

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

May 09, 2025



This Sunday, we will be celebrating one of the most important days of the year- Mother's Day. Some of you are too young to know who Erma Bombeck was, but I know that others of you do remember her for her seemingly-innate ability to turn her life as a suburban housewife and mother in the 1950's and 60's into a satirical observation of the "jobs" women were doing inside their own homes day in and day out. Erma brought humor to the everyday lives of women who did not work outside of the home, and she wrote with such sincerity and heart that her readers knew very well that her humor was never meant to be hurtful or be mean-spirited. Her columns were quite the contrary.

One of my favorite Erma Bombeck pieces is called "A Mother's Love", because it encapsulates all the things we love and remember about our moms.. My wife and I have been lucky to have two of the best mothers one could ever hope for. Both raised large families, often on a shoestring budget. They helped us with our schoolwork, cooked our favorite meals, and made us homemade birthday cakes. When we were excited about something or did well , they celebrated with us. When we were sad or disappointed or hurt, they cried with us. And when we made a poor choice, they let us know it.

Raising children is the perfect combination of joy, sadness, and exhaustion. Sometimes those emotions can change within a five-minute period. With kids, you are most certainly NEVER bored! As you read the words of Erma Bombeck (below), my wife and I would like to thank our moms, Jean and Darlene, for always loving us unconditionally and for never giving up on us.

And Happy Mother's Day to all of you, too! No matter how you became a mom, your dedication and endless love for your family does not go unnoticed.

Someday, when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a mother, I'll tell them...

I loved you enough to bug you about where you were going, with whom and what time you would get home.

I loved you enough to insist you buy a bike with your own money, which we could afford, and you couldn't.

I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover your hand-picked friend was a creep.

I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your bedroom, a job that would have taken me 15 minutes.

I loved you enough to say, "Yes, you can go to Disney World on Mother's Day."

I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment, disgust, and tears in my eyes.

I loved you enough not to make excuses for your lack of respect or your bad manners.

I loved you enough to admit that I was wrong and ask for your forgiveness.

I loved you enough to ignore "what every other mother" did or said.

I loved you enough to let you stumble, fall, hurt, and fail.

I loved you enough to let you assume the responsibility for your own actions, at 6, 10, or 16.

I loved you enough to figure you would lie about the party being chaperoned, but forgave you for it...after discovering I was right.

I loved you enough to shove you off my lap, let go of your hand, be mute to your pleas and insensitive to your demands...so that you had to stand alone.

I loved you enough to accept you for what you are, and not what I wanted you to be.

But most of all, I loved you enough to say no when you hated me for it.

That was the hardest part of all."

Written by: Erma Bombeck

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# Community News



## BROADVIEW HEIGHTS HISTORICAL MUSEUM SUMMER HOURS

Starting May 4<sup>th</sup> the museum will be open to the public on the first Sunday of the month from 2:00PM – 4:00PM until November. If you would like to schedule a private or group tour contact [Lfiszer1@gmail.com](mailto:Lfiszer1@gmail.com). The Historical Society is located at 9543 Broadview Rd on the city campus near the Police Station.

## SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

Who is ready for warm summer nights filled with music, family and friends? We have released our “Nights in the Heights & Thrills in the Hills” summer concert schedule, and there is something coming for everyone! Click [HERE](#) to see the schedule for this year, and check out our Facebook events page for details like what food trucks will be at the shows! We cannot wait to see you there!!!



## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Our Memorial Day Parade will take place this year on Monday, May 26th stepping off from The Church of the Assumption at 9:00AM. The parade serves as the gathering ceremony for the memorial service, which honors our fallen soldiers.

To ensure that our remembrance is well attended, we invite everyone to participate in the parade – scouts, public officials, clubs, marching bands, sports teams, unique vehicles, businesses, etc. – but most especially Veterans and military families. If you would like to be a part of this year’s parade please fill out [THIS FORM](#). For more information please click [HERE](#).

