

CITY NEWS

Brookhaven welcomes the NBA

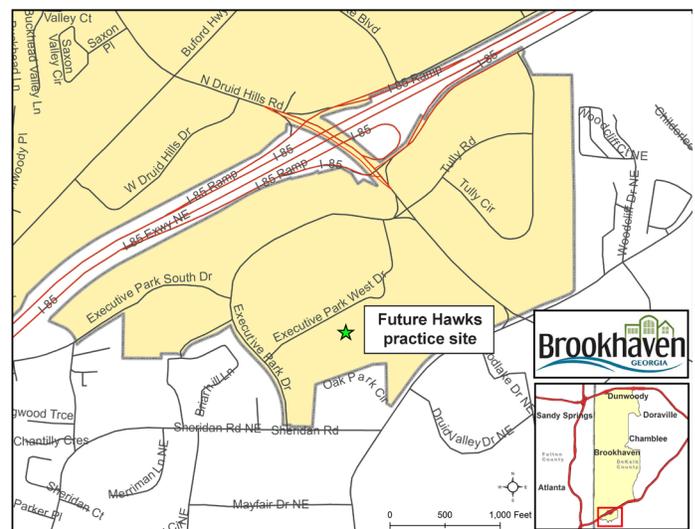
Atlanta Hawks, Emory Healthcare choose Brookhaven as site for future world-class sports medicine and training facility

The Atlanta Hawks Basketball Club and Emory Healthcare recently announced plans to partner as well as build a first-of-its-kind training and sports medicine center in Brookhaven's Executive Park, which will serve as the team's official practice site.

The 90,000-square-foot facility will be located on about five acres at 22 Executive Park Drive, and is expected to bring at least 200 permanent jobs to the city. The development of the Brookhaven site will not require any rezoning action by the city's planning commission.

"The city of Brookhaven is proud to be home to the Atlanta Hawks and Emory Healthcare," Brookhaven Mayor John Ernst said. "This innovative training and sports medical facility fits within our city's vision for smart growth and a high quality of life. Bringing an elite athletic franchise and world-class healthcare to Brookhaven fosters investment, visibility and well-being for our vibrant community. We welcome the Atlanta Hawks, Emory Healthcare and their visitors to Brookhaven."

"We are excited to build our sports medicine center and training facility in Brookhaven. The location of the facility was a significant factor in our search and Brookhaven stood out as an area that perfectly fit many of our needs. It is central to many of our players and basketball operations staff and a thriving young community," Hawks CEO Steve Koonin said. "I would like to thank Mayor Ernst and the city of Brookhaven for how they have welcomed our project and I look forward to working together to



create a community partnership."

The privately funded facility will feature the most advanced technology in sports medicine and athletic care built within a state-of-the-art training center with amenities. The team expects to break ground this summer on the facility, and the Hawks Basketball Operations Department will be housed in the facility upon its completion.

The Hawks' new facility will be the first in the NBA to be co-located with an entire sports medicine center, allowing for expert and immediate treatment and on-site access to state-of-the-art equipment such as the 3 Tesla MRI scanner, which provides the best quality and fastest diagnosis for soft tissue and bone bruise injuries. Emory will utilize roughly 30,000-square-feet to offer the most comprehensive in preventative and rehabilitative treatment and sports performance training. The entire roster of doctors, surgeons and specialists from Emory's current Sports Medicine Center will also make Brookhaven its permanent home and treat patients inside the new facility.

Executive Park was annexed into Brookhaven in late 2014 following a petition by the property owners. The 68-acre property is located in the southwest corner of the intersection of I-85 and North Druid Hills Road.

Additional details about the training and medical center, including renderings and design plans, will be released at a later date.



Photo courtesy Emory University

Councilmember Bates Mattison, City Manager Gary Yandura, Hawks CEO Steve Koonin, Mayor John Ernst, Councilmembers John Park and Linley Jones and State House Rep. Taylor Bennett on hand for the announcement about the Hawks and Emory bringing practice facility and sports medicine complex to Brookhaven's Executive Park.

From the Desk of the Mayor

Achieving a vision for Brookhaven

On my inauguration on Jan. 4, I pledged to always listen to all perspectives and do my best every day to make well-informed choices with the goal of unity and making Brookhaven the best it can be.

Since taking office, I've had the pleasure of working with my fellow Council members, the staff and so many passionate residents to lay a solid foundation for the city.

