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TREE LIGHTING AND HOLIDAY KICK-OFF PARTY

Saturday, December 3, 6:00-8:30PM

Leo H. Bender Community Building (Rec Center/City Hall)

Tree Lighting in Broadview Heights is an extravaganza with fireworks followed by a huge family party. The Spotlights' Costumed Carolers will serenade while everyone gathers for the 6:00 ceremony. Santa will arrive by fire truck and help with the count-down. Fireworks will close the lighting ceremony. After the fireworks the party moves indoors where there will be Santa visits, free family photos, crafts, a dynamic DJ, coloring contest, professional balloon twister, face painting, a kids' carnival, inflatables, lazer tag, and free refreshments. There will be free use of the fitness center from 8AM-5PM, and open swim for ALL ages (from 2PM-5PM). The Secret Santa Shop, which features inexpensive gift items, will be open during the party. **Admission is free but all are asked to bring non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry.**

LEAF COLLECTION – FINAL SWEEP

The crews will do a final sweep of the entire city from November 28 – December 2 (the leaf-vac trucks will be converted to snow plows the week of December 5). **Please make sure leaves are on the tree lawn by November 27!** After December 2, remaining leaves can be placed into brown biodegradable bags and put out with the regular trash.

UPCOMING EVENTS (THIS WEEK) (Click on link for more information)

- [DIGITAL ANIMATION WORKSHOP: IRON MAN VERSUS HULK](#) (Sat., Dec. 3, 9AM-12PM) – Cuyahoga Valley Career Center
- [VIDEO GAME DESIGN: HOLIDAY GAMES](#) (Sat., Dec. 3, 9AM-12PM) – Cuyahoga Valley Career Center

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BUSINESS

OPPORTUNITIES (Click on links for more information)

- **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY:** Small Business Saturday is an American shopping holiday held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year. It is a counterpart to Black Friday and Cyber Monday, which feature big box retail and e-

commerce stores respectively. It was created by American Express to help focus on the locally-owned small businesses in all of our communities – the businesses that make up the backbone of the Chamber of Commerce and our region. By supporting local, independently-owned small businesses, we're helping create jobs, boost the economy and preserve neighborhoods around the country. Shop local at one of Broadview Heights' many unique retailers or restaurants this **Saturday, November 26**, and feel good about helping support the local economy.

- **SHOP AMAZON SMILE TO HELP THE BROADVIEW HEIGHTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.** [Follow this link](#) to sign up with Amazon Smile for .05% of your purchase to be donated to the Historical Society.
- **VENDOR OPPORTUNITY – MRS. CLAUS' CLOSET:** The Broadview Heights Chamber of Commerce is seeking 1-2 vendors to sell small, affordable holiday and/or Christmas-related items (\$2-\$5 each) that children may purchase during the Broadview Heights Tree Lighting and Holiday Party on Saturday December 3 (see above). Contact Norma Delp at 330-867-3247 for more details.

NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Click on link for more information)

- [PRACTICE A.C.T TEST AND TEST-TAKING TIPS](#) (Sat., Jan. 7, 10AM-2:30PM) – Brecksville Library
- [DROP IN AND UNLOAD](#) (Mon., Jan. 2, 1:30-4:30PM or Thurs., Jan. 19, 5:30-8:30PM – Brecksville Library)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service is seeking volunteers to assist taxpayers in southwestern Cuyahoga County. The program runs from February 1 through April 15. Computer experience is preferred but not required; previous income tax experience is not required. Training is provided. Tax preparation sites are in Broadview Heights, Strongsville, Parma (2), Brook Park, North Royalton, and Middleburg Heights. Volunteers do not have to be retired or members of AARP. [CLICK HERE](#) for more detailed information.

RECREATION NEWS

- **WINTER BREAK CAMP** runs weekdays December 19-January 2, 8:30AM-4:30PM. Pre-care and after-care is available. Register now before the camp fills up.
- **LEARN TO SPIN CLASSES:** Come take this 30 minute spinning class and learn the basics: seat adjustment, clothing, workout and more. The class is taught by Pam Benedict and runs November 28-December 19, 10:00-10:30AM.

