

Brookland News

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From the Mayor's Desk:

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New year. It is hard to believe another year has passed so quickly. As we reflect back over the 2015 year, it gives us a chance to look at accomplishments but also realize that there is much work to be done to prepare our city for the future.

We held our first fund raiser for the Brookland Museum on December 5, 2015. Brookland School East Lab presented "Breakfast with Santa". The students sold tickets for children to have their pictures to be taken with Santa. Various pastries and juices, milk or coffee were served for breakfast, as participators waited for their pictures to be taken. Mrs. Pearson estimated the fund raiser cleared approximately \$700.00 for the museum project. Future fund raising events will be announced for the museum as they are organized. Great start East Lab!

The City of Brookland has been awarded a new safe route to school sidewalk grant that will build a sidewalk from Brookland Elementary north to the new Brookland Middle School. I want to thank Superintendent Keith McDaniel, Assistant Superintendent Stephanie Reddick, U.S. Senator Boozman, U.S. Senator Tom Cotton, Congressman Rick Crawford, State Senator Dan Sullivan and State Representative Blake Johnson for their support letters that helped the City of Brookland receive this grant.

The Brookland City Council and I want to thank the citizens that got out and voted for the water

improvement project tax. The new well and elevated 400,000 gallon water storage tank will prepare Brookland for the future. We can offer better service to the current residents of Brookland and have a better resource for attracting other retail/grocery type businesses to our city.

We will be applying for more state aid street money for overlaying city streets. This is the first time the committee will be accepting second time applications for grants from cities that have received state aid street money before. I'm not sure how this process will work, but the city will apply and see what happens.

I have noticed the last four rain events that have went through our state have been huge. The weekend of Christmas from Friday, December 25 through Monday, December 28, I caught 5 ½ inches of rain in my gauge. Three plus inches happened on Monday, December 28. I was out of town but had pictures sent to me of the water around town. Again, the rain event shows that we've made progress, but also shows how much more work needs to be done. We will continue to work on our drainage issues to improve them. To do this we are going to have to install some retention ponds in areas where flooding is occurring. We are working with engineers to decide best location for these ponds for positive results.

I want to remind everyone that even though we had mild December temps, winter is here. These things might help you keep your pipes from freezing and bursting. Check your water

lines for proper wrapping/insulation to protect against freezing and leave your cabinet doors open next to your sinks, bath tubs, vanities, and wash room to allow warmer air in these areas. On very cold nights, I leave my faucets dripping slowly. This also prevents water lines from freezing during extreme cold.

Remember your elderly neighbors during this time and make time to check on them during the extreme cold.

I pray everyone has a blessed 2016.

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.

Happy 2016!



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:

- 10/02/15 - Grace Redden
- 10/09/15 - Janie Crawford
- 10/16/15 - Kathy Ferguson
- 10/23/15 - Jackie Robinson
- 10/30/15 - Jackie Townsend
- 11/6/15 - Jerry Hubble
- 11/13/15 - Alvin Groves
- 11/20/15 - Barbara Johnson
- 11/27/15 - Stephanie Jernigan
- 12/4/15 - Jennifer Jaynes
- 12/11/15 - Joe/Rachel Ferraro
- 12/18/15 - Allen J Brown
- 12/25/15 - Sherry Mobbs



*Christmas Parade
update:*

The theme was "Toyland Christmas" for the 15th annual Brookland Christmas Parade on December 12, 2015.

The parade was rescheduled to Saturday due to the forecast of inclement weather for Sunday and the weather

was great with temperatures in the mid and upper 60's and we had a wonderful turnout of participants as well as spectators.

Winners are as follows:

Float: 1st Place – Boy Scout Troop 890 and Pack 89; 2nd Place – Girl Scout Troop 3400; 3rd Place – Family Fun Central Skating Rink.

Antique Tractors: 1st Place – Floyd Howard, 1949 A John Deere; 2nd Place – Melvin Downum, 1954 Allis Chalmers WD-45; 3rd Place – Anthony Copeland, 1953 Farmall Cub.

Horse & Rider: 1st Place – Greene County 4H Horse & Pony Club; 2nd Place – Ashley Abbot riding "Bella"; 3rd Place - Kayli & Taylor Gann riding "Nikki".

Motor Cycle/ATV: 1st Place - Chapter D Ridge Riders; 2nd Place - Tate Family; 3rd Place - Gulley and Gray families go-carts.