# SPRING PHOTO CONTEST



The Shade Tree Commission is proud to sponsor this year's Spring Color Palette Photo Contest starting March 1st! Are you an amateur photographer longing for Spring, and finding beauty in nature? This might be the contest for you! Open to anyone living in Broadview Heights, this contest is for photos taken within the city of Broadview Heights. There is a three photo limit, and all submissions MUST be in their original state and cannot be altered in any way. Contest will be judged in two categories, kids up to 8th grade and adults. By entering the contest, entrants agree that photos submitted will be published on the city website and social media. Submission deadline is May 30th, and the Shade Tree Commission will judge the entries. There will be a first and second place winner in both categories. All decisions are final.

[Click here for rules](#)

*Spring Color Palette*

## Adults & Kids PHOTO CONTEST

SPONSORED BY  
**THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

**CONTEST RULES**

- The photo must be in its original state and cannot be altered in any way, including but not limited to removing, adding, reversing, or distorting subjects within the frame.
- All Photos must be taken within the city of Broadview Heights.
- The contest is open to anyone living in the city of Broadview Heights.
- A maximum of 3 photographs can be submitted.
- The Shade Tree Commission will judge entries. All decisions are final.
- By entering this contest, entrants agree that photos submitted will be published on the city website and social media

**1ST & 2ND PLACE IN BOTH CATEGORIES:**

- Kids up to 8th grade
- Adults

**MARCH 1ST-MAY 30TH**

Submit your photos online: [www.broadview-heights.org](http://www.broadview-heights.org)  
For information call: 440-717-4022



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**Let's Get Social**



# Important Reminders

IN THE KNOW



## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Just a friendly reminder to please **pick up after your pet**. Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of children who are out playing and other animals in the area. So when taking your pet for a walk, don't forget to take along a baggie to dispose of the waste properly. Your neighbors will thank you!

## THE MAY 6, 2025 PRIMARY ELECTION

The May 6, 2025 Primary Election is a countywide election as voters will decide State Issue 2. In addition, there will be municipal issues on the ballot. There have been many voting location changes in Cuyahoga County. All voters are advised to check their voting information prior to casting their ballots. Voters may Vote-by-Mail, Vote Early In-Person or on vote on Election Day. Vote-by-Mail Ballot Applications, and Early In-Person Voting hours are on the Board of Elections website: [boe.cuyahogacounty.gov](http://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov). You may also call the Board of Elections to request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot Application: 216-443-VOTE (8683).

The Board of Elections is hiring poll workers, full-time temporary staff and people who would like to work on Election Night. Visit the Board of Elections website to apply.

**VOTE!**

## City Meetings and Agendas

### City Calendar

#### **NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON CITY STREETS**

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON CITY STREETS [Codified Ordinance](#) section 452.05(c) (1) prohibits parking on city streets between the hours of 3:00AM and 6:00AM. Per Codified Ordinance section 452.20 (a), signs are posted at city limits.

For a list of all city ordinances, please visit

[https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/broadviewhts/latest/broadview\\_oh/0-0-0-1](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/broadviewhts/latest/broadview_oh/0-0-0-1)

**FULL TIME POSITIONS**[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

**AQUATICS SUPERVISOR** Assists Aquatics Manager with planning, organizing, implementing, and evaluating programs, trainings, services, and staff for the aquatics facilities (natatorium and splash park) and concessions operations. Performs administrative and customer service duties, pool maintenance responsibilities and Lifeguarding/Water Instruction duties as required. Must have at least 2 years' experience in Aquatics Management, general computer skills, and certifications/or ability to obtain for Lifeguarding, Water Safety Instructor, and Certified Pool Operator or Aquatic Facility Operator.

**PART TIME POSITIONS**[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

**SUMMER LIFEGUARD** Work approximately 15-25 hours/week, guarding our indoor pools, lazy river and play feature, and at our outdoor Splash Park. If interested, may be able to keep working at our indoor facility year-round. Must be at least 15 years of age and with certification as a Lifeguard.

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**SUMMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT WORKERS** Assist the Service Department in landscaping, grounds keeping and related duties for City projects and Parks maintenance. Duties include general labor, cleaning, cutting grass, sweeping, raking, shoveling, planting flowers, spreading mulch, grooming baseball fields, and related tasks.