For more information on any class or event, please visit our website at www.bhrec.org or call (440) 838-4522. Find us on Facebook: Broadview Heights Rec

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

- **ASSISTANT HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR POSITION:** The City of Broadview Heights is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Human Services Director. Candidates must be a Licensed Social Worker and be proficient in the use of the latest versions of Microsoft Office Suite. Interested persons should complete an online application and include a resume. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).
- **ADOPT A CHILD FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** If you are able to help with a monetary donation or are able to provide a gift card to allow a local child to receive something for Christmas, please call Human Services at 440-526-4685. For more information about our Yuletide Hunger Program, [CLICK HERE](#).
- **HELP US LIGHT THE DRIVE FOR CHRISTMAS:** Sponsor a Christmas tree along Faulhaber Memorial Drive. The trees will be in place for the Christmas Lighting Ceremony which is scheduled to be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 6PM at City Hall. The Broadview Heights Historical Society is sponsoring the tree-drive in which fully lit 6' evergreen trees will be placed in front of City Hall along Faulhaber Memorial Drive for a cost of \$50.00. A visible sign will be staked by each tree displaying your name as the donor of the tree. The trees will remain there during the holidays. [Click here](#) for a sponsorship form. For more information, contact Candy Korn at ckorn@cox.net
- **ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER:** Broadview Heights residents voted to participate in a utility consortium which allows the City to negotiate a discount program in their behalf. We are a NOPEC community. That means that the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC), a not-for-profit council of governments, serves us as an energy "aggregator", negotiating discount programs on electricity and natural gas. Participants recently received notice that NOPEC's prior contract with First Energy Solutions will be ending in 2016. NOPEC has since reached an agreement for NextEra Energy Services Ohio, LLC (NESO) to become the supplier of electricity. NOPEC customers will be receiving an opt-out notice in November or early December 2016. If you DO NOTHING, you will automatically be included in the discount program. If you prefer to shop around for your own discount program, simply return the Opt-Out form. For more information on the new NOPEC-NESO electricity agreement, visit NOPEC's website at www.nopecinfo.org/electricupdate or call 855-667-3201.
- **E-COMMERCE SAFE SPOT:** Private sales through the internet are becoming very popular. Sites such as Letgo and OfferUp have joined Craig's List in enticing the public with great deals and unusual offerings. The downside is that buyers and sellers must meet somewhere to make the sale, and this can be an unsafe situation if one or the other is unscrupulous. In Broadview Heights we recognize that some great legitimate sales can be made which benefit all parties. We have partnered with a local business to create a safe spot so that these transactions can take place. John Luke of Stouffer Realty offered to sponsor the site and sign. The Broadview Heights Safe Spot will be located in the front parking lot near the pavilion on the Broadview Center property—an area that has surveillance cameras and is regularly traveled by the officers. There is a sign to mark the spot. Registration is not required to use the Safe Spot. E-Commerce participants will be able to seal their deals in a safe environment.
- **LOGO CONTEST:** The City of Broadview Heights is celebrating its 90 year anniversary in 2017. To commemorate this decade milestone, the City is teaming up with the Broadview Heights Historical Society to host some activities and events. There will be a logo contest sponsored by the City. The winning design will be used on the website and in other publicity, and the winner will receive a prize. All entries must be in a digital format. Email to cityhall@broadview-heights.org by December 15, 2016. The winner will

be announced by December 22nd. For more information, call the Mayor's office at 440-526-3651.

- **NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON CITY STREETS:** Please remember that Ordinance No. 452.05(c)(1) prohibits parking on city streets between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Ordinance 452.20(a) requires that signs be posted at city limits.

MAYOR'S DROP-IN HOURS: Generally Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00PM, No appointment necessary. *(Last-minute schedule changes will be posted to the [home page of the website.](#))*

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