

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

March 13, 2026



Good Morning!

Our fire department continues to impress! About ten days ago, some of our fire personnel participated in the KeyBank Fight For Air Climb, an annual event in Cleveland, Ohio. Hundreds of participants, including many local firefighters in full gear, climb the 54 flights (1,268 steps) of the Key Tower to raise funds for the American Lung Association. Proceeds from the event are often used to benefit the American Lung Association and to honor those fighting lung disease. Last year, it raised over \$180,000! The money is used to support research, education, and also advocacy for lung disease, asthma, and cancer. The Air Climb is considered one to be one of the tallest and toughest stair climbs in Ohio. This year, the event saw over 900 participants, including seven paramedic/firefighters from our very own Broadview Heights Fire Department. They were:

- Daniel Spoto
- William Maier
- Chase Reagan
- Randall Dudas
- Jacob Hartman
- Corey Hedrick
- Scott Marzano

Congratulations and thank you to all of them!

As I mentioned last week, March is Women's History Month. Today, I'd like to highlight an important local woman who was our first and only female Broadview Heights Mayor, Edna Deffler. Born on April 19, 1927, she has always been a strong believer in women's rights and the importance of women in government. When I was first elected mayor in 2007, Edna was an excellent sounding board and important adviser to me in my early years, along w/former Mayor Leo Bender. They both provided me with critical historical background information about our community and why certain changes came about, long before I moved here. I greatly valued both of their ideas and their advice.

After her time as a city councilperson and her time as the Broadview Heights mayor from 1977-1981, Edna went on to be appointed to a seat in the Ohio House of Representatives, serving from May of 1981 to December of 1982. She has served on the Board of Revisions and the Board of Elections. Also, Mayor Deffler was a member of the Broadview Heights Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Realtors, and the Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers Association.

When she was the mayor and councilperson here, Edna Deffler's focus was to control spending by keeping a close watch on where tax dollars were spent and how they were utilized. She believed strongly in representing the voices of Broadview Heights. When first elected, we had a population of approximately 12,000 people, as compared to the approximately 20,000 people who currently live here. At that time, Deffler was quoted as saying, "It is pretty easy to keep in contact with the people and what they want from their government." Her philosophy was to go into a position, do the job, and leave or move on.

When asked about her position regarding women in politics, she stated that "Women should run ... though they often will do a lot of work but wish for the men to have the credit, they never want to be the upfront person ... you had to convince them to take credit or to serve in positions". At the time (1973), she said that "women didn't typically do those things." But Edna Deffler decided that she wanted to change that, and she certainly did. Her positive impact continues to be felt in Broadview Heights decades later, and I know that all of us thank Mayor Deffler for her service and contributions to our beautiful city.

This week's classroom quote from my daughter is from another female trailblazer, Katharine Graham, the American publisher who led The Washington Post for over two decades and was the first female CEO of a Fortune 500 company. Her courage in taking on this leadership role after the death of her husband was especially important during a time when large companies were a male-dominated industry. In 1971, she made the risky decision to publish the Pentagon Papers, defying the U.S. government. Her action set a crucial precedent for freedom of the press. In 1972, Mrs. Graham reported on the Watergate scandal, ultimately leading to the resignation of President Richard Nixon.

Under her leadership, Katharine Graham recast the Post as a major media conglomerate. In 1998, she won a Pulitzer Prize for her memoir, Personal History. In addition, Katharine was the first woman to serve as a director of the Associated Press.

So which quote was my favorite one this week from my daughter's classroom? It is...

"To love what you do and feel that it matters — how could anything be more fun?"

Katharine Graham was the epitome of a woman who loved what she did, knowing how critically important journalists and freedom of the press are to a free and informed society. In some ways, it serves as an unofficial fourth branch of government because it monitors the actions of our leaders and strives to expose potential corruption and prevent abuses of power. As elected leaders, we are accountable to the public. The press exists to provide necessary information so that citizens can make educated decisions, which is necessary for us to have a functioning democracy. They encourage robust debates, work to prevent censorship, and bring to light injustices and rights violations. I salute Katharine Graham and all of the female journalists for bringing their unique perspectives and also for increasing the diversity of viewpoints in all types of media today.

Sam 

Community News



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION FABULOUS FISH FRY

Stop by the Church of the Assumption at 9183 Broadview Rd. every Friday during Lent from 4:00PM -7:00PM for the Fabulous Fish Fry! A perfect night for food, friends, and fellowship! Pre-order is now open! Check out the menu, and place your order on their website www.coabvm.org



THE BRECKSVILLE-BROADVIEW HEIGHTS PRESCHOOL MOTHERS CLUB CONSIGNMENT SALE

The best Consignment Sale in NEO is here! Nearly 50+ sellers (all moms), super clean, super organized, with quality control! Come shop for Spring/Summer clothes sizes newborn to 12, shoes, swimwear, baby gear and strollers, toys, puzzles, games, books and maternity. Join us at the Brecksville Broadview Heights Middle School at 6376 Mill Rd on Thursday, March 19th from 6:30PM - 9:00PM and Friday, March 20th from 5:00PM-7:30PM. For more information click [HERE](#).

