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## **MAYOR'S HAT, SCARF & MITTEN TREE**

Help us adorn the tree in our lobby. After Christmas, the items will be donated to those in need of winter accessories.

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

- [KILL DA WABBIT: OPERA IN POPULAR CULTURE](#) (Mon., Dec. 12, 7PM) – Brecksville Library
- [BBHHS CHOIR & ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY CONCERT](#) (Thurs., Dec. 15, 7PM) – Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Auditorium
- [VOLUNTEENS](#) (Sat., Dec. 17, 2PM) – Brecksville Library

## **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.

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

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

- [SCRATCH DIGITAL ANIMATION 101](#) (Mon., Jan. 28, 7PM) – Brecksville Library
- [TAXES FOR SMALL BUSINESS](#) (Wed., Jan. 18, 7PM) – Brecksville Library

## **NATURAL GAS SAFETY – DIAL 8-1-1 BEFORE YOU DIG**

Dominion East Ohio Gas reports that, despite their efforts to maintain a safe and reliable system, third party damage is one of the greatest obstacles they face. Excavation damage is the leading cause of significant pipeline incidents causing injury or fatality. Even minor contact with a pipeline (small dent, chip or scratch) can cause major damage in the future if not professionally inspected and/or repaired. Ironically, this safety threat is also the most preventable. **Call 8-1-1 at least two days prior to digging, ditching, drilling, leveling, or plowing activity.** Dominion will come and mark the location of underground natural gas

pipelines. Also, while rare, natural gas leaks can be extremely dangerous. Call **800-535-3000** and **9-1-1** if you smell an odor similar to rotten eggs; see blowing dirt, bubbling water, or an unusual area of dead vegetation; and/or hear a hissing sound.

## **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...**

- **ADOPT A CHILD:** Human Services is in desperate need of individuals/families to "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 440-526-4685. We have 20 children that still need to be adopted.
- **BELL RINGERS NEEDED:** Residents of our community will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Giant Eagle in Broadview Heights. There are still a few one-hour slots available. All monies collected stay in the community. Call 440-526-4074 to volunteer.
- **LEAF COLLECTION NOW COMPLETE:** Remaining leaves can be placed in brown biodegradable bags and put out with the regular trash. Please check the catch basins in the street near your home and remove any leaves that may be blocking them.
- **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.
- **SHOP AMAZON SMILE TO HELP THE BROADVIEW HEIGHTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.** Follow this link to sign up with Amazon Smile for 0.05% of your purchase to be donated to the Historical Society.
- **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](#).
- **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](http://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.

- **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.

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**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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