Here's what we've been able to accomplish together over the past three months:

- Revised the city's stormwater management ordinance to lower the impervious surface threshold to 3,000 square feet from 5,000 to address run-off that is coming from infill single-family residential development.

- Finalized our Parks Master Plan, and will begin construction on park improvements this year.

- Formed a regional traffic and infrastructure working group, including the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), and county and state agencies to address traffic and infrastructure concerns near the Brookhaven/Oglethorpe MARTA station.

- Designed a plan for residents' review of each of Brookhaven's 13 Character Areas depicted in the Comprehensive Plan, and their recommendations will drive the now-paused Zoning Code rewrite efforts.

- Welcomed Emory University, the Atlanta Hawks and Emory Healthcare to Brookhaven's Executive Park, which will foster investment, visibility and



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Mayor

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well-being for our vibrant community.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Police Chief Gary Yandura for stepping up as Interim City Manager and to all city staff for keeping our city operations running smoothly during this transition.

The work doesn't stop on Brookhaven's vision as a haven of greenspaces nestled inside our urban landscape, a city of thought leaders, and a community with character. Over the next few months, I will continue addressing the city's infrastructure, development and greenspace needs, as well as hire a new City Manager.

Please join me at one of my upcoming monthly town hall meetings to learn and share with your neighbors and my administration. Or don't hesitate to contact me at john.ernst@brookhavenga.gov or at 404-637-0710 with any questions or concerns.

Monthly Town Halls

Thursday, May 26

Ashford Park Community Center
2980 Redding Road

Thursday, June 23

Blackburn Park Pavilion
3493 Ashford Dunwoody Road

Thursday, July 28

Oglethorpe University
4484 Peachtree Road

Thursday, Aug. 25

The Marist School
3790 Ashford Dunwoody Road

Thursday, Sept. 29

Montclair Elementary School
1680 Clairmont Place

Thursday, Oct. 27

Oglethorpe University
4484 Peachtree Road

Thursday, Nov. 17

Ashford Park Community Center
2980 Redding Road

Thursday, Dec. 29

Lynwood Park Community Center
3360 Osborne Road

All town halls take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m.



The mayor and city council discussed goals and priorities for the upcoming year during this year's annual one-day retreat in March. Topics included implementing park plans; transportation, traffic and obtaining grants; and economic development. The retreat will be followed by a similar event for city staff department heads later this year that will focus on strategies to enact the goals set forth by the council.

City Council

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.”

Notes from a Councilmember

The city of Brookhaven is in the midst of an exciting opportunity to improve and beautify one of its most important traffic corridors — the Ashford Dunwoody Road Corridor. The city is currently undertaking the long-anticipated Ashford Dunwoody Road Corridor Study. The subject of the study is the stretch of Ashford Dunwoody Road from its beginning at Peachtree Road up to I-285.

The Ashford Dunwoody Road Corridor has come a long way since it once connected Peachtree Road to farm land. It now houses all different types of development, including single-family residential homes, apartments, condominium homes, office buildings and neighborhood shopping. With Blackburn Park, three schools (Montgomery Elementary, Marist Academy and St. Martin’s School), a great neighborhood shopping district, and plenty of dining options and amenities, the potential for a signature pedestrian-friendly boulevard is obvious.

The city has contracted with Gresham, Smith and Partners to conduct the study and there has already been impressive attendance at the public meetings at which citizen input was collected. The responses and ideas are now being compiled, and proposals for improvements will be presented to the public for comment and input once that process is complete.

We expect exciting proposals to capitalize upon Ashford Dunwoody’s strengths and address its weaknesses,



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like traffic and aesthetics. Your participation in this process is encouraged and appreciated.

The Ashford Dunwoody Road Corridor will not be the only area to receive this treatment. The city of Brookhaven is committed to identifying and implementing creative solutions on all our major corridors over time, as well as on our neighborhood streets.

In closing, I welcome your feedback and input about the Ashford Dunwoody Road Corridor Study, as well as well as any other matters.

Please feel free to e-mail me anytime at Linley.Jones@BrookhavenGa.gov.



