

CITY NEWS

A Message from the Mayor and Mayor-Elect

It has been an honor and an incredible experience to have served on Brookhaven's first city council and then as its second mayor. It hasn't been easy birthing a new city and there have been some stumbles. But I'm proud of the city we have started and look forward to it getting even better.



It took a lot of time to start the city—to hire all the people it takes to run a city, passing the first code of ordinances, finding a city hall—all while the city was exploding in growth. While we set up our city in record time, lawsuits and controversies were a drain and a distraction. Still, we learned from mistakes and I worked hard to ensure that our city operated with openness and honesty.

As I look back on the last three years, I'm proud of our accomplishments: a first-class police department, nearly 20 miles of roads paved, several miles of sidewalks that better connect our city and millions spent on our parks, recreation centers and pools to correct the years of neglect. Budgets are tight but I'm proud we rolled back the property tax rate three years in a row.

We have spent much of these first years creating master plans for our city, our parks, our roads, Buford Highway, a Bike, Pedestrian and Trail plan, Murphey Candler Lake, the Peachtree Creek Greenway, and most recently the Ashford Dunwoody Corridor. The next few years will be spent implementing these plans, and I'm proud to have helped lay the foundation.

I want to thank the more than 150 citizens whom we've appointed to our 20-plus boards and committees who have provided great input. The countless citizens who have attended town halls, council sessions and public meetings have been the heartbeat of our city.

New leadership will be good for the city but I will stay involved as a citizen. I hope to bring some of my initiatives to fruition, in particular, the history project, restoring Flowerland and beautifying Peachtree Road along the MARTA wall. I wish the new mayor all the best, but you haven't seen the last of me.

Rebecca Chase Williams, Mayor



Hi, I'm John Ernst and thanks to the residents of our new city, I was elected in early November to become Brookhaven's next mayor. I officially take office on Jan. 4, and am excited to work for—and with—every Brookhaven resident.

Since the election, everyone's first question has been, "What are you going to do first?" I reply with an answer that may not be shocking, but it is important: "the basics." We can only look at more lofty ambitions as a city once we get a handle on the basics.

Whether it's parks, paving or police, our residents deserve nothing less than efficient and effective services. I will immediately review and suggest action on stormwater and zoning issues that require our attention before they become costly long-term problems.

I also believe it's time to create a truly collaborative government. In addition to limiting meetings closed to the public to only those legally required, I'm committed to engaging all residents in new ways.

Once in office, I'll schedule monthly town hall meetings. Stay tuned for dates so you can share your ideas and suggestions to address our most pressing concerns.

In the meantime, I'll hold two "Coffee with John" meetings in December. On Dec. 10, I'll be at the Cambridge Park Starbucks from 7 to 9 a.m., and on Dec. 17 I'll be at the Cherokee Plaza Starbucks from 7 to 9 a.m. Stop by for a cup and share your insights.

Also, the city relies on resident volunteers for committee positions to help direct our city's goals and operations. Many positions are expiring shortly or will become vacant over my term. Perhaps you or someone you know is just the right candidate to help the city.

Please continue to reach out to me at any time with ideas on how we can create more avenues for input. I can be reached at 404-664-8694. Together, let's create a better Brookhaven.

Best wishes for peaceful and happy holidays. I am looking forward to serving as your Mayor in 2016!

John Ernst, Mayor-elect

City Council



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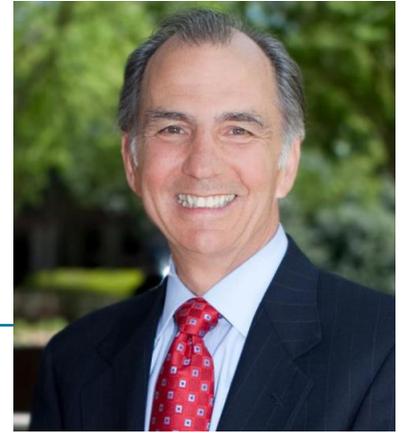


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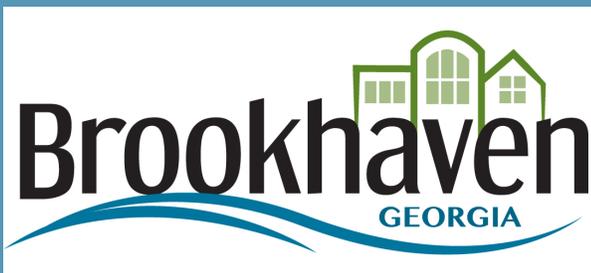


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The Brookhaven City Council generally meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 3:30 and 7 p.m. at 4362 Peachtree Road. Visit www.brookhavenga.gov for schedule changes.

