

I hope this communication finds you and your family well and enjoying the spring weather. This mailer contains information on the many events coming up within the Village through the summer in addition to the following important notices:

- **The Upper Park Renovation** is in its final stages and will be completed in late Spring, weather permitting. We anticipate having a grand opening in late June of this year. Ryan Saunders, assistant coach of the Denver Nuggets, will be instrumental in the grand opening and will not be available until the season is over. Details will be publicized as soon as possible.
- **The Village park will be closed** on May 8th and May 9th - during daytime hours until 5:00 pm - for tree trimming. Any evening baseball practices will take place as scheduled. The tree trimming is weather dependent - any changes will be publicized.
- **ODOT will begin construction on Granger Road** beginning May 8, 2023, Tuxedo Avenue will be closed to *southbound* traffic starting at Granger Road, continuing south through the Tuxedo Bridge. Traffic will not be permitted to turn onto or cross over Granger Road from the North. Northbound traffic will be maintained. Access will be maintained to the Community Center driveway on Tuxedo from Schaaf Road. Granger Road will be reduced to one lane in each direction. The road closure is expected to be complete in late October, 2023 however, additional work will continue through October 31, 2024 but traffic will be maintained. The project will include complete reconstruction of Granger Road from Tuxedo Avenue to the I-480 off-ramps. Please use caution when driving through the project area, and use alternate routes when possible.
- **The Village Memorial Day Parade** will be held on Monday, May 29th. Parade participants and the parade will begin promptly at 9:00 am followed by a short Remembrance Celebration. The Women’s Service Club will be serving donuts following the program. Due to the ODOT Granger Road construction project, parade plans are in process and will be publicized as soon as possible.

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**VILLAGE SHRED IT DAY**

The semi-annual Shred It Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 20th, 9am to 12pm at the Brooklyn Heights Municipal Center. Residents and resident businesses can drop off materials to be shredded through the on-site shredding truck.



<u>ALLOWABLE ITEMS</u>			<u>DO NOT BRING</u>		
Bank statements	Books	Brochures	3-Ring binders	Banding wire	Candy wrappers
Cancelled checks	Computer printouts	Copy paper	Carbon paper	Cups	Food wrappers
Envelopes	Greeting cards	Ledgers	Napkins	Newspapers	Non-paper items
Letters	Magazines	Medical records	Pendaflex folders	Plastic materials	Restroom paper
Pamphlets	Phone books	Tax forms	Waxed paper		

**SENIOR & RETIREES ACTIVITIES**



A luncheon is held monthly at the Community Center and all seniors and retirees are welcome! Enjoy a delicious lunch followed by entertainment or an informative presentation. Luncheons begin at Noon and typically end at 2:00 pm. Registration is required by calling (216) 739-3702 no later than the Wednesday prior to the lunch. Transportation is available and there is no charge.

Tuesday, May 9 - Tom Todd (Energetic One Man Band) & Recognition of Older American’s Month  
 Thursday, May 25th - Game Day / Enjoy fun and games including Jenga, Connect 4 and Corn Hole plus a light lunch!



## **BROOKLYN HEIGHTS RESIDENT VOICES WERE HEARD**

Residents of Brooklyn Hts. have watched as the landfill operations have grown in the community. In May 2021, Kurtz Bros. applied to the Cuyahoga County Board of Health for a permit to install a new Construction Demolition and Debris landfill off of Valley Belt Rd. and adjacent to a landfill it currently operates. When the Village of Brooklyn Hts. learned of yet another landfill coming to the community, they retained outside counsel in order to understand the approval process and give the residents of Brooklyn Heights a voice. The Village submitted a formal objection to the Board of Health and residents of Brooklyn Heights attended a public meeting to voice their objections to the Board of Health members in the summer of 2021. These efforts paid off and on September 7, 2021, the Board of Health denied the permit for the new landfill.

