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SANTA'S COMING

Santa's coming **SATURDAY**, **DECEMBER 21ST.** Santa will be riding through the village once again this year. There will be treats for children 12 years of age and under.

Santa has a busy year and will be stopping for groups of children while following the time schedule below.

Listen for the siren in your area. Bundle up and gather together with your friends and Santa will stop on your street.

Weather permitting, we will follow this schedule as close as we can:

SANTA'S HELPERS WANTED

Santa helpers wanted. Ride along with Santa on Saturday, December 21 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call John Black at 216-374-4518 for details.

Our condolences to Janet Coleman on the recent loss of her daughter Ashley (Coleman) Anderson.

VISIT THE BROOKLYN HEIGHTS WEBSITE @ www.brooklynhts.org

BREEZE DEADLINE DECEMBER 23
BREEZE DELIVERY JANUARY 4

2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS TURN IN YOUR GRADES GET A CHECK IT'S THAT SIMPLE

Attention all 2019 Brooklyn Heights Men's Service Club winners. It's time to turn in your first semester or first quarter grades and redeem your \$500 scholarship. There are several ways to do this and all of them are simple and relatively painless.

- Mail Joe Blados a copy of your grades to 5179 W.6th street, Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131.
- E-mail Joe Blados a copy (PDF's recommended) of your grades at JoeBlados1106@gmail.com. Please lable the e-mail "BH Men's Club Scholarship Grade submission."
- 3. Please note whatever you provide must show the name. logo or seal of the university, college or training school you attend. <u>Please do not send</u> instructions on how we can obtain your grades from a website or ask us to go to a web address. Doing so will only delay your check. Checks will only be made out to the individual scholarship recipient.

Questions, Call Joe Blados at 216-218-9816

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

Our next council meeting will be held Tuesday, January 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Center, 345 Tuxedo Ave., Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131.

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BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION WHEN HIRING A CONTRACTOR

Hiring unlicensed contractors may provide a quick fix in the short term, but it can result in serious and lasting consequences. Keep these tips in mind when hiring a contractor:

- Ask to see a state issued license & Brooklyn Heights Contractors Registration.
- Ask for references.
- Beware of contractors who claim to be the fastest or cheapest.
- Make all payments by check to the company contracted to do the work. Do not make checks out to "cash," or to an individual's name.
- Get proposals or contracts in writing.
- Do not make a final payment until all work is finished correctly and all permits are cleared via a final inspection and/or a Certificate of Completion from the building department.

Remember, the first step in adding value to your home is hiring the right contractor to complete the project. For additional information please contact the BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

REMINDER TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS... Overnight parking & snow emergency ordinances

452.13 OVERNIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED

No person shall park or cause to be parked, any motor vehicle on any residential street in the village from 3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. (Ord. 13--75. Passed 3-4-75)

452.17 SNOW EMERGENCIES

Whenever, during any period of 24 hours, or less, snow falls in the village to a depth of 2 inches or more, an emergency is hereby declared to exist in that such a heavy snow storm constitutes a serious public hazard impairing transportation, the movement of food & fuel supplies, Medical care, fire, health & police protection, & other vital facilities of the Village. Such emergency shall continue until an announcement by the Mayor that snow plowing operations have been completed, which announcement shall be made in the same manner as set forth in subsection (b) hereof for the commencement of the emergency.

- (b) Whenever such an emergency exists the Mayor shall request the cooperation of the local press & of the radio & television Stations to announce the emergency & the time that emergency parking regulation will become effective, which time shall be no sooner than one hour after the first announcement, & such announcement, by two local radio stations or local television stations, or in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the Village, shall constitute notice to the general public of the existence of the emergency. However, the owners & operators of motor vehicles shall have full responsibility to determine existing weather conditions & the depth of the snow & to comply with the emergency parking regulations.
- (c) During the period of such emergency, no person shall park, cause to be parked, permit to be parked, permit to remain parked, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle of any kind upon any street or highway within the Village provided, however, that vehicles may be parked for a period of no longer than 5 minutes for actual loading or unloading of property, if such loading & unloading do not otherwise violate another ordinance of the Village. (Ord. 16-76. Passed 3-2-76)



Community Gervices



Office Phone ~ 739-3702

Information Line ~ 739-3713

Office Fax ~ 661-9328

233 Tuxedo Avenue (in Service Building), 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday Applications can be found at the Municipal & Community Services offices and at www.brooklynhts.org

December 2019

MAYOR MIKE'S HOLIDAY ART-IN-THE-PARK

We are offering two Art in the Park sessions at the Community Center over the Christmas break! Both will include a winter craft and a snack. They will be held on Monday, December 23rd and Thursday, January 2nd from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Children MUST pre-register by calling (216) 739-3702 no later than Friday, December 20th. It is for resident children only, ages 5-12, at the time of the program. These programs are supported by Mayor Mike, our village administration and Cuyahoga Arts & Culture!

