



Mayor's Corner

I hope everyone had a fun, safe, and Happy 4th of July weekend earlier this month. Since we are now entering the second half of 2021, I thought this would be a good time for a

few updates on projects we have going on around the city.

Bryant Parkway (*Shobe to Reynolds*)- We have received environmental approvals from FHWA. The design is almost complete. We are currently just waiting on land release from the FAA, which is forthcoming. We anticipate construction to begin later this year (Fall/Winter) with an 18-24 month completion period.

Intersection Improvements at Hilltop, Hilldale, and Parkway are progressing well. We are aiming to have this project completed before school begins if at all possible.

Street overlays from Shobe on Mills Park, Boone Road, and Mt Carmel will be underway within the next few months.

The pipe bursting/wastewater line replacement project in the **Stillman Loop** area is going well and, as of today, is on schedule to be completed on time. Currently, we have several concurrent stormwater projects underway. We have updated our stormwater page to make these projects easier to view and track the progress. Go to *www.cityofbryant.com* and look under *The Latest News* section to view the list.

The Bryant Parks Committee and Bryant City Council will be meeting on July 20th at 6:00 PM to review possible parks improvement projects. I encourage you to attend that meeting to be engaged in this conversation.

Water Meter upgrades are still underway. Due to product supply this project is taking longer than anticipated but we will remain diligent in moving it along as quickly as possible for our residents.

Remember I am always available for questions or comments. Make sure you subscribe to the city's Youtube Channel to receive notifications of when we go live with news, meetings or events. Thank you always for your continued support.

Mayor,

(Allen E. Scott



Drinking Water Quality Report Consumer Confidence Report 202

Each year, the Arkansas Department of Health prepares Annual Drinking Water Reports for the public water providers. Bryant's 2020 Annual Drinking Water Report is now available online. Your Annual Drinking Water Report is available at : www.healthy.arkansas.gov/eng/ccr/486.pdf Copies are available upon request from our office. We would like to remind everyone it is SUMMERTIME and that means more kids are playing outside and riding bikes. Please be mindful of that and slow down in neighborhoods. Be alert when out driving. *-Bryant Police Department*



CHIEF'S CORNER



Those numbers on your house. Are they really necessary? Do you really need to replace them after you paint? Surely the little 1" stick ons will do, right?

Yes, they are very important especially if you have an emergency and need emergency services at your address like Fire Police, and FMS These



like Fire, Police, and EMS. These numbers when properly displayed identify your address and easily and effectively let first responders know without a doubt they are at the correct address.

Not only is having your house properly addressed a good idea it is actually the

law according to the Arkansas State Fire Prevention Code. Your address needs to be easily seen from the street. If your house is a good distance away from the street, consider adding additional address numbers on your curb or mailbox. Numbers should be a minimum of 4" tall, be of a color that contrasts with the background, and be plainly legible.

It is also very beneficial to have your address numbers by a light or have them be reflective. Be sure to take into consideration landscaping and how trees, plants, or bushes may eventually obstruct your address numbers. If needed, give them a trim.

We like games as much as the next person, but when you need help and seconds count, Hide and Seek just isn't a good idea!

J.P. Jordan Bryant Fire Chief

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WINGS OVER BRYANT

As a nonprofit entity representing businesses, organizations, and individuals The Greater Bryant Chamber of Commerce works with everyone to encourage local commerce. We want to take this time to thank everyone that supported your Wings Over Bryant in 2021 and we hope you enjoyed the show! We look forward to seeing you next year. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact email info@bryantchamber.com or call 501-847-4702.

Jason Brown President/CEO



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To be a part of the City's Budgeting **Process!** Schedule for 2022 to be in this newsletter in August.

Bryant Finance Dept.

Director's Chair KINDNESS MATTERS

If you have been following us on social media, then you know, July is National Parks and Recreation Month. I have a great team of employees that love to serve our community, so this month each year has extra meaning to us here at Bryant Parks and Recreation. It also gives me an opportunity to reflect a bit on serving our citizens.

If you're like most people you have probably had multiple bosses over the course of your professional lifetime. We have all had good bosses and bad bosses. Bosses that brought the best out in us and bosses that made our blood boil. Think, for a minute, about the difference. What made the good bosses good? For me, it boils down to one thing: kindness.

One of my first jobs was working for Roger Urrey at his tile business. In fact, you still can drive by the house he built out of tile on SW 4th St. Once, we were laying tile in a department store, and I was carrying boxes of tile from the truck. I got in a hurry and tried to carry too much, so I tripped, fell and broke a bunch of tiles. I was so embarrassed and expected to be fired on the spot. Mr. Urrey helped me up, put his arm around me, and said, "Chris I've broken more tiles than you can count and every time it's because I was in a hurry. Slow down. Mistakes are made when you're in a hurry." I'll never forget that.

For employees of the City of Bryant like myself, you, the people of the city of Bryant, are our bosses. So I am writing to you today with a challenge. Put kindness first when working with your city employees.

We strive to do the best work possible for each of you. The team we have assembled here at the city to serve you is extraordinary, but we face challenging situations everyday. Mistakes are inevitable, and at times expectations are unachieved.

But yet our team stands up, dusts themselves off and moves forward. This is what I love about them. So if you see something you disagree with, or if an employee doesn't respond to a challenge the way you would like us to, please be kind in your criticism. A kind conversation goes a lot further than a hateful social media post. Thoughtful questions to understand why we made the decisions we made goes a lot further than incendiary questions designed to degrade.

So continue to lead us, in the way you'd like to be led. Your city employees work hard for you, and I would ask you to show them the kindness and respect you'd like to see from your own boss. We love serving you, and will continue to do so to the best of our ability. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Chris Treat

Bryant Parks and Recreation Director