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# Brookhaven paving the way for a smoother future

## *The City's three-year paving program shifts into drive*

Brookhaven's 3-year pavement agreement with C.W. Matthews to improve approximately 43 miles throughout the City, was set to start May 20, weather permitting.

On March 26, the Mayor and City Council unanimously approved a 3-year agreement with C.W. Matthews that focuses on improving 76 streets and approximately 42.81 lane miles. The cost of these improvements is approximately \$20 million and utilizes SPLOST II (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) funding.

Previous paving projects focused on streets requiring full-depth reclamation, which were expensive and took longer to complete. This upcoming project prioritizes full width roadway milling, which means that current asphalt would be ground and removed, spanning the full width of the roadway, and adding 2 to 3 inches of new asphalt. This new approach allows the City to repair more streets at a faster rate.

"Brookhaven's top priority is to enhance and improve its infrastructure. We want to protect and maintain the integrity of our streets for current and future residents," says Mayor John Park.

The 76 streets will be divided into three phases over the next three years, starting May 20 until the end of 2026. Phase I (2024) of the project includes 29 streets, starting with Wood Valley Court, Fernway Court, Brenton Circle, Frontenac Court, Club Walk Drive, Hermance Drive, and Lanier Drive.

To find out more about Brookhaven's Paving Project and projected paving schedule, visit [www.BrookhavenGA.gov/PublicWorks/page/2024-Paving-Program](http://www.BrookhavenGA.gov/PublicWorks/page/2024-Paving-Program). Start and end dates are tentative based on weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances and are subject to change.

Brookhaven will employ a social media campaign to keep the community abreast of each street improvement segment as it is scheduled. Follow the City's social media @BrookhavenGaGov to stay informed about road closures, detours, and any other updates.



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# ROAD 2024 PAVING PROJECTS TOURS

CW Matthew Contracting Company

### PHASE I

Brawley Cir • Brawley Way • Breton Cir  
 Caldwell Rd • Candler Lake West • Canmont Dr  
 Chippewa Pl • Club Pl • Club Walk Dr  
 Cranton Ct • Cravenridge Dr  
 Fernway Ct • Frontenac Ct  
 Gardenside Ct • Harts Mill Rd • Haven Brook Way  
 Hermance Dr • Lanier Dr • Logan Cir  
 Long Branch Ct • Murphey Candler Ct  
 Raven Hill Dr • Redding Rd  
 Skyland Dr • Wood Valley Ct

Coming To A Street Near You!




## Introducing the 'Cone Crew'

Say hello to Brookhaven's "Cone Crew"! Debbie Detour, Patty Pavement, Candy Cone, and Rachel Roadblock can't wait to take you on Brookhaven's Road Tour, coming soon to a street near you. Follow along @BrookhavenGaGov as they update you on all things pavement like road closures, detours, schedule changes and other updates.



# Letter from the Mayor

One of the most rewarding aspects of serving Brookhaven residents is seeing progress made that directly improves quality of life.

I'm pleased to say we are kicking off a three-year paving and road improvement program this summer. Check out our cover story for fun ways you can follow progress and updates.

On a more somber note, quality of life can sometimes literally mean the difference between life and death. You are probably aware that in April we made a plea to the State to allow us to take matters into our own hands by letting us establish our own ambulance zone. Currently, DeKalb controls ambulance services in our City, and our ambulance wait times are unacceptable. Thankfully, the State has listened, and we are grateful that the Georgia Department of Public Health will review this critical service for Brookhaven and DeKalb County. You can read more about this important issue on Page 4 of this newsletter.

Please stay tuned to Brookhaven news by following the City's Facebook, Instagram and X pages @BrookhavenGaGov and by signing up for The Brookhaven Blast weekly email at [www.BrookhavenGA.gov/Communications](http://www.BrookhavenGA.gov/Communications).

You can always contact me at [John.Park@BrookhavenGA.gov](mailto:John.Park@BrookhavenGA.gov) with any questions or concerns.