Under Ohio law there is an administrative review and appeal process for the issuance of permits and licenses for landfill operations. Under these administrative regulations, Kurtz Bros. was entitled to appeal the decision of the Board of Health to an independent hearing officer. Kurtz Bros. appealed the decision of the Board of Health to deny the permit. Brooklyn Heights, through counsel, intervened into the appeal in order to make sure the residents of Brooklyn Heights were heard. In May 2022, a hearing was held on the appeal and ultimately the hearing officer reconsidered the denial of the permit in July 2022.

However, during the appeal period, representatives from Kurtz Bros. and Brooklyn Heights began discussions for an amicable resolution that benefited all involved and prevent continued litigation. With the cooperation of the West Creek Conservancy, a settlement was reached. Kurtz Bros. agreed to not build a new landfill and donate its property to the West Creek Conservancy who will hold the property and prevent any future landfill operations. This will also result in one of Kurtz Bros. current landfill operations being closed and capped earlier than anticipated. In exchange, Brooklyn Heights agreed to reimburse Kurtz Bros. for the costs incurred for the landfill permit application.

This is a successful resolution for the Village of Brooklyn Heights. The West Creek Conservancy is a wonderful partner to protect the property as green space and prevent future development, **NO NEW LANDFILL WILL BE CONSTRUCTED**, and the costly litigation has been concluded. We want to thank our Law Director and outside Counsel Mansour Gavin LPA for assisting in this matter. **However, most importantly, the voices of the residents of the Brooklyn Heights were heard loud and clear, and for that the administration owes them a debt a gratitude.**



### **PARK CONCESSION STAND**

The Women's Service Club will open the village park concession stand the week of May 22nd in conjunction of the first home baseball game of the season!



### **HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY**

The Village of Brooklyn Heights is looking for numerous high school volunteers for our 2023 Summer Art in the Park Program. The dates are listed above and volunteer hours are Noon - 3:30. Students can sign up at [www.brooklynhts.org/en-US/ART-IN-THE-PARK.aspx](http://www.brooklynhts.org/en-US/ART-IN-THE-PARK.aspx) or call the Community Services office @ (216) 739-3702 and leave name & phone number. Volunteer sign up deadline is Friday, June 2nd. Volunteers should attend the Friday, June 2nd Student Volunteer meeting @ BH Community Center at 1:00 pm



### **HYDRANT FLUSHING**

The Fire Department will be flushing fire hydrants beginning on Saturday, June 3rd through Saturday, June 17th during the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. While hydrants are open, the homes on that block may experience discolored water or a drop in water pressure. If this occurs, wait one hour after you are sure hydrant flushing is completed for the day. Run cold water from whatever faucet is closest to wherever the water supply enters your house (typically in the basement) for approximately fifteen (15) minutes. It should clear up. If the problem persists, call the Cleveland Water Department at (216) 664-3160. The schedule for the hydrant flushing will be on the Village website.



### **ART IN THE PARK / SUMMER PROGRAM**

Art in the Park is an annual summer program for resident children, ages 5-12 that offers crafts, activities and field trips. It runs M-W-F, 12:30 - 3:00 pm, Monday, June 12th through Friday, July 29th at Pavilion #3 in our Village park. The program is free and registration will begin in May. Details will be publicized on the Village social media.





### **CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL**

The summer school dates are T-W-TH, June 13, 14 & 15; June 20, 21, 22 and June 27, 28, 29. All classes are 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Community Services will offer bus transportation for all classes. If you would like to have your resident child transported, call to sign them up no later than Wednesday, June 7th.



### **MSC GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The Men’s Service Club is holding a *Tournament of Champions Golf Tournament* on Sunday, June 25th. Tee time is 9:00 am at Pine Brook Golf Links, 11043 Durkee Road, Grafton. Cost is \$100 per play and includes 18 holes, lunch, dinner and beer. Contact Rocky Shuckert at 216-906-9828 or Cory Gwynn at 440-781-0681 for tickets or additional information.



