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*May the Joys of the Season be Yours
now and throughout the New Year*

CHRISTMAS IN BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

- City Hall will be closed Monday, December 26 and Friday, December 30. It will also be closed on Monday, January 2.
- The Recreation Center will be open 8AM till noon on Saturday (Christmas Eve), and closed on Sunday. It will be open 8AM till noon on Saturday, December 31 and closed on New Year's Day.
- There will be NO DELAYS in trash collection for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.
- Mayor's Wednesday Open Hours are suspended until January 4.

RECREATION NEWS

- **WINTER BREAK CAMP** runs weekdays December 19-January 2, 8:30AM-4:30PM. Pre-care and after-care are available.
- **BASKETBALL CHEERLEADING** runs January 19-March 4 with practices taking place Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30PM. Games take place on Saturday mornings at 10:30-11:30AM in our gym. [Contact Ryan](#) for more information.
- **AQUATICS:** The next session of Swim Team and Swim Lessons begin on Tuesday, January 3 and Saturday, January 7. [Contact Amanda](#) for more information.

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

UPDATE ON THE NEW COMMUNITY AND RECREATION CENTER ADDITION

The layout of the new Broadview Heights Community and Recreation Center has been finalized. We have now moved into the Design Development phase in which we are hosting meetings with Braun & Steidl Architects, Barker Rinker Seacat Architects, Water Technologies Inc., and Panzica Construction to further

develop the plans for each space within the facility as well as the exterior of the building. [Click here](#) for the current exterior views and the final layout of the new facilities. Updated information will be posted on the Recreation Department website as it becomes available.

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

- [A.C.T. TEST PREP WORKSHOP – MATH TEST](#) (Sat., Feb. 4, 10AM-12PM) – Cuyahoga Valley Career Center
- [A.C.T. TEST PREP WORKSHOP – ENGLISH TEST](#) (Sat., Feb. 25, 10AM-12PM) – Cuyahoga Valley Career Center
- [DEVELOPING A CAREER ACTION PLAN](#) (Wed., Feb. 18, 6:30PM) - Brecksville Library

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/BUSINESS INFORMATION

(Click on links for more information)

- **THE HEIGHTS BLOOD DRIVE (Jan. 4, 11-3PM):** There is a critical need for blood and platelet donations right now. Extreme winter weather in some parts of the country and seasonal illnesses often make it difficult for the American Red Cross to maintain a sufficient blood supply at this time of year. [Click here](#) for information on the blood drive taking place at The Heights, 2801 E. Royalton Road in Broadview Heights. [View the Top Ten Reasons to Give Blood.](#)
- **FREE SEMINAR ON LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING** (Jan. 24, 10:30AM or 6:30PM) at The Heights. For more information, [click here.](#)

ASSISTANT HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR POSITION:

The deadline has been extended for applications for the position of Assistant Human Services Director. Candidates must be a Licensed Social Worker (or intend to obtain within four months) 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.](#)

90TH YEAR CELEBRATION KICK-OFF EVENT

Mark your calendar for this event to be held on Friday, January 13. Stay tuned for more information.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

- **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.

- **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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