

2018 Goals

The Year of Citizen Engagement

This coming year Staff will focus on completing the in-progress projects. We will continue to apply for OPWC and CDBG grants as well as other available grants such as the Safe Routes to School grant.

Completing the fire house, the water tower, and other identified projects are priorities. Long-term planning and financial forecasting are also top objectives for 2018. Citizen engagement and community education are critical to the future success of Brookville. We live in a new era. The preservation of the “small town character” depends on the community’s support of the reinvestment policy of City Council.

The new talk in city government is the creating of “Place.” Residents want to live, work, and recreate in active, viable communities with amenities. Avoiding this reality will only lead to further deterioration and decline of our community. “Proud and Progressive” must be an action plan not a mere slogan devoid of meaning.

Let us remember the words of President Theodore Roosevelt:

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

"The Man In The Arena" Speech at the Sorbonne Paris, France, April 23, 1910

Thank you Mayor David Seagraves, Vice Mayor Margo Cantrell, City Council, Department Heads, and Staff for this wonderful and rewarding opportunity to be a small part of the effort to make Brookville a better place.

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