City meetings are streamed online and archived at www.brookhavenga.gov. Go to the "City Government" tab near the top of the homepage and click on "Meetings & Agendas."



City Vision and Mission

The following are vision and mission statements crafted and adopted by the Mayor and Council during their council retreat in 2014.

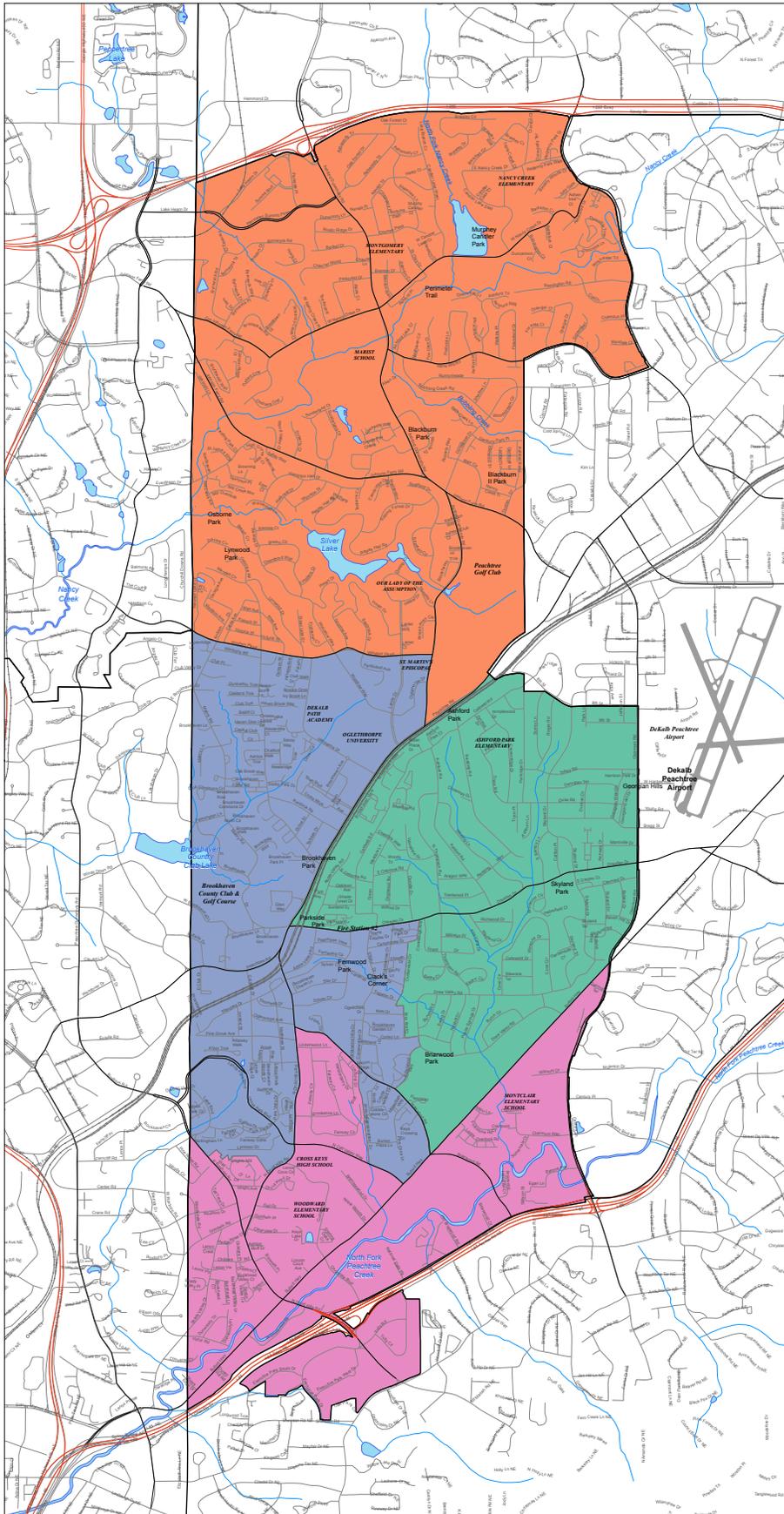
Vision

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 Districts



CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS



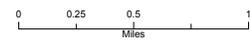
Mayor Rebecca Chase Williams

City Council Districts

- District 1 - Linley Jones
- District 2 - John Park
- District 3 - Bates Mattison
- District 4 - Joe Gebbia

