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Mayor's Corner AUGŪST 2021

Some months are more challenging than others to identify a topic to share in the newsletter. This month is one of those. We have so much going on here in the City of Bryant, I

decided to take this opportunity to highlight the top items I want to make sure that you, as a Bryant resident, are keyed in on.

1. The City Budget: It is more than just numbers. Did you know that your city budget sets the priorities for city staff, projects, and improvements for the upcoming year? It is vital that our residents become more aware of the budget process and engaged in creating our budgets. Please make sure you are signed up for Notify Me and receive notifications of our upcoming budget workshops in October and JOIN THE CONVERSATION. Your mayor, your council, and city staff want to hear from you!

2. Water Billing: Unfortunately, this continues to be an area of concern for staff and residents alike. Bryant Public Works is pushing our contractors to complete the needed software upgrades as quickly as possible. Right now, we are reading as many meters as possible and estimating others. We realize this is not an ideal solution, and we are reaching out to see if we can temporarily hire additional meter readers to increase our accuracy during this transition. Please continue to be patient with our customer service representatives, and of course, let us know if you see something on your monthly statement that we should review.

3. The newly formed Community Engagement Committee has hit the ground running. They want to connect with you and hear what you feel the city should be doing better, what we are doing great, and what ideas you have for engaging our community in the upcoming year. They are working on a community survey, so don't be surprised if you see them at upcoming events or if they show up in your neighborhood to talk one on one!

4. Finally, with school starting, be sure to consider the additional traffic on the roads. The first couple of weeks are always a challenge so plan ahead and please be considerate of others.

Mayor,

(Allen E. Scott

Arkansas Juvenile Assessment & Treatment Center

Arkansas Juvenile Assessment & Treatment Center (AJATC) @ 1501 Woody Drive wishes to inform the citizens of Bryant Arkansas of their ability to sign up for notifications regarding emergencies at the facility. Citizens should email their name and phone number to frances.trigleth@rop.com or call

501-682-9800 to be added to the notification list.



Did you know your city's local budget basically creates your community's priorities for the year? Sign up for Notify Me to receive notifications on upcoming budget workshops and join the conversation.





MEETINGS

The Bryant Parks Committee

meets on the FIRST Monday of each month at 6:00 PM

The Bryant Planning Commissioner

meets on the SECOND Monday of each month at 6:00 PM

The Bryant Water and Wastewater Committee meets on the FIRST Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

The Bryant City Council

meets on the LAST Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM.

Coffee With the Mayor

FIRST Saturday of the Month

Regularly scheduled meetings are normally held at the Boswell Municipal Complex located at 210 SW 3rd Street unless otherwise indicated online. To receive notifications of meeting agendas please go to www.cityofbryant.com and sign up for NOTIFY ME. To view the meetings online follow the city's Youtube page.

Upcoming Meetings:

Farmers Market Every Saturday (Market at Midtown) August 2nd - Bryant Parks Committee August 3rd - Water Committee August 7th - Coffee With the Mayor August 9th - Bryant Planning Commission August 31st - Regular City Council Meeting September 4th - Coffee With the Mayor September 6th - Bryant Parks Committee September 7th - Water Committee September 13th - Bryant Planning Commission **September 25th** - Fall Fest September 28th - City Council October 2nd - Coffee With the Mayor October 5th - Water Committee

CHIEF'S CORNER

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

Texting and driving in school zones is illegal.

FLASHING RED MEANS KIDS AHEAD! Chief Carl Minden

Bryant Police Department

From Bryant Schools

Stop for the Flashing Red Lights

As students return to school on August 16, buses will begin sharing the streets with motorists, meaning school bus safety will again be a priority. According to Arkansas law, when a school bus stops and displays its alternating red warning lights for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers, every operator of a motor vehicle or motorcycle approaching the school bus from any direction must stop completely before reaching the bus. Motorists passing school buses that are stopped and loading or releasing children, or violating other school bus-related traffic safety laws face legal consequences. If a motorist does not stop, bus drivers are asked to report the color and license plate number of the car.

As a community, we are all responsible for student safety. For the sake of our students, stop when you see the flashing red lights. Let's work together to make sure our students travel safely to and from school each day. When you see a bus remember ... "Flashing Red. Kids Ahead."

Dr. Karen Walters Bryant School District Superintendent

BISHOP PARK AQUATIC FACILITY CLOSURE



