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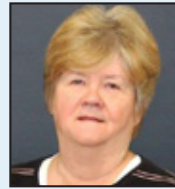
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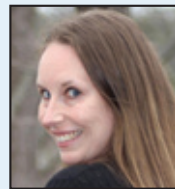
**CITY MANAGER:** Marie Garrett is Brookhaven's first city manager. The city conducted a national search and received 79 applications from 23 states. Garrett was selected because of her vast experience and knowledge of Georgia municipalities. Garrett has spent the past 30 years working with governments in Georgia, including working as a top-level administrator or consultant in the cities of Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Canton and Milton.



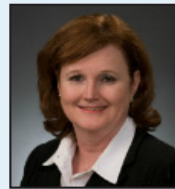
**FINANCE DIRECTOR:** Bonnie S. Kline will serve as Brookhaven's finance director. Kline, a CPA, brings more than 20 years of experience in municipal, state and federal government finance, as well as in the private sector. She previously served as finance director for the cities of McDonough and Tybee Island, as well as director of accounting for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:** Susan Canon, a 30-year veteran planner, is the city's new community development director. Canon is tasked with leading the city's planning department. She most recently worked at CH2M Hill, where she served as deputy community development director for Johns Creek. Canon also worked for Roswell for 20 years as planning and zoning director.



**COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR:** Megan Matteucci will help Brookhaven meet its commitment to transparency and strong community relations as the city's new communications director. Matteucci previously worked for global communications agency Fleishman-Hillard. She also worked as a reporter for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Savannah Morning News, The Boston Globe and The Providence Journal.



**CITY CLERK:** Susan D. Hiott comes to Brookhaven from the City of Smyrna, where she served as the city clerk for the past 10 years. Hiott, who has more than 25 years of experience, also worked as a clerk in Roswell and Acworth. She also holds the prestigious international and state level designations of Masters of Municipal Clerk (MMC) Association and Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) for achieving the highest educational, experience and service requirements.

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# Brookhaven BLAST GEORGIA

## Brookhaven announces first police chief

Brookhaven Mayor J. Max Davis has announced Gary Yandura as the city's first police chief. Yandura, a 38-year veteran law enforcement officer, will be tasked with building Brookhaven's new police department.

"Our first priority is to provide a safe community for Brookhaven's residents and businesses," Davis said. "Chief Yandura's record of reducing crime, building community partnerships and leading with integrity is exactly what Brookhaven needs for us to meet this goal."

Yandura previously served as chief of police in Hiram and College Park. During his tenure in College Park, he managed 160 employees and a \$12 million annual budget. He is credited with reducing crime drastically during his tenure as College Park's chief.

Yandura started his law enforcement career in Lake Forest, Ill. He is a graduate of the FBI Academy and certified by the Georgia Police Officers Standards and Training Council. He has a master's degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Illinois.

"I am excited to have Chief Yandura join our team," said City Manager Marie Garrett. "We received a lot of interest from experienced candidates, but Yandura was the right person to help build a new police department from the ground up." Garrett, who is tasked with making the appointment under Brookhaven's charter, reviewed 98 applications from around the nation and interviewed 10 finalists.

"I am honored to help build a new police department that Brookhaven residents and businesses can be proud of," Yandura said. "I am now working to find a qualified command staff and assessing the community to determine how many officers we need to hire to effectively serve and protect Brookhaven."

Yandura's first day is April 15. Brookhaven currently has an intergovernmental agreement with DeKalb County to provide police services. The goal is to have Brookhaven officers on the road by the end of the summer.



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## Mayor's Note...



We have just crossed the first 100 days of history here in our new city of Brookhaven. It has been quite a ride so far, but I am even more excited about what we are accomplishing than I was when we opened for business in December. If you need a pothole filled, a permit for a pool, or a license for a latte shop, Brookhaven is ready. We will begin the maintenance of our parks this fall.

I am pleased to announce that the city has appointed Gary Yandura as its first police chief. We recently passed our first budget, which is lean and fiscally conservative. Since it is our first ever budget, it has been approved as a placeholder until this summer when we get the tax digest from DeKalb County, along with other revenue information. Once we get the HOST credit numbers and the county's millage rate, we will be able to solidify our tax rate while still keeping the lean, conservative budget.

Despite the recent misinformation some residents may have received via robocalls and postcards, Brookhaven is not seeking a tax increase. The city charter caps the millage rate at 3.35 mills. This summer we will work to have our rate set below that cap. For a thorough and accurate explanation of our budget, please visit [www.brookhavenga.gov](http://www.brookhavenga.gov) to see a budget Q&A and to view the actual budget. You can also see a letter that State Representative Mike Jacobs, of Brookhaven, sent to Attorney General Sam Olens.