Legend

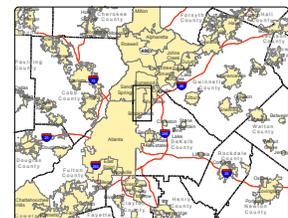
- Expressway
- Major Road
- Local Road
- Rail
- Waterlines
- Lake / Pond
- City Limits



1 inch = 1,000 feet
Map Sheet size 30" x 42"

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Citizens can report issues via Brookhaven Connect

The City of Brookhaven now offers “Brookhaven Connect,” a free smart phone app for citizens to report non-emergency problems like potholes, code violations or sidewalk issues. The app is currently available for iPhone and Android phones.

The app is powered by CitySourced, first introduced to Brookhaven residents in March. “Brookhaven Connect” is an updated and more localized version of the CitySourced



app, offering residents and city staff a more streamlined approach to reporting and addressing problems.

“Brookhaven Connect” is not intended for issues that need to be addressed immediately. For downed trees across roads, traffic signals on flash or dark, or downed stop signs, citizens should call the Public Works main number 404-637-0540 and press “1” to connect to on-call staff. Citizens should call 911 for all public safety emergencies that require police, fire or EMS.

City Council OKs P-card policy

The Brookhaven City Council on Oct. 27 approved a purchasing card policy that will help make the city more efficient as well as provide tight controls on spending.

The new policy mirrors the state’s policy, and will mean purchases will be tax exempt, can be monitored in real time by the city’s designated card administrator; and certain vendors and items can be blocked.

Only nine Brookhaven city employees and no elected officials have purchasing cards. The spending limits vary by department.

“The key to this is accountability,” said Finance Director Carl Stephens. Users will be able to submit receipts online, and the city’s card administrator will have the ability to shut cards down at any time.



Local ministry gives kids a place to learn

Mayor Rebecca Chase Williams and District 4 Councilman Joe Gebbia recently paid a visit to My Towne Ministries, which operates out of Park Towne North apartments in Brookhaven. Ali Brunner is a co-founder and leader of the ministry, which includes an afterschool tutoring program for

children who live in the apartments and runs right out of her own apartment. The group has a fundraising goal of about \$10,000 to be able to rent another apartment and expand their work.

For more information, visit www.mytowne.org.



Above, Mayor Rebecca Chase Williams and Councilman Joe Gebbia visit with Ali Brunner about My Towne ministries, which relies on volunteer parents in the community (top).



Stormwater Manager Gregory Anderson (second from left) assists volunteers with applying storm drain markers.

Stormwater department hosts first marker program

Brookhaven's Stormwater Department recently hosted its first storm drain marker program with the help of some 25 volunteers. Residents are urged to contact stormwater@brookhavenga.gov to request more stickers to continue to mark the city's drains.



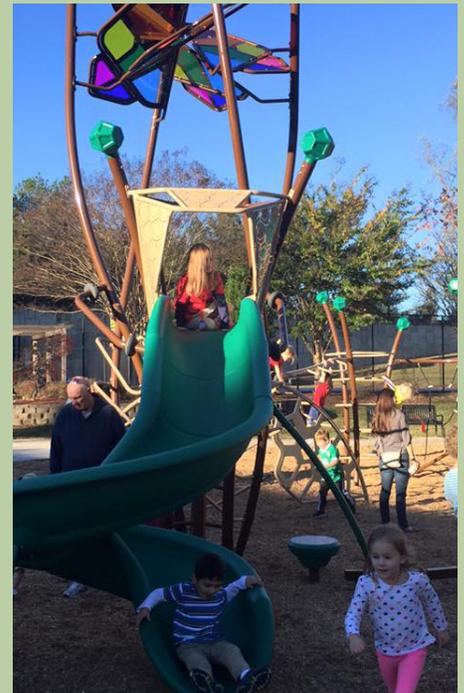
Residents can scan the UPC code on the markers with an app and forward any issues to the stormwater department.



The Brookhaven Police Department was honored recently with an award from the Georgia TIME Task Force for the support Brookhaven officers provided during a plane crash on May 8 on Interstate 285 in Doraville. Pictured are (from left) Chief Gary Yandura, Major Donald Chase and Deputy Chief Juan Grullon.