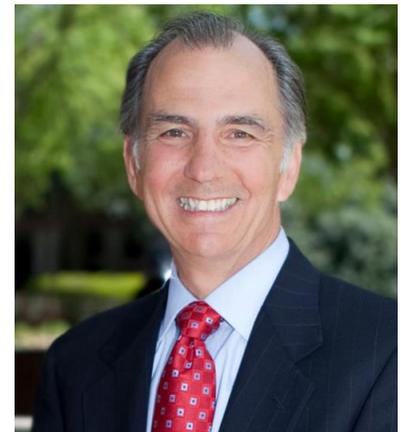
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The Brookhaven City Council generally meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 3:30 and 7 p.m. at 4362 Peachtree Road. Visit www.brookhavenga.gov for schedule changes.

Community Development

City to review Comprehensive Plan

Over the course of the next several months, Mayor John Ernst plans to augment the City's Comprehensive Plan and review land use recommendations through a resident-led initiative to strengthen Brookhaven's development policies.

As part of this initiative, groups of residents in each of Brookhaven's 13 Character Areas depicted in the Comprehensive Plan will review their neighborhood plan in depth and make recommendations for the Comprehensive Plan update. A request for proposals has been issued for a facilitator to lead this effort.

The current Zoning Code Rewrite Committee will be suspended until the completion of the Character Area project. More information on timing and how residents can get involved will be released soon.

Brookhaven ordinances now online in user-friendly format

Brookhaven city ordinances are now located at www.municode.com, a national legal publisher. The electronic format allows for a user-friendly experience where the codes can easily be searched, downloaded and printed. Users can also access Municode through the city website at www.brookhavenga.gov.

Brookhaven celebrates Arbor Day with tree planting



The city of Brookhaven celebrated Arbor Day with a tree planting in one of Brookhaven's older parks, Georgian Hills.

City staff and park consultants ensured that the planting of the new trees will not conflict with future trails and play areas in the park's master plan.

Mayor John Ernst read an Arbor Day proclamation to recognize the importance of trees to the city. City Arborist Kay Evanovich along with Mayor Ernst, City Councilman John Park and local children and arborists planted about 10 trees, with Bartlett Tree Experts donating a year of care for the tree.

Attendees received free tree seedlings, and children were treated to face paintings and coloring books. Local arborists and tree services were on hand to educate the public on the important role trees play.

Community Development presents first-ever Tree Preservation awards

The city presented its first ever Tree Preservation Award in January to Mike Elliott, with Friends of Brookhaven Park (fourth from right) along with Patric Fisher with Native Trees and Johnny Ladson of Gables Residential (third and fourth from left). They were recognized for moving trees that couldn't be saved in the Gables development on Hermance Drive to Brookhaven Park. A year after the planting, 100 percent of the 22 trees have survived. The Honorable Mention also went to Mike Elliott along with development partner Melissa Bryson. For their Brookhaven Forest project, they moved a tree to Blackburn Park II as well as planted nine trees on the development site that were rescued from a demolition site, and planted 33 new trees as well as preserving above the required number of tree density inches.



Brookhaven Police honored with state proclamation

The Brookhaven Police Department was recognized with a proclamation by House Rep. Taylor Bennett at the Georgia State Capitol for Brookhaven being named the safest city in DeKalb. On hand for the reading of the proclamation were (front row) City Councilman Joe Gebbia, Rep. Bennett, Interim City Manager and Police Chief Gary Yandura, Mayor John Ernst, Major Linda Burke, Interim Police Chief Juan Grullon, (second row) Sergeant Justin Young, Officer Walter Jones, Major Don Chase, Major Brandon Gurley, Councilman Bates Mattison, (back row) Detective Joe Amnicki, Crime Analyst Kathy Esque and Sergeant Renan Lopez.



Public Works

Sidewalk Progress

Completed this winter:

Donaldson Drive @ Johnson Ferry Road
Colonial Drive @ Standard Drive
North Druid Hills @ Cross Keys High
Brenton Drive @ Montgomery Elem.
Johnson Ferry Road @ Hampton Hall

Next on the list:

Goodwin from E. Roxboro to Shady Valley
Donaldson from Bubbling Creek to city limits
Ashford Dunwoody from Kadleston to Brookhaven Hills
Lanier Drive from Windsor to Hearst
Caldwell Road from Green Meadows to Cheshire Way

The 2015 paving list is complete, and the Public Works Department is finalizing the initial paving list for this year, with work to begin in the summer.

Update on trail, corridor planning

The following plans are in progress with a goal of connecting trails and improving traffic flow:

Ashford Dunwoody Corridor Study:

Public meetings were recently held to gather citizen input, and more meetings are slated for the summer with a goal of addressing the needs of motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and property owners along this busy and growing corridor.