HEAP ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Applications are available for the State of Ohio HEAP Energy Assistance program which provides a one-time benefit to your main

heating source. It also qualifies you for a discount on village senior snow removal and grass cutting programs. You must apply every year and applications are available in our office. Income eligibility levels are: 1-person, \$24,979; 2-person, \$33,819; 3-person, \$42,659.

SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL

Seniors, age 65+ and, disabled residents (with proof from a medical doctor) can apply. Cost is \$150 for the season, unless approved for HEAP for the 2019-20 year. HEAP-approved applicants will pay \$60. The HEAP discount will be applied after your acceptance letter is received by our office. The application can be dropped off the at the Community Services or Municipal Center offices.

MILITARY APPRECIATION

The Village of Brooklyn Heights is proud to honor those that have served or are currently serving in our military forces. A display is at the Municipal Center dedicated to those currently serving and a scrapbook honoring veterans. Please see the village website for details on submitting military information for your loved one.





TRASH TO CURBSIDE PROGRAM

This program is to help seniors, disabled residents, or anyone rehabbing after a surgery, who may be at risk of falling, due to health problems or cannot safely carry their trash to the curb (especially during the winter months). To qualify, a resident must be unable to perform this task safely and not have any able-bodied person in the home that could handle this task. Approval will be made on a case-by-case basis. If you are interested and would like an application, please call or stop in the Community Services office.

Website: www.brooklynhts.org **Facebook: Village of Brooklyn Heig**

Community Services holds a senior social twice-monthly at the Community Center. All seniors are welcome and encouraged to attend! Socials are from Noon to 2:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Please RSVP by calling 739-3702!

Tuesday, January 7th	New Year's Program / Mayor Mike / Birthdays	Pizza & Salad
Wednesday, January 22nd	Bingo & Games	Soup, Salad, Roll
Tuesday, February 4th	ТВА	

Community Gervices Continued...



RECEIVE BREEZE BY EMAIL!

Many people have signed up to receive the Breeze by email. You will still receive your paper copy but, in most instances, will receive it a little earlier by email. Simply call (216) 739-3702 to sign up!



Kathleen Kapusta, LISW-S Social Worker

2020 Medicare Premiums, Deductibles, and Cost-Sharing Amounts

PART A (HOSPITAL INSURANCE)			
Hospital Deductible	\$1,408/benefit period (renews when out of a hospital or Medicare facility for days)		
Hospital Copayment	\$352/day for days 61-90		
	\$704/day for Lifetime Reserve Days		
Skilled Nursing Facility Copayment	\$176/day for days 21-100		
Part A Premiums*	\$458/month for those with fewer than 30 quarters of Medicare-covered employment		
	\$252/month for those with 30-39 quarters of Medicare-covered employment		
PART B (MEDICAL INSURANCE)			
Annual Deductible	\$198		
Premium	\$144.60/month – New Medicare enrollees		

^{*} Most people with Medicare do not pay a monthly premium for Part A because they have (or a spouse has) 40 or more quarters of Medicare-covered employment (meaning they worked at a job where they paid into Medicare). Since 2007, beneficiaries with higher incomes have paid higher Medicare Part B monthly premiums. These income-related monthly premium rates affect roughly five percent of people with Medicare. The total **Medicare Part B premiums** for high-income beneficiaries for 2020 are shown in the following table:

BENEFICIARIES WHO FILE AN INDIVIDUAL TAX RETURN WITH INCOME:	BENEFICIARIES WHO FILE A JOINT TAX RETURN WITH INCOME:	INCOME-RELATED MONTHLY ADJUSTMENT AMOUNT	TOTAL MONTHLY PREMIUM AMOUNT
Less than or equal to \$87,000	Less than or equal to \$174,000	\$0.00	\$144.60
Greater than \$87,000 and less than or equal to \$109,000	Greater than \$174,000 and less than or equal to \$218,000	57.80	202.40
Greater than \$109,000 and less than or equal to \$136,000	Greater than \$218,000 and less than or equal to \$272,000	144.60	289.20
Greater than \$136,000 and less than or equal to \$163,000	Greater than \$272,000 and less than or equal to \$326,000	231.40	376.00
Greater than \$163,000 and less than \$500,000 Greater than or equal to \$500,000	IS750.000		462.70 491.60

Premiums are paid by the individual. Deductibles and copayments may be paid in varying amounts by one's Medigap insurance or Advantage Plan. It is important for you to fully understand the extent of your insurance coverage. Be a wise consumer.