**John Park**  
Mayor

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## Brookhaven City Council Meetings

The Brookhaven City Council generally meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. at 4362 Peachtree Road. Visit [www.BrookhavenGA.gov/Calendar](http://www.BrookhavenGA.gov/Calendar) for schedule changes.

To access meetings and videos, go to the Meetings & Agendas tab near the bottom of the homepage.

## Brookhaven Vision and Mission

### 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.



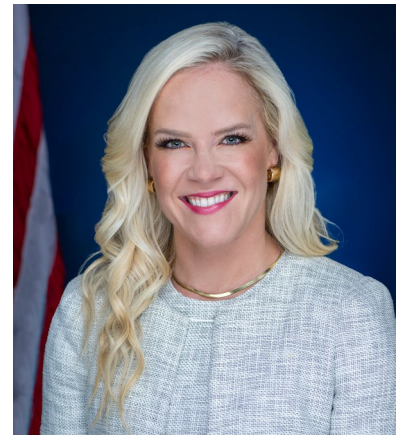
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# Around Town



Brookhaven Mayor John Park spoke at the inaugural State of DeKalb Animals (SoDA) Address hosted by Commissioner Michelle Long Spears. He told the audience of his experience with pet adoption and fostering, and applauded the SoDA initiative for leading DeKalb toward holistic solutions for the welfare of animals in the county.



District 2 Councilmember Jennifer Owens (standing, right) held a community meeting in March to discuss improving the safety of the Caldwell Road/Redding Road intersection and the repaving of Redding Road.



Mayor Pro Tem and District 4 Councilmember John Funny hosted a town hall meeting to discuss topics, including the North Druid Hills Bridge project, the Cross Keys High School renovation, the PCG Athletic Field, and the LaVista Road closure. Following input from the town hall, Mayor Pro Tem Funny later hosted two volunteer clean-up days in District 4.



District 1 Councilmember Michael Diaz held a discussion at the Murphey Candler Fieldhouse to talk about district and City initiatives and projects.



The Lynwood Park Foundation recognized Brookhaven staff, Mayor and Council at the annual Lynwood Park Community Day for their work in earning a historic designation for the Lynwood Park Community.



## City makes case for improved ambulance response times

A guest at a Brookhaven hotel suffered a drug overdose. The male displayed signs of excited delirium, profuse sweating, incoherent speech, and hallucinations. Brookhaven police requested an ambulance. It took 41 minutes to arrive.

Police responded to a fight at the Look Cinemas on Town Boulevard where someone discharged pepper spray and contaminated several people. Another suffered a broken arm. An ambulance was requested but took so long to respond that the injured victims left before help arrived 52 minutes later.

A Brookhaven police officer was flagged down by someone having a diabetic episode and requested to go to the hospital. The officer called for an ambulance but was advised that there would be a long delay. The victim was updated, and he then requested to be dropped off at the closest train station so he could take himself to the hospital.

Police went to a Brookhaven residence where a woman was attacked by a dog inside her home. When police arrived, she was sitting on the steps covered in blood and her left arm ripped open in several places. After waiting more than 30 minutes for an ambulance to arrive, the officers drove her to Grady Hospital themselves.

Brookhaven police responded to Blackburn Park after hearing a call on the radio that a man was dying. Officers found the man in the park with a gunshot wound to his chest. The officers requested AMR, which arrived 34 minutes later. The victim died shortly after arriving to the hospital.

“This is no longer a matter of if someone is going to lose their life over DeKalb County’s lack of response. Now we are at a point where the question is how many more will have to die before Brookhaven can take this service over,” said Mayor John Park. “The time is up for DeKalb County to fix their ambulance problem.”

Currently DeKalb County contracts with a private company to



From left, Brookhaven Police Chief Brandon Gurley, City Manager Christian Sigman, Mayor John Park, and Mayor Pro Tem and District 4 Councilmember John J. Funny at Thursday’s press conference petitioning for ambulance service.

provide emergency management (EMS) services. The contract oversight falls under the DeKalb County Fire & Rescue Department. Brookhaven officials have no authority or control of this essential public service. Over several years DeKalb County consistently fell short in EMS response times per their contract with their private vendor...and well short of comparable cities and national standards.