Bike, Pedestrian & Trail Plan:

This plan has a goal of creating a vision for a citywide trail network to be utilized by both residents and visitors, and has been approved by the City Council.

Peachtree Creek Greenway:

Slated to become District 4's first park, the final draft of this plan for a greenway will be presented to the City Council in the next month.

For more information on these plans, visit www.brookhavenga.gov and click on 'Public Works' under 'City Departments' at the top of the home page.

Parks and Recreation

City gearing up for Clack's Corner improvements

Brookhaven's Parks & Recreation Director Brian Borden announced recently the first park slated to be completed as part of the park master plans.

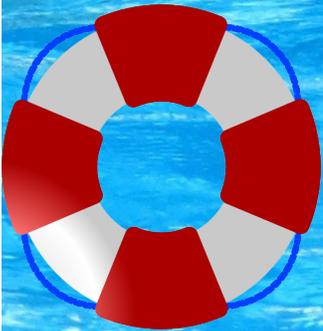
"We are proud to announce that the first park that we are going to [complete is] Clack's Corner," he said. The first part of the plan includes park surveys that will provide information on exact park boundaries and what is underground.

Once the Clack's Corner survey is complete, work is expected to begin this year that will include a natural play area, community seating, a community lawn, brick paving, and a memorial.

The Clack's Corner plan is part of the individual park master plans completed by the firm Greenberg Farrow in February. The complete priority list for improvements in all parks this year can be found at www.brookhavenga.gov.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

“WATER SAFETY DAY”

Lynwood Park Pool
Saturday, June 4, 1-3 p.m.

Event will feature music, food and fun in the sun, with a focus on water safety.

DIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHTS

Murphey Candler Pool
Friday, June 17, 8 p.m.

Briarwood Park Pool
Friday, July 15, 8 p.m.

Events will feature live music, children’s activities and a movie
Film TBD.

“DOGGY DIP DAY”

Murphey Candler Pool
Sunday, Sept. 11, 1-4 p.m.

Cost per dog is \$10 with **FREE** entry into “Biggest Splash” contest (3 p.m.). Dog owners are **NOT** permitted to swim during event. All dogs must be up-to-date on vaccinations.

Please contact the Aquatics Coordinator at 404-637-0542 if interested in becoming a vendor sponsor of the event.

Lynwood Park Community Day

PRICE: FREE

DATE: Saturday, May 7

TIME: noon-6 p.m.

LOCATION: Lynwood Community Center

DETAILS: Parade will begin at noon, going from Lynwood United Church of God in Christ to Lynwood Community Center. The event is open to all ages and will include a cookout, band and fun games and activities for the whole family.

Parent’s Night Out

PRICE: \$15 per child

DATES: May 20, June 24, July 29

TIME: 6:30-9 p.m.

AGES: 5-12

LOCATION: Lynwood Community Center

DETAILS: Parent’s Night Out is a great way for parents to drop off the kids on a Friday and get some time to themselves. We will provide dinner as well as games, activities, and plenty of options to keep the kids entertained! Pre-registration is required and pickup is promptly at 9.

Bark in the Park

PRICE: FREE

DATE: Saturday, June 4

TIME: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

LOCATION: Brookhaven Park

DETAILS: Our 2nd Annual “Bark in the Park” will feature a fun-filled day with music, dog trick demonstrations, dog-related vendors, pet adoptions, food trucks and beverages. All dogs will receive a gift to take back home! ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH.

Touch a Truck

PRICE: FREE

DATE: Saturday, June 25

TIME: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

LOCATION: Blackburn Park

DETAILS: Police and Fire Departments will be on hand to provide a day of fun and learning for the whole family! Kids will be able to hop up in a fire truck, get behind the wheel of some heavy maintenance equipment, check out various police vehicles, and get some helpful safety tips from Brookhaven’s finest.