DECEMBER 2019 ~ Community Services Department ~ Bus Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	9:00a Christmas Shopping & Lunch	3 11:15a Senior Social, Birthday's / Mayor Mike / Speaker, History of Metro Parks	4 8:00a Senior Walking Group TBA Remembrance Celebration (6:00p)	5 8:30a Giant Eagle / Marc's	6 TBA Novak's Floral Work Shop (7:00p)	7
8	9 8:00a Senior Walking Group 3:30p Quick Trip to Cracker Barrel	10 11:15a Senior Social Christmas Party, CHS Jazz Band & Scarlet Angels	11 8:00a Senior Walking Group	12 8:30a Giant Eagle / Drug Mart	13	14
15	16 8:00a Senior Walking Group TBA Valley View Cinemark & Lunch	17 6:00p Christmas Lights Tour of Local Area	18 10:45a Wii Games	19 8:30a Giant Eagle / Marc's 3:15p Dinner at Local Restaurant	20	21
22	23 8:00a Giant Eagle / Walmart	24	25 Christing	26	27	28
29	30 8:00a Senior Walking	31	IF YOU DO NOT REC	FIVE A CONFIRMATIO	N CALL BY 2:00 P.M. OI	N THE DAY PRIOR TO

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JANUARY 2020 ~ Community Services Department ~ Bus Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION CALL BY 2:00 P.M. ON THE DAY PRIOR TO THE TRIP, YOU ARE NOT ON OUR LIST! Please call our office to sign up. Calls for Monday are made on Friday. The times listed are pick up times if you are riding the bus. Call 739-3702 to sign up. Trips may be cancelled if low enrollment - please call early!		OFFICES CLOSED HAPPY New Year	2 8:30a Giant Eagle / Drug Mart	3	4	
5	6 8:00a Senior Walking Group	7 11:15a Senior Social, Birthday's / Mayor Mike	8 8:00a Senior Walking Group	9 8:30a Giant Eagle / Marc's	10	11
12	13 8:00a Senior Walking Group 3:30p Quick Trip to Harry's Steak House	14	15 10:45a Wii Games	16 8:30a Giant Eagle / Drug Mart	17	18
19	20 OFFICES CLOSED MLK DAY	21	22 11:15a Senior Social, Bingo & Games	23 8:30a Giant Eagle / Marc's	24	25
26	27 8:00a Senior Walking Group TBA Valley View Cinemark & Lunch	28	29 10:45a Wii Games	30 8:30a Giant Eagle / Drug Mart	Sun	TEND ERIA

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE SHOP WITH A COP RAFFLE

Local families experiencing economic hardships can't always provide their children with their own celebration of Christmas. The Shop With a Cop program joins these children with local police officers, providing the children with money to shop for Christmas presents for their families and themselves. Participating officers will transport the kids in a police motorcade to Target for their shopping experience. The children will each have a \$150 allowance for shopping. The group will meet for a pizza party after shopping!

The Brooklyn Heights Police Department along with the Fraternal Order of Police is sponsoring a raffle with the proceeds going to The Shop With a Cop program. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and are available at the police station. Tickets and money need to be turned into the police station by the morning of December 6, 2019.

Please do what you can to help a child have a memorable Christmas.



GOD BLESS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Grand Prize – 50" Big Screen TV 2nd Prize – iPad 3rd Prize - \$100.00 Cash

Contact Ptl. Chris Leahy at 216-741-1327 for more information.



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Holiday Trash & Recycling collection

Christmas Saturday Dec. 28th 2019 New Year's Saturday Jan. 4th 2020

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT

ED HATGAS, Service Director
Chris Triscari, Foreman
Donna Tesar, Administrative Assistant
Rob Algeri, Tom Hochman, Scott Lader,
Blaine Apathy & Craig Morrow

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Happy Holidays to all Dur family, friends and neighbors. Joe, Jen & Dominic Presot

We hope that Santa makes everyone's wishes Come true. Have a happy & healthy New Year. Dawn, Jacob, Toran, Gavin, (Derbin/Cline) Azabella & Azrael

WE WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY, PROSPORUS, NEW YEAR ED, MARY & SUE HRNCIR

Happy Holidays to all Peacefully, Enjoyed, Thankfully in this part of the world. M & W Allen

> PEACE AND JOY TO ALL From Mayor Mike & Beverly Procuk

A very Merry Christmas to all. Jim & Karen Vavrek

May Peace and Joy Fill your heart this Christmas. Lasky Families

> Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Joe & Rose Presot



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR Gods peace & blessings to all residents. Tammy & Jeff "Sparking Clean Homes"