In this document, Rep. Jacobs requests a legal opinion as to the possible illegality of DeKalb County's shifting of funds from the police line item to the county general fund, a move which effectively raised taxes only on residents living in cities.

The city hosted an education forum last week where several presentations were made concerning the future of education in Brookhaven. Interim DeKalb County Schools Superintendent Michael Thurmond spoke about his work to get the accreditation of our school system secured. Many in attendance were eager to hear Rep. Jacobs speak about legislation that would allow Brookhaven to have its own school system. Former State Senator Dan Weber gave a thorough explanation of the processes involved with the possible implementation of a charter cluster for

our area. It was an informative meeting and we will continue to provide forums like this to ensure our residents are informed about issues impacting our community.

We have also recently hired a Community Development Director – Susan Canon, a Finance Director-Bonnie Kline and a new Communications Director- Megan Matteucci. Please come by City Hall to find out more about how your city is doing and sign up for our weekly email newsletter.

**Additionally, on most Mondays, I am at City Hall. So please come and visit with me for "Mondays with the Mayor." Just call City Clerk Susan Hiott at 404-637-0500 to schedule a time for me to hear your concerns and answer any questions you may have.**

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## Brookhaven approves first operating budget

The Brookhaven Mayor and City Council voted unanimously March 26 in support of a \$16.465 million budget for 2013.

The budget includes operating expenses for the city, including administration, police, parks and recreation, community development, public works, legal and other city services. This includes money to establish Brookhaven's own police department.

The budget does not include a final tax rate. The Council set a temporary 3.35 millage rate, but will work to decrease that rate during mid-year budget adjustments in the summer.

"We are committed to maintaining a lean and fiscally responsible budget," Brookhaven Mayor J. Max Davis said. "We are waiting to receive the tax digest and HOST credit figures from DeKalb County, but will continue to work diligently to obtain the lowest millage rate possible."

Brookhaven's city charter prohibits the Council from raising the millage rate above 3.35 mills.

The budget is contingent on the city receiving revenue from DeKalb County, as well as franchise fees from Georgia Power. The city's revenue for this first year budget will be significantly less than future years because the city is not drawing from a full year of operations.

Brookhaven anticipates receiving \$5 million in real property tax, \$400,000 in personal property tax and \$350,000 in motor vehicle tax, along with \$1.8 million in business and occupation tax and \$1.3 million in franchise fees.

"This budget is a work in progress and contingent on revenue from DeKalb County," Davis said. "Our goal remains the same: for Brookhaven taxpayers to pay equal or less than their previous tax rate while receiving quality city services."

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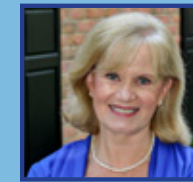
## Mayor and Council members throw out first pitches

Brookhaven Mayor J. Max Davis officially kicked off the start of the Little League season March 8 at Murphey Candler Park. The Mayor threw out the first pitch, starting the baseball season.

The Mayor, District 1 Councilwoman Rebecca Chase Williams and District 3 Councilman Bates Mattison threw out the first pitches March 9 to start the girls' softball season. This is the 55th Little League season and 45th girls' softball season at Murphey Candler.



## MEET THE COUNCIL:



**District 1 City Council**  
Rebecca Chase Williams  
"I want to build on the success of Brookhaven, protect our property values and attract businesses that create jobs and enhance our city."  
Email: [Rebecca.Williams@BrookhavenGA.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Williams@BrookhavenGA.gov)



**District 2 City Council**  
Jim Eyre  
"We have the unique opportunity to build a city that truly works for all our residents"  
Email: [Jim.Eyre@BrookhavenGA.gov](mailto:Jim.Eyre@BrookhavenGA.gov)



**District 3 City Council**  
Bates Mattison  
"Brookhaven has been given an opportunity to create a local government that can govern more effectively than in the past."  
Email: [Bates.Mattison@BrookhavenGA.gov](mailto:Bates.Mattison@BrookhavenGA.gov)



**District 4 City Council**  
Joe Gebbia  
"I see a Brookhaven that is safe, where friendly neighborhoods interact at thriving parks and at organized community events."  
Email: [Joe.Gebbia@BrookhavenGA.gov](mailto:Joe.Gebbia@BrookhavenGA.gov)

The City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. To learn more: [http://www.brookhavenga.gov/mayor\\_council.html](http://www.brookhavenga.gov/mayor_council.html)



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