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As temperatures rise, remove protective coverings from your trees and shrubs. Pruning away winter-damaged branches creates space for new growth and improves the health of your plants. If you didn't get around to it last fall, now is the perfect time to cut back spent perennials and remove old annuals. Assess your yard's overall layout and plan any changes now. Follow these tips and more from [This Old House](#).

## SIDEWALK CLEARANCE

Everyone wants to be outside enjoying the weather! If they're walking, rollerblading or biking we want to make sure everyone can proceed without fear of injury from low hanging branches. Please make sure any branches lower than 6'6" that hang over the sidewalks on your property are trimmed back.

## RUMPKES RECYCLING TIPS

Rumpke is committed to make recycling easy and convenient for our customers. And we need your help to ensure that your recycling efforts are put to good use. Please follow [THESE](#) simple tips to help keep our communities clean and green.



For Storm or Sewer Back-Ups call:  
Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm  
440-717-4022  
After Regular Business Hours: 440-526-5400



David Schroedel  
Director of Public Service & Development  
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[Email David Schroedel](#)



## MEET RICHIE BROWN



We are thrilled to welcome Richie Brown as the new Parks and Athletics Manager. Richie joins us with a wealth of experience in the field having previously served the cities of Westlake, North Ridgeville, Brecksville, and a brief stint with Broadview Heights from 2018-2020.

A graduate of Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, Richie holds a Bachelor's in Sport Management from Ashland University and a Master's in Sport Administration from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He is excited to give back to the community that helped shape him, having participated in local youth and adult recreation programs.

Outside of work, Richie enjoys woodworking, spending time with his wife and two sons, and watching Cleveland sports.

## NEW OUTDOOR AED MACHINES

For the safety of all of our residents, visitors, and program participants, we have installed three AED units outdoors at the Splash Park Concession Stand, The Amphitheater Restroom, and at The Fields Complex on the maintenance building. Updated maps have been posted on the website and easy to use directions are listed on the AED cabinets.



## CHALLENGER INTERNATIONAL SOCCER CAMPS

Challenger International is registering now for their Creative Skills Half-Day Camp and their Challenger International Soccer Camp. These camps will run this summer at our Recreation Center and offer something for every skill level. For more information and to register click [HERE](#).



## OUTDOOR TENNIS

Come play tennis with Over the Net! This 4-week outdoor session with our trained instructors will provide fundamental skill development emphasizing gameplay and athletic skills each week. Equipment is available if needed. This class is sized appropriately for young players to excel and maximize their confidence. **Tuesdays: May 6th - May 27th, Ages 4-6: 5:00 – 5:30pm or 5:40 – 6:10pm, Fee: Member \$45, Non-Member \$60, Ages 7-11: 6:20 – 7:05pm, Fee: Member \$50, Non-Member \$65.**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

CHECK US OUT ON  
[FACEBOOK](#) AND  
[INSTAGRAM!](#)

### RECREATION CENTER

#### OPERATING HOURS:

Monday - Friday

5:00AM – 9:00PM

**Pool closes at 8:30PM**

Saturday 7:30AM – 6:00PM

**Pool closes at 5:45PM**

Sunday 7:30AM - 6:00PM

**Pool closes at 4PM**



Amanda Hutcheson  
Director of Parks & Recreation  
440-838-4522

[Email Amanda Hutcheson](mailto:ahutcheson@cityofcolumbus.com)



To find commercial and residential applications, land use applications, regulation references, forms and more click [HERE](#).

## COMMON QUESTIONS, PROBLEMS, OR ISSUES HOMEOWNERS HAVE

The Building Department wants to answer some of the most common issues and problems concerning homeowners.