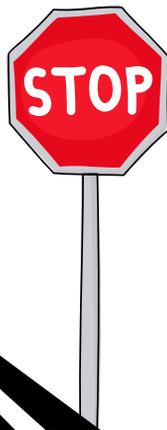
LET'S VISIT THE RICHFIELD COLISEUM (1974-1994)

The Broadview Heights Historical Society is hosting “Let’s Visit the Richfield Coliseum (1974-1994)” presented by Gerry Nemeth. Join us Thursday, March 26th at 6:00 PM at the Broadview Heights Community Center in the Willow Room to relive the history of one of Northeast Ohio’s most iconic venues—from Frank Sinatra’s grand opening to the final event with Roger Daltrey of The Who. Featuring legendary concerts, the Cleveland Cavaliers, the Cleveland Force, and more—plus prizes and surprises! Refreshments will be served. Reservations are required, please contact Louise Fizzer at 440-829-4812 or lfizzer1@gmail.com

SAFETY TOWN REGISTRATION

Open registration starts in person on April 8, 2026, from 4pm to 6pm at the Broadview Heights Police Kloka Training Facility (across from the Police Department), 9543 Broadview Rd, Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147. Safety Town is open to any child (resident or non-resident). For more information, please contact Kim Cook at 440-526-5401 or

kcook@broadviewheightspd.org.



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Let's Get Social



Important Reminders

2026 CHARTER REVIEW

The Broadview Heights Charter Commission will hold its next meeting on Thursday, March 19th, which will include a public speaking session. The deadline for submitting items for consideration is Tuesday, March 24th. For updates and more information, please visit our website [HERE](#).



BROADVIEW HEIGHTS HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Broadview Heights Historical Museum is seeking passionate volunteers of all ages to help preserve and celebrate our local heritage. As a non-profit organization, we depend on dedicated individuals to support our programs and keep our doors open. Whether you can spare just a few hours or wish to commit longer, your unique skills and ideas can make a significant impact. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Louise Fiszer at lfiszer1@gmail.com.

[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

BECOME A SPONSOR

Your organization has the opportunity to play a significant role in the success of our community. Our new sponsorship program will maximize the benefit to you by creating levels that combine both our city events and sports programs so that we can double your exposure. For more information or to become a sponsor click [HERE](#).

FULL TIME

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER Full Time HR Manager, reporting to the Mayor. Must be an HR Generalist, with a related Bachelor's degree and 3 – 5 years' significant experience, including some experience in the public sector and in a Union environment. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office Suite and HRIS/Talent Management systems.

SERVICE WORKER Performs a variety of service department jobs related to construction, maintenance, repair and general labor, including landscaping, leaf collection, snowplowing and salting, and assisting on road/sewer crews. Must have CDL or willing to obtain within 6 months of hire.

PART TIME

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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.

LIFEGUARD Guard our indoor pools, lazy river and play feature. Work approximately 15-24 hours/week. Work is primarily Monday – Friday, DAYSHIFT and/or EARLY MORNING OPENER. Must be interested in working year-round, this is not a seasonal position. Must be at least 15 years of age and with certification as a Lifeguard.

SUMMER LIFEGUARD Work approximately 15 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 16 years of age and with certification as a Lifeguard.

PART TIME

CONCESSIONS STAND WORKER Provides food and beverage services at seasonal concessions stands, including filling orders, preparing food, handling cash, set-up and clean-up duties. Works part-time, including evening and weekend hours at games, through the summer recreation season. Requires strong customer service skills, the ability to operate food service equipment and a cash register, make correct change and lift up to 25 lbs.

WATER SLIDE/SPLASH PARK ATTENDANT Work part time during afternoons, evenings and weekends, 15 - 25 hours/week at our Splash Park and/or Indoor Pool Slide to make sure patrons use the facilities safely. Must be at least 15 years old, have good communications skills and ability to earn CPR/AED certification (we provide CPR/AED training).

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

**CHECK THE CITY WEBSITE FOR UPDATED
JOB POSTINGS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.**

SERVICE DEPARTMENT



CATCH BASIN UPKEEP

Catch basins collect storm water and release it into the municipal storm sewer system. Regular clearing improves drainage and helps to prevent flooding. Remember as you are maintaining your yards, to clear any leaves and debris so that rain water and melting snow can drain properly.

