned itself for a strong growing future. We

are blessed with the foundation of our school. Brookland School continues to be at the top of academics for the students. While maintaining this high priority goal of academics, Brookland has been able to put together championship sports teams. Winning several championships in 2022, good academic scores and a great faculty has students wanting to attend Brookland School. GO BEARCATS!

Finally, we have been able to fill some of our positions that we have had open such as the street supervisor, animal control/code enforcement. general laborer for street and utility departments. The past couple of years have been tough. Pandemic, inflation and a shortage of workforce has made each year's goals very tough to meet. As we go into 2023 our work force is positioned to better serve our community. Inflation we have NO control over. As of this newsletter is being written, fuel prices are down, hopefully it will continue to improve, and the cost of materials will also decrease. As you can see from parks, sidewalks, street repair, sewer extensions, city hall/pd building, subdivisions, new businesses and school additions, this year it is really going to be a busy year. Sincerely,

*Mayor Jones*



## **Winter Tips**

Once again, winter is upon us. Just a few tips to help you through the cold: 1) Keep your cabinet doors open on cold nights to help keep your pipes

from freezing. 2) Have someone check the antifreeze in your car. 3) Care for your animals outside.



**RECYCLE!**

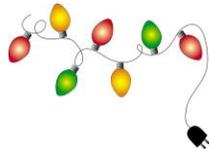
The following residents' names were drawn and they won \$25 in the Bluebag Recycle Program sponsored by the City of Brookland. The following items can be recycled: all metal cans, all colors of glass and all grades of plastics with the recycle triangle. Everything goes in the same bag together. Bluebags are available at City Hall. Just fill out the attached tag and your name will be entered in the weekly drawing. Citizens who live in the county and bring their blue bags to put them in the recycle trailer need to remove the name tags and bring them into City Hall or leave them in the drop box.

Also, remember to recycle your newspapers and old magazines. Put them in a separate sack and put them out with your bluebag.

**Bluebag Winners:**

9/2/22 - Lorie Elmore

- 9/9/22 - Brian Schaefer
- 9/16/22- Karen Kelton
- 9/23/22-Dalton Taylor
- 9/30/22-Willa Mills
- 10/07/22 - Darrell Reece
- 10/14/22 - Carla Dacus
- 10/21/22 - Denise Campbell
- 10/28/22 - Irene Elder
- 11/4/22 – Andrew Pate
- 11/11/22-Jeanette Gambill
- 11/18/22 - Robbie Polsgrove
- 11/25/22 - Chris Pfeifer
- 12/2/22 - Chester Dearing
- 12/9/22 - Judy Brown
- 12/16/22 - Heather Parsons
- 12/23/22 - Era Jackson
- 12/30/22 - David Brown



*Christmas Light Contest Winners:*

The judging of the annual residential Christmas light contest for city residents was held December 12. Michelle Cobb at 117-A Hayes was the first place winner and received the \$100 prize. Marion Glenn at 803 N Holman was the second place winner was awarded the \$75 prize. Nathan Lawson at 220 Harper Dr. won the \$50 third place prize.

Thanks to everyone in the community who decorated their homes for the holidays.

**City Calendar:**

**January**



01/02/23 - City Offices Closed - New Year Holiday

01/03 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

01/09 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm

01/16 - City Offices Closed - MLK Holiday

**February**



02/07- Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

02/10 - Make A Wish; Have-A-Heart Wish-A-Thon

02/13 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm

02/20 - City Offices Closed - President's Day Holiday



**March**



03/01 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

03/14 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm

**REMINDER TO BUSINESS OWNERS: 2023 Privilege License are due February 28.**