

Mayor's Corner

It is May already! Time flies when you are having fun. The month of May is always a busy month with the graduation of the Senior Class and the end of the school year. This year we

also had our first 501 Day on May 1st. It was a roaring success.

Even bigger things are happening in June with the very first airshow, Wings Over Bryant, in Saline County happening on June 19th. It will be at the Saline County Airport and is being put on by our very own Greater Bryant Chamber of Commerce. It will be a full day of family fun. The show will have numerous airplanes for you to get close to and check out. There will also be several great air acts including but not limited to Kevin Coleman, Shockwave Jet Truck, and the Aeroshell Acrobatic Team. Be sure to check out the event page "Wings Over Bryant" on Facebook for more information and previews of the participants. Oh and I almost forgot there will be plenty of food trucks. Be sure to bring your chair and sunscreen. See you there.



COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR Join us via Youtube & in person at the NEW pavilion at Bishop Park the first Saturday in May. We will also have an online option. the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am for Coffee with Mayor Allen Scott. http://www.youtube.com/c/BryantArkansas





Help Us Honor the City of Bryant Police!





WINGS OVER BRYANT AIRSHOW

FEATURING TEAM AEROSHELL!

A GREATER BRYANT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRODUCTION

The Arkansas Heart Hospital Wings Over Bryant Airshow will be June 19, 2021 at the Saline County Regional Airport. Gates will open at 10am, visit the food trucks, vendors, static displays, and let the kids run off some energy in the Mid-Town Mechanical Services Lil' Aviator's zone, show will begin at 1pm. General admission tickets are on sale at Big Red locations in Saline, Pulaski, Garland, and Grant county; General admission tickets are \$15.00. Kids 12 and under get free gate admission. General admission tickets can be purchased online or at the gate for \$20.00.

Experience the show in First Class! The Brooke Andrews State Farm VIP tickets can be purchased online or at the Greater Bryant Chamber of Commerce (109 Roya Lane Bryant, AR.) only. The purchase of each VIP ticket is redeemable for gate admission, front line VIP tent and seating, access to air-conditioned bathrooms, private gate entrance, and a parking pass. The VIP tent will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks including beer and wine. All attendees need to purchase a ticket for entry to the VIP Tent. A Children 12 and under VIP ticket purchase will include "Lil Aviators" entrance.

For more details visit www.wingsoverbryant.com

Director's Chair

MAY 2021



Although a relatively young city department, formed in July of 2019, the Bryant Engineering and Construction (BEC) Department's four employees represent over 80 years of experience in construction and engineering. Originally a division of Bryant Public Works, the department oversees Public Works capital projects and developer-driven city-maintained infrastructure. These projects range from expansion of municipal water and sanitary sewer systems, contracted drainage projects, and a new wastewater treatment plant centrifuge facility (\$1.6M). BEC was and is also actively engaged in the oversight of the previously completed and the upcoming \$15M final section of the Bryant Parkway.

It quickly became apparent that this department could also provide engineering and project support for other city departments. For instance, our world-class Bryant Parks has an ongoing need for engineering and construction oversight as a thriving and expanding department. Recent joint projects of BEC and the Parks Department have included bathrooms at Ashley Park, the Festival Pavilion at Bishop Park, and an electrical system that will make festival sound, lighting, and food trucks possible. Future projects for the Parks include a new trail system (Summer 2021) and a bathroom/pavilion facility at the Alcoa 40 Park.

Also in 2019, the BEC assumed the duties of the City Engineer which was formerly a contracted position. Even though the department generates complete engineering construction designs, drawings, and documents, it also engages outside engineering consultants to better serve the surge in project loading due to a growing city and a challenging economy. The idea is to be able to balance the needs of staff and contracted engineering projects to quickly and efficiently handle the city's project needs. The BEC prides itself on remaining flexible without sacrificing structure. During recent challenges in operations as a result of COVID-19 restrictions, the department was able to adapt by working remotely and through mobile offices with support from the Bryant IT Department, and no downtime was needed.

Looking forward, the BEC is expected to expand with the needs of the city. It is anticipated that the department will grow with the inclusion of surveying and design/drafting department needs. And, as the stellar Bryant Police and Fire Departments police our public safety, the Bryant Engineering and Construction Department polices the design and construction of our city facilities.



Project Update



Stormwater Department

Public Works and the Engineering Department have been making final preparations to begin construction on three drainage improvement projects within the Raintree Drainage Study. Projects 2, 6 and 8 (which include infrastructure and channel improvements on Pattywood, Raintree, Coraltree and Flametree respectively) are planned to commence on May 8th of this year. Mobilization of equipment and materials will lead the construction process. Updates will be provided on the city website, social media and in the newsletter as the construction process progresses. Thank you for your contributions which make these Stormwater Improvement Projects possible.

Ben Wilson

Stormwater Manager

City of Bryant Public Works



Thank you to the men and women of the Bryant Public Works Department for everything you do to keep our city running smoothly.

Bryant Streets Department Bryant Water Department Bryant Wastewater Department



Drinking Water Quality Report Consumer Confidence Report 2020

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.