- Make sure all tree limbs are cut away from sidewalks
- All sidewalks shall be maintained to prevent trip hazards of more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch or greater
- Make sure grass is cut in a timely manner. Must not exceed 6 inches
- Weeds in beds and throughout yard must be maintained
- Garbage must not be put at the street until evening of the day before pick up
- All Garbage and trash containers should be kept behind the front of the house
- Boats, trailers and campers must be parked behind the front building lot line
- Trip Hazards: Check sidewalks and driveways to make sure they are not more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch higher or lower than adjacent sidewalks/driveways.
- Clean moss growing on roofs and siding
- If installing a portable pool follow city guidelines
- If installing a gas line to your pool heater, outdoor fireplace, or grill it must be pressure tested and installed to all codes
- Grass may be cut, and yardwork done by homeowners from 8:00AM to 8:00PM
- Contractors may work from 7:00AM to 7:00PM Monday thru Saturday
- Check with Building Department to make sure your contractors are registered and permitted properly.

## Who Owns What? Ownership Guidelines for Your Home's Utilities

1. [THE ILLUMINATING COPDF](#)
2. [CLEVELAND WATERPDF](#)
3. [DOMINION GAS](#)



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# ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



## WALLINGS ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

The Wallings Road Bridge has closed, and will remain closed for 365 days. The project is expected to reach completion October of 2026. Message boards will be placed on-site 2 weeks in advance of the closure. Please reach out to the Engineering Department at 440-838-4705 if you have any questions or concerns.

## ENBRIDGE GAS PIPELINE MAINTENANCE WORK

Enbridge Gas Ohio will be performing work throughout the City to maintain corrosion protection on gas pipelines. Please reach out to the Engineering Department with any concerns.

## AVERY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Engineering Department is in the process of designing a project to improve the section of Avery Road between East Royalton Road and Oakes Road. Residents should expect there to be survey crews in the area with minimal to no traffic interference.

## POINT OF SALE INSPECTION OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Please see the ordinance regarding the Point of Sale Inspection for residents with septic systems. [1048.01](#)  
[ORDINANCE POINT OF SALE INSPECTIONS OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS.](#)

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# DEPARTMENT



[OUR NEWSLETTER](#)

## REMINDER



The Department of Human Services provides information, resources and support to ALL residents of Broadview Heights, regardless of age. If you have questions about benefits, need help with accessing services or completing applications or just have an idea about a community program that would benefit our residents, please call us. We are here to help!

## MAY BOOK CLUB

Join the Book Club as they gather for some discussion on the book “Table For Two” by Amor Towles which includes six short stories and a novella set in New York and Los Angeles mostly taking place around the turn of the Millennium. May 15th at 1:00 PM

## HOW TO REACH US

### Human Services Dept.

Main Floor

9543 Broadview Road

Broadview Heights, Oh. 44147

Phone: 440-526-4074

Fax: 440-717-1256

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

## MOVIE & MUNCHIES

Come enjoy a showing of the movie “MIDWAY” starring Dennis Quaid and Woody Harrelson on Friday, May 16th at 11:15 AM.



Kathy Rush-Parsson LSW

Human Services Director

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## JUNE REGISTRATION

Don't forget June registration opens May 13th through May 15th for residents and opens on May 16th for non-residents.

**Don't  
Miss  
Out**



## 2025 MIND CHALLENGE COMPETITION

Monday, April 21st marks the beginning of year 7 of the Mind Challenge for the New Majority competition, the trivia game for seniors modeled after the popular NCAA basketball tournament. Each year, teams compete for a chance to advance to each of the 6 rounds of play for an opportunity to play in the finals and compete for cash prizes. The Broadview Heights team has taken 1st place three years in a row and they are back to try to regain their title in 2025. This year, Broadview Heights is once again happy to host the first several rounds of competition. Please join us on: April 29th and May 13th at 1:00PM.

## SENIOR MEETING

Hospice of the Western Reserve will be here for a presentation on their services on Wednesday, May 21st at 11:30 AM. A light lunch will follow the presentation.

## CLEVELAND METROPARKS TRAIL CHALLENGE

Join the Walking Club as we travel to different locations and enjoy nature with friends while getting in some exercise. All walking days will take place on alternating Mondays at 9:30 AM (weather permitting). We meet at City Hall and a bus will transport us to each location. April locations include: Mill Stream Run Reservation on May 5th Hinkley Reservation on May 19th