It Starts in the Parks 5K

PRICE: \$25 before 7/4, \$35 from 7/4-7/22,
\$40 on-site registration

DATE: Saturday, July 23

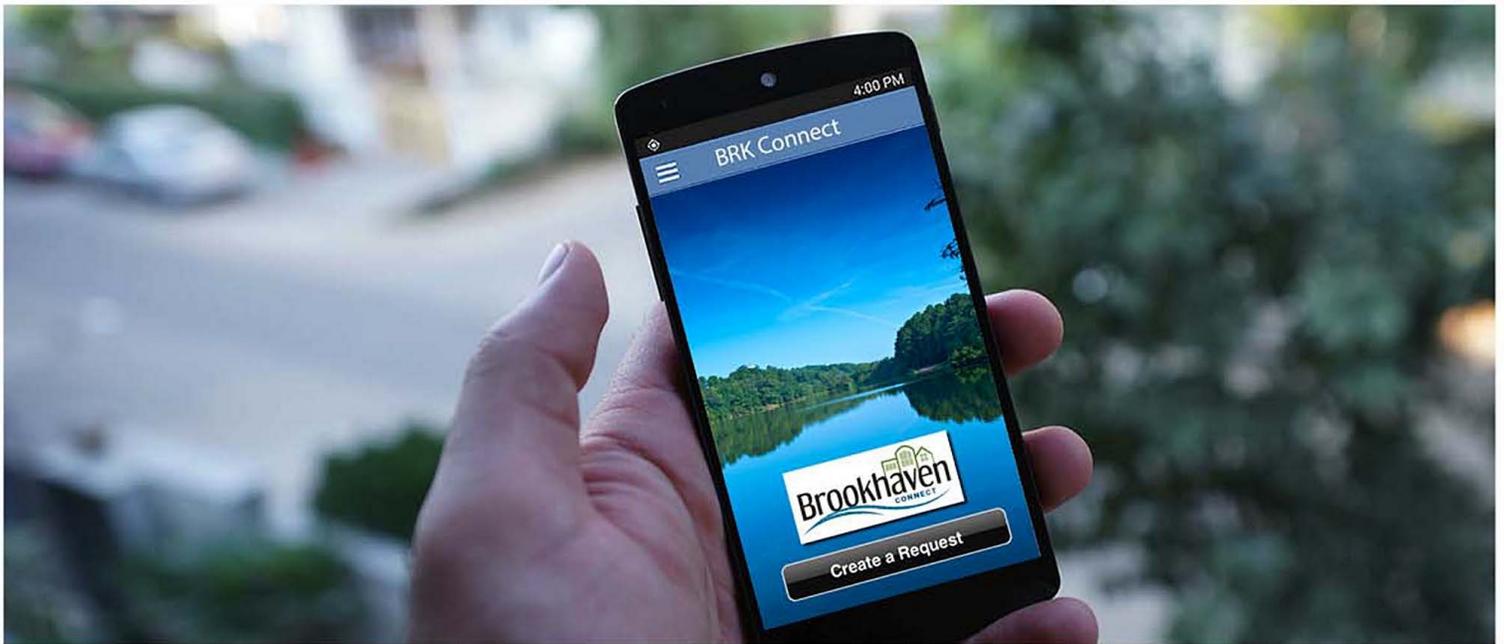
TIME: Race begins at 7:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Blackburn Park

DETAILS: July is National Parks and Recreation Month, so what better way to celebrate than to get out in your parks? Brookhaven Parks and Recreation will host our second annual 5K to coincide with NRPA’s National P&R Month. The course will begin and end at Blackburn Park. T-shirts and awards for various categories will be presented at approximately 8:30 a.m.

For more information about these events,
call (404) 637-0512 or
email philip.mitchell@brookhavenga.gov.

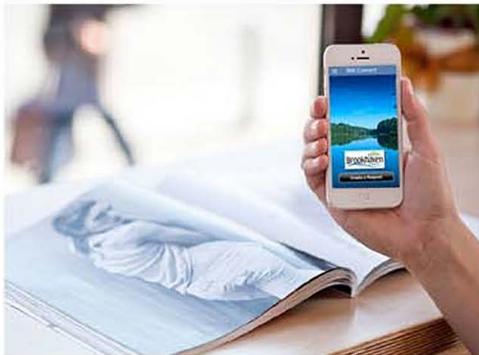




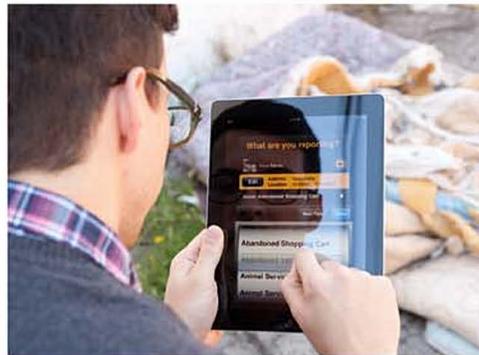
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