

# The Brookville Bulletin

## Winter 2026 Edition

### Brookville City Council Updates

- At the November 18 City Council meeting, Jared Ledford was sworn in as the city's newest City Council member. Jared completed the term left vacated with the resignation of James Zimmerlin earlier in the fall.
- At the December 2 Budget Workshop, Finance & HR Director Michelle Brandt presented the 2026 budget. Some highlights are below:
  - The city's total budget in 2026 will be \$21.4 million. 2025's total budget was \$14.7 million.
  - The city is projected to have a General Fund carry-over of approximately \$3.5 million from 2025. The General Fund carry over from the 2024 budget was approximately \$2.2 million.
  - The General Fund revenue is estimated to increase approximately \$1.7 million in 2026.
  - The city has budgeted approximately \$3.4 million for capital improvements and equipment purchases in 2026. \$2.1 million was budgeted for the same items in 2025.
  - The City will continue the street resurfacing program and Phase II of the Golden Gate Park parking lot resurfacing project in 2026.

-To learn more about the approved 2026 budget, please go to: <https://brookvilleohio.com/356/2026-Budget>

- At the December 2 City Council Meeting, City Council approved the first reading of the updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan and scheduled the final public hearing for January 20, 2026 at 8:00 pm in the City Council Meeting Chambers.
- At the December 2 City Council Meeting, City Council approved the proposed subdivision plan for the BrookHaven Expansion, Phase I project.
- At the December 16 City Council meeting, City Council approved a new 3-year contract with Perry Twp. for fire and EMS services in the Brookville Fire District.



**Put a FREEZE on Winter Fires**

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!



Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.



Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 6 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.



Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.



Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.



Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.



Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [usfa.fema.gov/winter](https://usfa.fema.gov/winter) and [nfpa.org/winter](https://nfpa.org/winter).

   

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## Upcoming Infrastructure Projects

Below is a list of infrastructure improvement projects slated for 2026:

- Westbrook Resurfacing Project (between Arlington Rd. and Wolf Creek St.)
- McKinley St. Bridge Reconstruction Project
- Market St. Sanitary Extension Project
- Residential Street Resurfacing Project
- Golden Gate Parking Lot Resurfacing, Phase II



*Finance and HR Director Michelle Brandt was awarded her fifth Ohio Auditor of State Award demonstrating excellence and transparency in government financial reporting*

## Supporting Local

Brookville's FREE Business of the Month Spotlight provides local businesses an opportunity to tell their story on the city's social media platforms 3x a month. Email [Jkuntz@brookvilleohio.com](mailto:Jkuntz@brookvilleohio.com) today to sign up for free.

- The latest spotlights include the following local Brookville businesses:

November: Behnken Financial, 475 Arlington Rd.

December: Palette of Threads Boutique, 112 Market St.

January: Fibre Glast, 385 Carr Dr.