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

April 18th, 2026 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM residents can bring up to 5 bags of their private documents to be shredded on-site for free. Staples, fasteners, and paper clips do NOT need to be removed. No businesses, please. Non-perishable food donations will be accepted for Lend-a-Hand Food Bank. Shredding is located by the Service Garage, enter through the Main Entrance, or Oakes Road entrance and there will be directional signs leading you to your destination.

REPORT A POTHOLE

Have you been driving in Broadview Heights and noticed a pothole that could use some attention. Report a pothole by filling out [THIS FORM](#) or calling 440-717-4022.

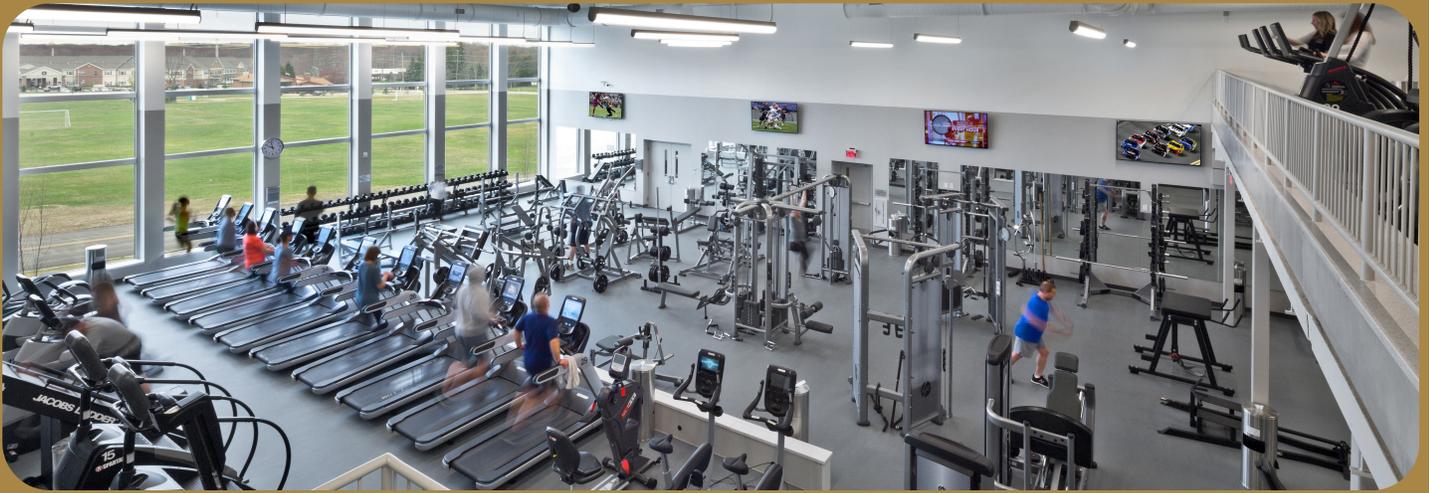


For Storm or Sewer Back-Ups call:
Monday - Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm
440-717-4022
After Regular Business Hours:
440-526-5400

[2026 Holiday Trash Collection Schedule](#)



David Schroedel
Director of Public Service &
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SPRING BREAK ART CLASS

Drop the kids off on Tuesday, March 31st from 1:00PM to 2:30PM. Children ages 6 – 12 will join Miss Stephanie from Pickled Pineapple LLC as she guides them on an art adventure! This class includes a warm up drawing session, games, a teacher led paint project, all the supplies needed, snacks and drinks! FEES: \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. For more information and to register [HERE](#).

**DROP OFF
SPRING BREAK
ART CLASS**

**Tuesday March 31st
1-2:30pm | Ages 6-12
At Broadview Heights Recreation Center**

What's included?

Spring Break Art Class with Miss Stephanie from Pickled Pineapple LLC! She will guide your children on an art adventure! Class includes a warm up drawing session, games, a fun teacher led paint class, all supplies needed, snacks and drinks!

Pricing per child:
\$40 members
\$45 non members

Paint me!
Moss added for texture!

Sign up at:
www.bhrec.org/register

ADULT DANCE CLASSES

Instructor Connie King has over forty years of training, teaching, and competitive experience. She has been privileged to receive her training from the world's finest coaches from England, Australia, Germany, Denmark, Norway, and America. Now she brings all of her skills to the Broadview Heights Recreation Center. Offering instruction on dances from Ballroom to Swing! To see the classes being offered, and to register click [HERE](#).