May the warmth & peace of the holiday season
Be Yours Today and Always.
Merry Christmas.
Carol Rucinski

This season may you be blessed with Laughter, peace & love. Apathy Family

HAPPY HOLIDAY wishes to my dear friends and neighbors from Denise Kirsch & family

Merry Christmas And Happy New Year From the Pech's Andy, Eileen, Celine, Kevin & Megan

Merry Christmas
And
A Happy and Healthy New Year
To all our neighbors and friends.
Dave & Mary Ann Derbin
Ben, Angie, Brandon & Derek White,
And Chris, Jessica,
Nicholas & Adam Triscari



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Merry Christmas! The Stankiewicz's Henry, Dawn & David

May the New Year be filled with many Blessings and good health. Merry Christmas! The Bundus Family

Merry Christmas From The Lewandowski & Dopson Families On Park Drive

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR GLORIA HORVATH ASHWORTH

A Slovak Christmas Poem

T'was the night before Viance and all through the house the Slovaks had gathered to eat sauerkraut. The kolach was nestled all snug in its dish bobalky was cooking and so was some fish.

Babushkaed women and, men in their caps, had all settled down with food in their laps. When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, we all went to see what was the matter.

We gave Santa kapusta, and Jano's old clothes.
Then sang, "Ticha noc". As up the vent he rose. But
we heard him exclaim as we took off our coats,
"Vesele Vianoce to you and to all Dobru Noc!"



FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS

OUR HEARTS TO YOURS

OUR SINCERE WISHES FOR A

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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KAREN CHRIS CHARLIE ANNE ISHIDA

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Happy Holiday's to all the Residents & Employees of Brooklyn Heights Councilwomen Jennifer Presot

> Merry Christmas To all our friends and neighbors Tom and Lu Anne Lahiff

Sincere wishes to all for a peaceful And a joyous Christmas season. Mike D'Amico & Family

Merry Christmas And a happy, healthy New Year. Dennis & Linda Derbin

> Merry Christmas And Happy Holiday's Nancy Muffler



BROOKLYN HEIGHTS POLICE BLOTTER

10/24/19	Welfare check on West 5 th Street regarding school bus dropping off child; checked ok, parent home. Returned loose dog to owner on West 5 th Street. Out on Dorset Drive regarding theft report; canvassed area; statements taken; detective notified.
10/27/19	Assisted Valley View PD with physical altercation on Halle Drive; one male in custody. Assisted Newburgh Hts. PD search for vehicle relating to report of a female taken against her will and threats of a shoot-out; unable to locate.
10/29/19	Noise complaint on Schaaf Lane; parties advised and complied. Provided mutual aid to Independence PD regarding a multi-car accident on I-480 W/B. Motorist reporting found puppy; reunited with owner on E. Schaaf Road.
10/30/19	Out at local business regarding concerns over recently terminated employee; special attention.
10/31/19	Resident on Galway Circle reports seeing lights shining from flashlight behind houses; area checked; unable to locate cause. Reunited lost puppy with owner on Shady Ridge.
11/01/19	Parking complaint on Hilltop Lane; two vehicles parked near fire hydrant; complied.
11/02/19	Report of vehicle into guardrail on Granger Road; male taken into custody for OVI, BAC >.170 and failure to maintain reasonable control. Resident on Shady Ridge reporting car alarm going off in driveway and open trunk; unable to locate cause. Special attention.
11/04/19	Report of breaking and entering in progress; checked ok; landlord clearing vines off house. Disturbance reported on E. Schaaf; intoxicated party advised to return home (next door).
11/07/19	Resident on E. Schaaf heard noises and believed someone was in back yard; checked area; unable to locate. Local business reporting theft of batteries from truck.
11/09/19	Assisted Valley View PD with contacting ICE facility regarding possible illegal immigrants from traffic stop; no one available at facility.
11/12/19	Salt crews called out for icy road conditions. Report of several crashes and cars spun out due to weather.
11/13/19	Report of power outage on E. Schaaf Road; located snapped pole and downed wires; CEI notified.
11/14/19	Employee of local business filing fraud report.
11/17/19	Provided mutual aid to Cuyahoga Hts. PD regarding fatal accident.
11/21/19	Puppy found in park; animal warden contacted for pick up. Verbal disturbance at local business; terminated employee refusing to leave; same left without incident.
11/22/19	Resident reporting seeing suspicious male at 3:00 a.m. walking eastbound on Tuxedo; reported at 6:00 p.m.
11/23/19	Parking complaint on Hilltop; vehicle parked by fire hydrant; owner complied and moved vehicle.
11/24/19	Assisted Independence PD with shutting down I-480 E/B due to 4 car accident with injuries.