Ashford Park's new playground opens

The opening of Ashford Park's new playground was recently celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by residents, neighborhood children and city officials. The playground design was chosen with community input and is ADA compliant. It includes two new age appropriate structures [2-5 yr./5-12 yr.], additional swings, numerous types of slides, activity panels, incorporated shade structures, and many free-standing elements for the kids to look forward to and be challenged by.



Brookhaven Parks' Recreation Manager Philip Mitchell (left) was recently nominated by his peers and awarded the State Network Award for Distinguished Professional of the Year at the Georgia Parks and Recreation state conference. "Only one of these awards are given throughout the state which signifies its importance," said Brookhaven Parks Manager Gary Schussler. "We are honored and lucky to have an employee of Philip's caliber and expertise on our staff."



District 2 Councilman John Park, accompanied by city officials, volunteers and neighborhood children, cuts the ribbon on the new playground.

Around Town



About 50 residents participated when the City of Brookhaven hosted its first Paint the Park event in October at Blackburn Park to bring attention to the importance of civic art.



During a recent weekend, braving the wet weather, the Bears from Pack 21 based out of Our Lady of Assumption divided into groups of two, with one group doing a clean-up at Montgomery Elementary School and planting some bushes there purchased by the pack. The second group purchased and planted 133 plants in Murphey Candler Park (pictured). All plants can be seen growing in the established flower beds on either end of the dam on West Nancy Creek Drive. Pictured are some of the work crew at Murphey Candler Park.



Councilman Joe Gebbia and Mayor Rebecca Chase Williams were on hand for the recent grand opening of Total Wine in Brookhaven.



The Brookhaven Police Department hosted its annual Hot Pursuit 5K in September to benefit its 'Shop With a Badge' Christmas program.



Girl Scouts Grace Pietkiewicz and Teagan Furbish received Girl Scout silver medals recently for creating the children's garden at Blackburn Park. Friends of Blackburn boardmember Ida Beth Barner (second from right) and Councilwoman Linley Jones (far right) are also pictured. The girls were honored at a ceremony and reception in Blackburn Park.

Special Holiday Rates From Area Hotels

Holiday Inn Atlanta Perimeter

\$ 95.00 - \$ 119.00

Contact: Joy Marshall
770-296-6001

Holiday Inn Express

\$ 104.00 with breakfast.

Contact: Brooklin Freeman
404-248-1550

Microtel Inn & Suites

\$ 74.99 – Single

\$ 81.99 - Double

\$ 90.99 – Suite

Contact: Robbie Patterson
404-325-4446

Hilton Garden Inn

Stay Two, Save Big

\$ 68.00 per night

2 night minimum, booked 7 days prior to arrival, full payment upon booking, valid Thursday – Sunday.

Contact: Shanta Hayes Johnson
404-504-0431

Hyatt Atlanta Perimeter @ Villa Christina

\$ 99.00 – King

\$ 109.00 – Double

Contact: Elaine Szeto
678-515-2725

**Rates are valid until
12/31/15 and are
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

Brookhaven Farmers Market

Saturdays through Dec. 12;
9 a.m.-noon

Dresden Drive & Fernwood Circle

Sip, shop and savor the flavors of fresh, local produce, baked goods, artisan cheeses and more. BrookhavenFarmersMarket.com

Red and White Ball

Saturday, Dec. 12;
7 p.m.-midnight
Lynwood Community Center
3360 Osborne Road

The ball will feature a dinner and jazz band, and donations will be accepted for Toys for Tots. \$30

Brookhaven Birthday Party

Thursday, Dec. 17; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
City Hall, Incubator Room
4362 Peachtree Road

The community is invited to help the city of Brookhaven celebrate its third birthday by enjoying birthday cake and light refreshments.

Valentine's Daddy/Daughter Dance

Saturday, Feb. 13; 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Lynwood Community Center

Brookhaven Parks and Recreation will host our second annual Daddy/Daughter Valentine's Dance with music, dancing, giveaways, pictures to take home and light snacks. Girls ages 5-15; \$25 per family

Brookhaven Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26,
9:30-11 a.m.

Blackburn Park
3493 Ashford Dunwoody Road

Brookhaven Parks and Recreation invites all families to join us at Blackburn Park for an Easter egg hunt. Light breakfast will be served at 9:30, and the egg hunt will begin at 10. Age groups will be divided into 3 and under, 4-6, and 7 & up. Please let us know if you would be interested in donating any plastic eggs that we can stuff with candy! FREE

For more information about these and other events, visit www.brookhavenga.gov or email news@brookhavenga.gov.