

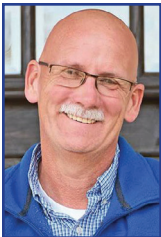


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FROM THE CITY OF BRYANT ARKANSAS

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Mayor's Corner FEBRUARY 2021

Happy Valentine's Day, Bryant! I hope everyone is doing well. This month at the February 23rd City Council meeting, I will be presenting the Annual State of the City to the City Council.

But I wanted to give everyone a little preview.

Overall we weathered 2020 reasonably well. We did have to change a few of our procedures due to the pandemic, but we managed to continue offering services to you, our residents, as seamlessly as possible. Additionally, we continued working on various projects, including parks projects, stormwater projects, water and wastewater projects, and several road projects.

Financially, we have done relatively well and we are on course to continue to do so, as the pandemic continues. Last year we implemented some spending controls to address the financial uncertainty we were experiencing, which helped. We will continue to monitor spending as this pandemic continues. Based on sales tax revenues, it appears that the pandemic did not slow down spending in the city. I attribute this to the continued support our residents have shown to our local businesses and your commitment to shop local whenever possible.

If you want to find out more details, please look for The State of The City Report on the city website after the February 23 Council meeting.

Thank you for being a part of our great city.

Mayor Allen E. Scott

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Join us via Youtube the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am for Virtual Coffee with Mayor Allen Scott. <http://www.youtube.com/c/BryantArkansas>

2021 Upcoming Recycling Events

- Electronic Waste Drop Off Events
8:00am – 12:00 @ Bishop Park
March 10 • June 9 • September 8 • December 8
- January 30- Special Recycling Electronics Even for Computers
@ Saline County Fairgrounds- 8:00am – 12:00pm
- April 10- Electronic & Paper Shredding Event
@ First Southern Baptist Church- 8:00am – 11:00am
- April 24- Re-Fashion Bash @ Benton Event Center- 5:00pm
- 2021 Landfill Saturday Schedule 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
January 2, 2021 • February 6, 2021 • March 6, 2021
April 3, 2021 • May 1, 2021 • June 5, 2021
July 10, 2021 • August 7, 2021 • September 11, 2021
October 2, 2021 • November 27, 2021 • December 18, 2021



CHIEF'S CORNER



The Bryant Fire Department would like to announce promotions and retirement in our department. These men have been exemplary and essential members of the City of Bryant Fire Department.

J.P. Jordan

Bryant Fire Chief

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Capt. Heath Cole is retiring after 13 years of service with the Bryant Fire Department.



Tommy Hammond was promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief.



Brian Nesbit was promoted to the rank of Captain.



Justin Nelson was promoted to the rank of Captain.

DIRECTOR'S CHAIR: FIRE DEPARTMENT

Have you ever wondered, does a Firefighter's training end after they are initially certified and begin their career? Of course not! The initial training a firefighter receives is merely a solid foundation to begin. Continuing education, hands-on training, and professional development are part of the everyday routine for a firefighter. After obtaining the minimum requirements of Firefighter 1 & 2 and licensed Emergency Medical Technician, firefighters have the opportunity to begin training for and reaching for what's next in "climbing the ladder" (Pun Intended!!).

Driver/Engineer, Fire Officer 1 & 2, Fire Service Instructor, Fire Service Inspector, and Chief Fire Officer, for example, are just some milestones and achievements that add to a firefighter's knowledge, skills, and abilities they use to serve the public. We have several instructors certified by the Arkansas Fire Training Academy. These instructors coupled with the fact that we are fortunate enough to have our own fire training facility means that we can do a great deal of these courses in house saving money and time.

Our job not only requires us to be technically proficient and remain in good physical condition, it requires a great deal of critical thinking, effective communication skills, and the ability to make quick sound decisions. In fact, our firefighters are not only certified in fire and medical areas, some

even have college degrees from Associates up to a Masters.

Our world is changing at a fast pace where knowledge is power. At the Bryant Fire Department we want to keep up with this pace. We encourage and promote a positive culture of this continual progression of knowledge and professional development. It is something that will always be a great investment and will yield great dividends. Our people are our greatest resource. The better we are trained and the more we know, the better we can serve you.

If you or someone you know is thinking of joining our team, the BFD is always looking for great people. We will be testing for entry-level firefighter soon! Watch our Bryant Fire Department FB page for more info or if you have any questions, email me I am always here!

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Superintendent's Corner FEBRUARY 2021

It's an exciting time to be part of Bryant Public Schools! Beginning fall of 2021, the district will offer FREE full time virtual learning options in addition to face-to-face onsite instruction. Buzz Academy, available to secondary students grades 6-12, will provide a school experience outside the traditional classroom with Bryant teachers dedicated to the success of each student.

Bryant educators will serve as instructors and facilitators, teaching the same standards, concepts and graduation requirements as those in regular classrooms. We have spent many hours planning and preparing an education model which provides our students with options to successfully learn remotely. Virtual students will still be able to participate in athletics and extracurricular activities.

Enrollment is available for students who live in the Bryant School District. Students must apply to attend Buzz Academy. Applications will be accepted February 1-March 1. Limited spots are available.

We are still planning the virtual learning model for our younger students in grades K-5. Learn more about Buzz Academy on our website, bryantschools.org, and be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for the latest details.

Dr. Karen Walters

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Superintendent

Bryant Public Schools

Upcoming City Meetings

(Virtual Only-- join via Zoom or Youtube)

February 9th 6:00 PM

Bryant Planning Commission

February 23rd 6:30 PM

Bryant City Council

March 6th 9:00 AM

Coffee with the Mayor

March 9th 6:00 PM

Bryant Planning Commission

March 30th 6:30 PM

Bryant City Council

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