### **HYUNDAI & KIA VEHICLE OWNERS**

Hyundai and Kia have partnered with local law enforcement agencies to help consumers with affected vehicles. The Brooklyn Heights Police Department is providing FREE steering wheel locks to for those who own a 2015-2021 Kia or Hyundai (key start only) to deter vehicle thefts. The locks can be picked up at the Brooklyn Heights Police Department, one device per vehicle. Let's keep Brooklyn Heights safe! Contact the Police Department at 216-741-1327 for more information.



### **NEWS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

The Building Department had the original plans of Village homes scanned. Homeowners can request the original documents by calling Community Services at (216) 739-3702. It was planned to have the documents available in late spring but due to a set back with the scanning service, they will be available in late summer. The deadline to request the plans is November 30th, 2023.

Reminder: Lawns, weeds and underbrush should not exceed 6 inches. 1490.08 APPEARANCE OF RESIDENTIAL PREMISES AND STRUCTURES. (b) Landscaping. Premises shall be maintained so that lawns, hedges and bushes shall not become overgrown and unsightly where exposed to public view and where the same constitute a blighting factor depreciating adjoining property and impairing the good residential character of the immediate neighborhood.

Reminder: Permits Required. In most cases if you are doing or having work Performed at your home or property a permit is required. If work is started without a permit fees can be Doubled. Please remember a permit is required before any work is started. Any questions please contact the Building Department.



### **SENIOR “QUEEN CITY” GETAWAY TRIP**

The Valley View Senior Club has extended an invitation to Brooklyn Heights seniors for their motor coach trip to the Cincinnati area September 16-17 of this year. The trip includes:

- EnterTRAINment Junction, an indoor model railroad display. This 25,000 square foot display consists of over 90 G-scale trains encompassing the early era of American railroading, the middle era, and the modern era.
- Cincinnati Dinner Train, a 3-hour 1904’s style train excursion including a 4-course dinner and cash bar.
- Sunday Dixieland Jazz Brunch Riverboat Cruise, enjoy a fantastic meal during the cruise.
- One night at a hotel in the Cincinnati area including breakfast

The cost is \$382 per person for a double room and \$454 per person for a single room. For the packet of information, call Community Services at 739-3702.



### **VILLAGE FOOD PANTRY**

Our pantry has canned food, poultry, meat, dairy items, desserts, paper products, cleaning and laundry products and personal hygiene items. It is run as a “client choice” pantry meaning you shop for what you need. We receive donations from several sources and are well-stocked to serve any and all in need.

We offer two options for our senior and disabled residents; delivery or transportation to/from the pantry or we have a grocery list you can check off items you need and we will deliver them to you on a scheduled date and time. If you prefer to shop yourself, you can schedule transportation and you can shop at your leisure, and we will load the groceries and take you home. Both are confidential and you can visit twice per month. There is no charge for pantry items, delivery or transportation. Call 216.739.3702 for more information or to schedule your visit!



ODOT GRANGER ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

PHASE 1



START DATE: MAY 8, 2023  
ANTICIPATED PAVEMENT  
CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION:  
OCTOBER 31, 2023  
ODOT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE:  
216-584-2006

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC  
INFORMATION GRANGER-TUXEDO  
INTERSECTION

Traffic traveling East-West along Granger Road will be restricted down to one lane in each direction, as shown. Phase 1 will utilize two lanes north of the median. Phase 2 will shift traffic to two lanes south of the median.

Tuxedo Avenue will be restricted to one lane of Northbound traffic in the area as shown in the map to the left. There will be no ability to turn southbound onto Tuxedo Avenue from Granger Road. There will be no ability to cross over Granger Road coming from Schaaf Road. The southbound lane of Tuxedo will be barricaded north of Granger.

Traffic will be permitted to turn Northbound onto Tuxedo Avenue from Granger.

Use patience and caution driving through the construction.

The detour will be active for the duration of the road reconstruction, from May 8, 2023 through October 31, 2023.

 NO LOCAL TRAFFIC

PHASE 2