The Journal of Emergency Medical Services states, “No universally accepted response-time system requirement exists. However, in urban areas, the most widely used ambulance response-time standard is eight minutes and 59 seconds (8:59), with 90% compliance reliability measured on a

fractile, not average, basis.”

On the local level, the EMS response goal in 2023 in Gwinnett County was 90 percent of all calls to arrive in seven minutes. In DeKalb County, the 90 percent EMS response goal in 2023 was 12 minutes. However, the DeKalb County EMS provider’s actual average response time in 2023 for those criteria was almost 20 minutes.

In an effort to reduce ambulance response times in Brookhaven and North DeKalb County, a joint announcement was made on the phase-in of operations of the new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) hub on Buford Highway in March 2020. The building was purchased and renovated for use by the City of Brookhaven and leased to DeKalb County at no cost. Notwithstanding the impact of Covid-19, EMS response times have not improved with the addition of this EMS hub.

On May 9, the Georgia Department of Public Health-Emergency Medical Services/Region 3 voted to establish a committee to review ambulance services in Brookhaven and DeKalb County.

“This is a step in the right direction,” said Mayor John Park. “I appreciate that the Department of Public Health has agreed to review this critical service for our residents.”

## Brookhaven launches Homeowner & Community/Civic Associations registration form

Brookhaven is launching a registration form to help connect with and communicate to the various homeowner’s associations (HOAs) and Community/Civic Associations.

Brookhaven is asking all HOAs and Community/Civic Associations to register their current leadership and contact information. This will help the City improve its support for HOAs and facilitate engagement in regard to events, programs, initiatives, public safety and zoning concerns. The data provided will be available to all City departments and elected representatives from each district.

“Brookhaven strives to maintain effective modes of communication with its residents. We want to connect with communities and keep them engaged with everything going on,” said Mayor John Park.

HOAs are legal entities that manage residential communities, and usually consist of volunteer residents of the same community. HOAs are most common in condominiums, townhome complexes and planned neighborhoods. HOAs protect home values by investing in the community, providing amenities to its residents, and maintaining rules and standards to preserve curb appeal.

To register, visit [www.brookhavenga.gov/bc-citycouncil/page/brookhaven-home-owners-association-online-registration-form](http://www.brookhavenga.gov/bc-citycouncil/page/brookhaven-home-owners-association-online-registration-form)

A graphic for the Brookhaven Georgia HOA's and Community/Civic Associations Registration Form. It features the Brookhaven Georgia logo at the top, followed by the text "HOA'S AND COMMUNITY/CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS REGISTRATION FORM". Below this, it lists the benefits of registration: "REGISTER TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH: CITY EVENTS, OUTREACH PROGRAMS, PUBLIC SAFETY, ZONING CONCERNS, INITIATIVES". A QR code is provided for registration. At the bottom, there is a colorful illustration of a town with houses, trees, and a sun.



# Record attendance for Cherry Blossom Festival

The Brookhaven Cherry Blossom Festival returned to Blackburn Park on March 23 and 24 with a record crowd of 58,000 and a stellar concert lineup including headliners +LIVE+ and Barenaked Ladies, crowd favorites Moon Taxi, Lisa Loeb, Sister Hazel and Crash Test Dummies, and up-and-comers Takiya Mason and Koyal. The festival also brought back favorites such as the Splash Artists' Market, Kidz Zone, Pet World, Classic Car Show, and Food Trucks.



The Brookhaven Cherry Blossom Festival returns March 29 & 30, 2025.

