

Jill Dabbs Mayor of Bryant, AR Announces



Happy New Year

Bryant, AR - January 1, 2011 -

I am both honored and humbled by the responsibility the citizens of Bryant have granted me to serve as their Mayor. We should all be encouraged by the potential our city has to become a model city within the state of Arkansas. I realize as your Mayor that in order for this to come to fruition, it is imperative that we cultivate a community of teamwork based upon the cooperative involvement of government, businesses, schools, community organizations, and residents.

Based upon community input, I have targeted three areas that require immediate attention, the first of which is the assessment of each facet of our city government including all departments and personnel. This assessment is to insure that there is a positive culture of cooperation among all city employees to serve the citizens, much as if they were striving for a five star rating. In this assessment, we will identify our strengths and weaknesses in order to implement the proper improvements needed to better serve the citizens of Bryant.

Second, I will work diligently with each department head to examine our current budget. This will help us gain insight as to where the city can cut spending and increase productivity,

resulting in a more fiscally responsible local government.

Third, I will address the retirement of the Chief of Police. As of 10am Saturday, January 1st, 2011, I am appointing Mark Kizer interim Chief of Police for the City of Bryant. Kizer is a nine-year resident of Bryant. He brings seventeen years of law enforcement experience to the office, four years of which has been served protecting the citizens of Bryant. In addition to Chief Kizer's law enforcement experience, he offers the citizens of Bryant strong administrative, personnel, and community skills.

It is my intention to conduct a thorough search for a permanent Chief of Police within six months of my administration. Until a permanent Chief is installed, I have the utmost confidence and trust that Interim Chief Kizer will serve the citizens of Bryant with the sound leadership that is expected from this office.

Therefore, as we look forward to 2011, along with your City Council, I am eager to provide the kind of city government you have asked for with your votes. It is my hope that we will embrace improvements and new ideas, and cooperate with each other to the fullest extent possible to better serve you. Bryant is still moving in a positive direction and is still growing. As we meet the challenge of whatever future problems might be facing us, we will dedicate ourselves to making Bryant the city of choice in which to work, live, and raise our families.

Jill Dabbs
Mayor of Bryant