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CHRISTMAS IN BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

- City Hall will be closed Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26.
- The Recreation Center will be open on Friday, regular hours. It will be open 8AM till noon on Saturday (Christmas Eve).
- There will be NO DELAYS in trash collection for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

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

- [UKULELE JAM SESSION](#) (Mon., Dec. 19, 7PM) – Brecksville Library

RECREATION NEWS

- **NOVICE SOCCER REFEREE CLINIC** will be held February 11, 9AM-5PM. Contact Gary Diehl for more information: gdiehl@broadview-heights.org
- **CAMP COUNSELORS:** The Recreation Department is accepting applications for camp counselors for spring/summer 2017. Please email all inquiries to the Recreation Manager: rmeyer@broadview-heights.org
- **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 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)

- [A.C.T. TEST PREP WORKSHOP – GENERAL OVERVIEW](#) (Sat., Jan. 28, 10AM-12PM) – Cuyahoga Valley Career Center

HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIPS

- Energy-saving holiday lights (LED) use 90% less energy than conventional lights and save up to \$50 on energy bills during the holiday season.
- Through January 15, bring unwanted string lights, power cords and power strips to the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, 4750 E. 131 Street in

Garfield Heights. Hours: M-F, 8:30AM-4:30PM (except December 26 & January 2)

- Bring your own shopping bag on shopping trips.
- Recycle old cell phones and other electronics at any AT&T, Best Buy, Staples, Verizon or other retailer that offers in-store recycling services.
- Gift wrap that is 100% paper can be dropped off at the Paper Retriever bins throughout the area.

For more information on these tips and many more ways to Go Green this holiday season, [CLICK HERE](#).

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

- **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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