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Mayor J. Max Davis delivers 2015 State of the City address

Takes a look at 'Where We Were, What We Are and Where We Are Going'

Brookhaven, GA, April 17, 2015 – In front of an audience of about 150 residents, business leaders and elected officials, Brookhaven Mayor J. Max Davis took a look at "Where We Were, What We Are and Where We Are Going" during his 2015 State of the City address.

The event was hosted by the Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce and took place April 16 at the Hyatt Atlanta Perimeter at Villa Christina in Brookhaven.

Brookhaven has accomplished a great deal in 849 days, Davis said. "I'm excited to be able to share some of those accomplishments with you tonight and give you a glimpse of what the future of Brookhaven looks like."

Davis pointed out progress being made by the Brookhaven Police Department.

Before incorporation, the area only had about two or three DeKalb officers on patrol at a time, while Brookhaven Police now have at least 10 officers and supervisors patrolling our streets at any given time, Davis said. The Police Department will also be hosting its first Citizens Police Academy later this month, and plans to open a precinct at Villa Sonoma, he added.

Davis also looked at projects accomplished in other city departments, including Public Works and Parks and Recreation.

"Prior to incorporation, the county constructed no new sidewalks in 2011 and 2012," Davis said. "In 2012, the year of the incorporation referendum the county paved four miles of city streets. Last year alone we paved more than double that amount with 8.44 miles."

Davis pointed out park improvements, including refurbished recreation centers, new benches and trash cans and resurfaced playgrounds

He said HOST funds turned over from DeKalb County will make life easier and enjoyable for citizens by putting their tax dollars to work.

"We utilize this revenue to make those improvements to our parks, roads, and sidewalks. In total, we received \$6.4 million from our portion of the sales tax revenue last year," Davis said, adding later, "Thank you, Brookhaven taxpayers."

Davis also looked to the future, noting what Brookhaven residents could expect to see in the future, including more community building activities, more trails and parks that will be connected, a Convention & Visitors Bureau and a new independent charter school - the Brookhaven Innovation Academy.

"We can't just stand around and wait for things to happen," Davis said.

Davis also thanked city employees, the city council and citizen volunteers.

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