Antique/Classic Vehicle: 1st Place – Atley Robertson, 1929 Mercedes; 2nd Place – Jeff Dutton, 1965 Volkswagon Bus ; 3rd Place – Winfred Parker, 1957 Plymouth.

Miscellaneous Division: 1st Place – Craighead County Public Library; 2nd Place – Brookland United Methodist Church; 3rd Place – Jack Stephens with "Cricket" pulling a cart.

The date for the 16th annual Brookland Christmas parade is to be December 4, 2016.

All future parades will be the first Sunday in December.



**HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**

Christmas Light

Contest Winners:

The judging of the annual residential Christmas light contest for city residents was held December 15. Donald Mink at 201 W. Hinkley was the first place winner and received the \$100 prize. Joe McKeel at 112 Teresa was the second place winner and was awarded the \$75 prize. Shelly Chaplain at 119 Nelda Lane won the \$50 third place prize.

Thanks to everyone who decorated their yards and houses. The displays were really festive and we appreciate all the hard work and effort it takes to decorate.



*New Antioch
Baptist Church*

New Antioch Baptist Church youth will be selling Boston Butts. The money raised will be used for youth mission trips to be taken in 2016. Anyone wanting to order, can contact the church office at 972-0339.

The children will have an Easter Resurrection Celebration on March 26, 2016. The event will begin at 2:00pm and there will be food, games and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Everyone is invited to attend all of the events listed above. New Antioch is located at 429 CR 960, near Goobertown. If you have any questions about any of the events, please call 870-972-0339, email at newantiochbc@gmail.com, check them out on Facebook or visit the church website newantiochbaptistchurch.com Tony Stottlemire is the pastor.

***Brookland United
Methodist Church***

The youth at BUMC will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, January 16 from 8am until 10am. The cost is \$5.00 and the meal will include pancakes, bacon or sausage and juice, milk or coffee.

The food pantry at Brookland United Methodist Church is now open on the third Monday of each month from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. The food pantry will be open on January 18, February 15 and March 21 for the first quarter of 2016. Contact the church office at 870-935-3501 for more information.

Follow their Facebook page for more information about upcoming events. Joe Kaiser is the pastor and the church is located at 401 W. Matthews.

***Connection Point
Baptist Church***

Connection Point Baptist Church is happy to announce that they are in their new building, located at 600 West

School Street, right across from Whitten Creek Apartments. Worship services begin at 10:00am each Sunday and everyone in the community is welcome to come and see their new facilities.

Attention all Single Mothers: Are you feeling overwhelmed, stressed or stretched thin? Just plain tired? You are invited to attend the Single Mom Support Group. The group will meet, Saturday, January 23, at 10:00am at the church. This is a free event and children are welcome. For more information, find the event on Facebook. Come hang out and get to know some great people who face the same challenges you do! Leave feeling refreshed, and more loved than ever!

Chad White is the missionary pastor at Connection Point Baptist Church and his contact number is 870-243-4683 or for more information visit their Facebook page or website at www.MyConnectionPoint.org.

City Calendar:
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January
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- 01/01 - City Offices Closed - Holiday
- 01/04 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 01/11 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 01/16 - Brookland United Methodist Church pancake breakfast; 8:00-10:00 am
- 01/18 - City Offices Closed - MLK Holiday
- 01/18 - BUMC Food Pantry 9:00 - 11:00 am

- 01/19- Sr. Citizens Pot Luck @ 11:30 at City Hall
- 01/23 - Connection Point Baptist Church Single Mom Support Group @ 10:00 am
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February
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- 02/01 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 02/08 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 02/15 - City Offices Closed - President's Day Holiday
- 02/15 - BUMC Food Pantry 9:00 - 11:00 am
- 02/16 - Sr. Citizens Pot Luck @ 11:30 at City Hall
- 02/19 - Make A Wish Roadblocks (Hwy 49-B and Christy Street beside Kum & Go and at Jordan's Kwik Stop)
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March
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- 03/07 - Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 03/14 - City Council meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 03/15 - Sr. Citizens Pot Luck @ 11:30 at City Hall
- 03/21 - BUMC Food Pantry 9:00 - 11:00 am
- 03/26 - New Antioch Baptist Church Children's Resurrection Celebration @ 2pm

**REMINDER TO
BUSINESS OWNERS:
2016 Privilege
License are due
February 28.**