For updates, visit [www.BrookCherryFest.org](http://www.BrookCherryFest.org) and @BrookCherryFest



# FOOD TRUCK

*Roundup 2024*

4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

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AUG 28 | SEP 25 | OCT 23 | 5-8:30PM

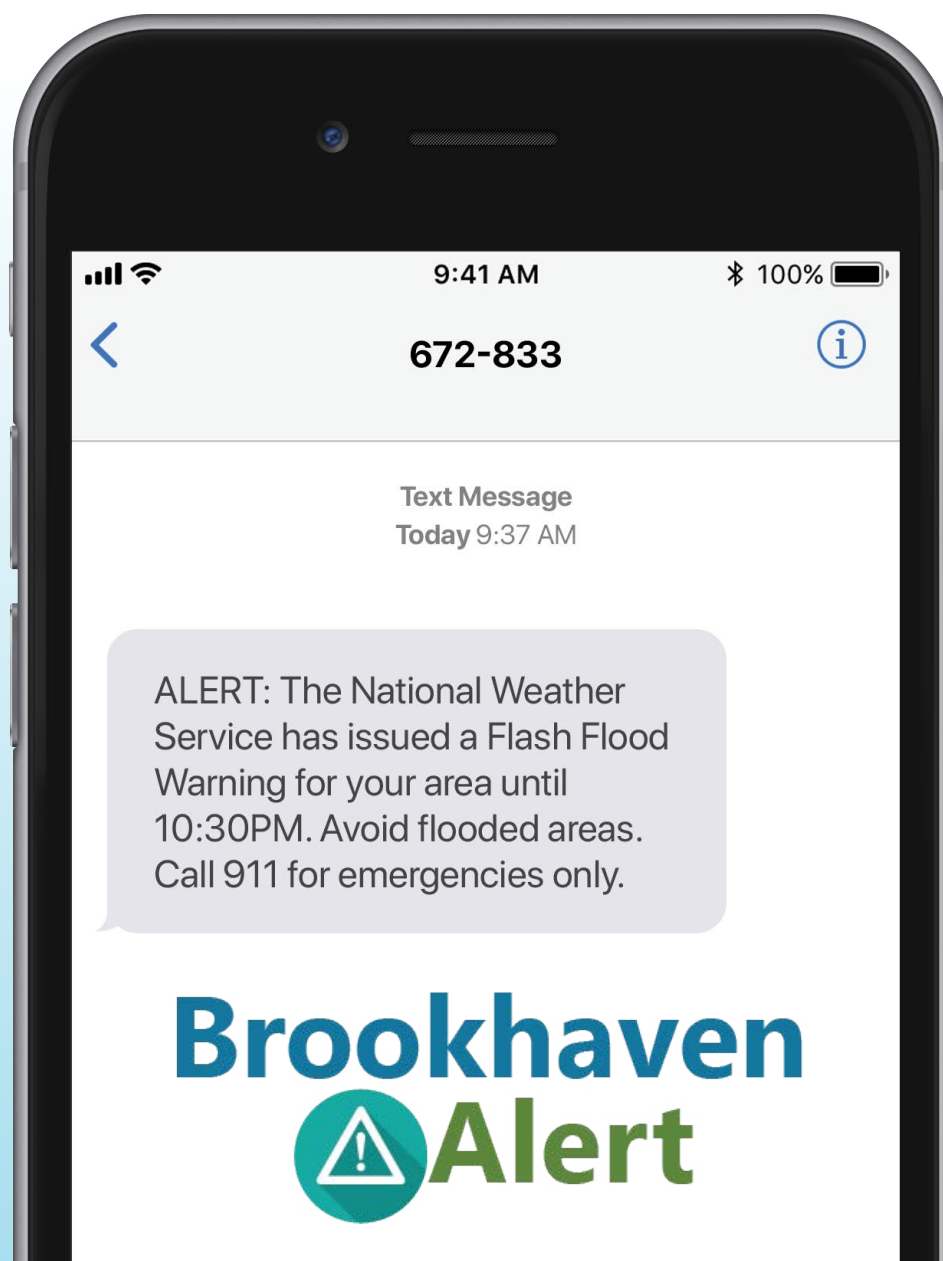


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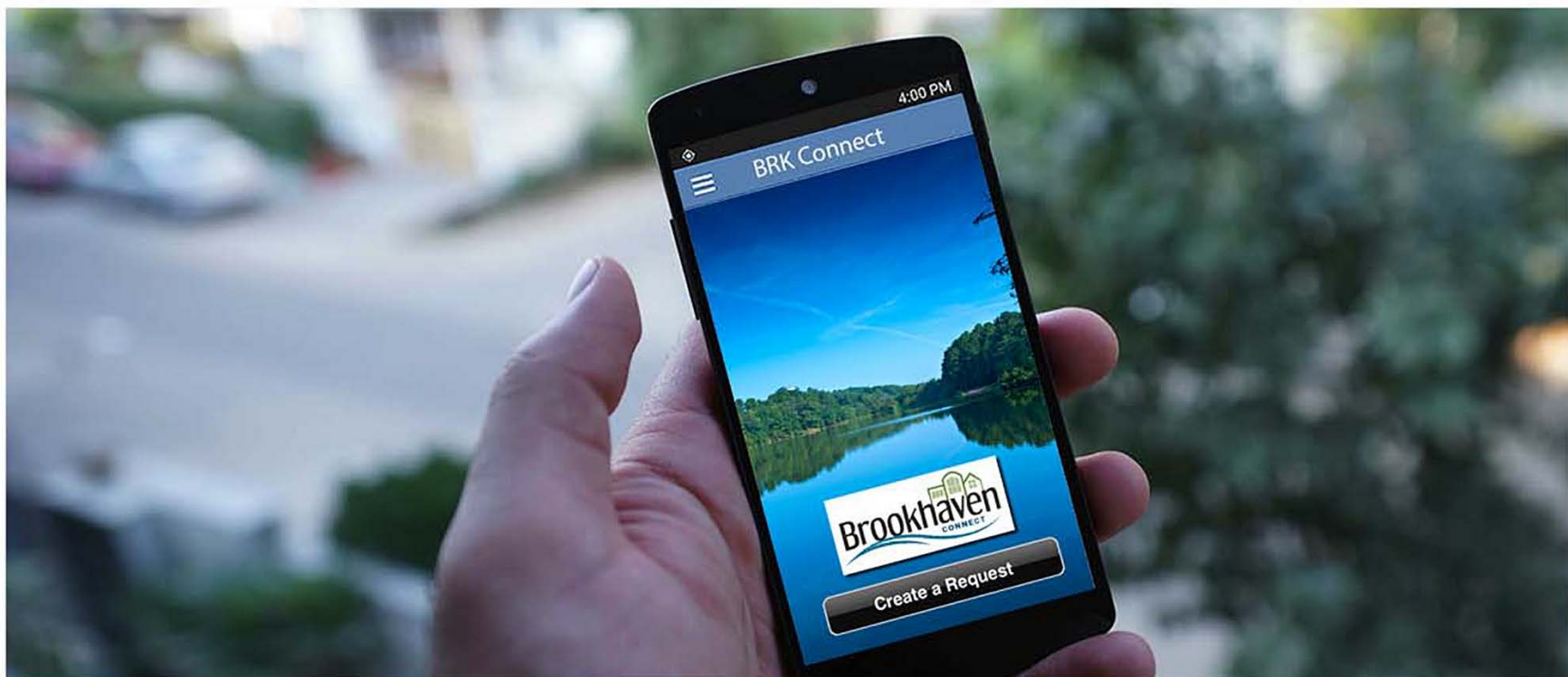
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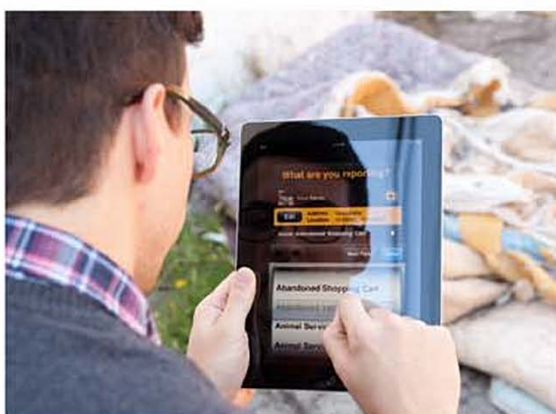
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