ETIQUETTE CLASS

Children ages 7 and up will learn the following in a fun and interactive way: Setting a table from start to finish, table manners and etiquette, American style of dining, continental style of dining, proper introductions, posture, the napkin, please and thank you, dining conversation, the proper way to utilize utensils, passing the food and complimenting the chef. All students receive an Etiquette "Set Right" Placemat and a meal. Sunday, March 22nd 3:00pm -5:00pm Fee: \$60

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

The Broadview Heights Parks and Recreation Department is proud to offer baseball and softball for boys and girls in 1st thru 12th grades. Our season runs from late April when practices start to mid-July. Registration ends April 5th. Some grade levels may fill up before the registration deadline, so don't wait! Registration is by grade as of the 2025-2026 School Year. For more information and to register follow [THIS LINK!](#)

TEE BALL REGISTRATION

Early Start Tee Ball: This is a co-ed program for children ages 3 and 4. Teams are made up of 6-8 players. This is a fun, non-competitive game where parents are expected to participate with their child. For safety, foam bats and tee balls are used.

Early Start Tee ball games begin the week of June 1st and will run for 6 weeks. Games are played Saturday mornings between 9AM and Noon. If needed, a Noon start time may be added.

5 & 6 year old Tee Ball: This is a co-ed league for children 5-6 years old. The tee ball season will start with practices during the week of May 11th. Games will begin the week of June 1st and generally end by mid July. In general, teams will play two games per week Monday - Thursdays.

For more information and to register follow [THIS LINK!](#)



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](#)

DEPARTMENT



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!

BRAIN GAMES

Join one of our favorite Brain Games hosts, Laurie from Spry, for another round of stimulating brain exercise. A light lunch will follow. Wednesday, March 25th at 11:00 AM

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

OUR NEWSLETTER



Kathy Rush-Parsson LSW

Human Services Director

Phone: 440-526-4685

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GROCERY SHOPPING

Human Services offers a shopping loop every other Tuesday. We alternate between Giant Eagle/Drug Mart and Meijer/Marcs. If we have an extra Tuesday, we can also go to Aldi. The bus leaves city hall at 9:00 AM. To be added to the “loop” schedule, please call Human Services at 440-526-4074. Tuesday, March 17th we will head to Marcs & Meijer.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group meets the first Thursday of the month at 3:00 PM in the Maple Room located in the Human Services Department. The support groups create a safe, confidential, supportive environment or community and a chance for participants to develop informal mutual support and social relationships. They also educate and inform participants about dementia and help participants develop methods and skills to solve problems. Join us Thursday, March 5th at 3:00 PM for our next group.

MEN’S NIGHT OUT

Join the guys for two games of darts and some laughs, followed by an early dinner, on Wednesday, March 18th from 3:00PM-4:00PM.



MARCH BOOK CLUB

Our Book Club will meet March 19th at 1:00PM to discuss *The Great Alone* By: Kristin Hannah. For a family in crisis, the ultimate test of survival. Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam War a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: He will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier.





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

DO YOU NEED A PERMIT?

If you are remodeling your bathroom, or building a gazebo (not to mention many other potential projects) you are going to need a permit. If you aren't sure, or want to have the application filled out before you get here, check out [THIS](#) section of our website for more information.

HERITAGE HOME PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION

There will be an information session for homeowners interested in the resources available through the Heritage Home Program (HHP.) The program provides owners of homes over 50 years old with guidance on home improvements and maintenance projects. The meeting will be held on May 21st at 6:00PM at the Brecksville Branch of The Cuyahoga County Library located at 9089 Brecksville Rd, Brecksville, OH 44141. To register for the presentation, call 216-426-3116.

For more information about the program visit their website [HERE](#).



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

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



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Chief Building Official
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ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO EAST WALLINGS ROAD GAS LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Enbridge Gas Ohio will be replacing the gas mainline between Broadview Road & Skyline Drive. The project is expected to begin 1-26-2026 and reach substantial completion 5-29-2026. All gas services will be replaced. Enbridge Gas Ohio will notify all affected residents. Please reach out to the Engineering Department at 440-838-4705 if you have any questions or concerns.

FIBER OPTIC INSTALLATION

Various fiber optic telecommunication lines are being installed throughout the Macintosh and New Hampton subdivisions. These installations are not City Capital Improvement Projects and are being managed by the private utility companies. The City recommends reaching out to your internet provider with questions or concerns. Please reach out to the Engineering Department at 440-838-4705 if you have any questions or concerns.

AVERY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Avery Road Improvement Project has reached substantial completion. Avery Road (Royalton Road to Oakes Road) is open to through traffic. Permanent striping will be installed in Spring 2026. Final restoration will be completed Spring of 2026. Please reach out to the Engineering Department at 440-838-4705 if you have any questions or concerns.

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.](#)

WALLINGS RD BRIDGE PROJECT CLOSURE REMINDER

The Walling Road Bridge is closed. The bridge is expected to open Summer of 2026. The project is expected to reach completion in October of 2026. Please reach out to the Engineering Department at 440-838-4705 if you have any questions or concerns.



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