



IMPORTANT NOTES FROM MAYOR MIKE

I hope this communication finds you and your family well. This mailer contains important announcements and information on upcoming events.

We continuously make the most of grant and other available funding. Recently, we purchased a street sweeper through NEORSF funding, a 25-passenger bus through ARPA funds, and have ordered a new restroom facility for the upper park through CDSG and CDBG funds. In addition, we purchased a ride-on leaf blower and a new leaf vac; we have scheduled elevator replacement in the Community Center and Municipal Center; and a portion of the Spring Road project have all been possible due to the utilization of grant funding.

We endured the ODOT construction closing Tuxedo Avenue and the Dorset, Bancroft, Dunedeen Village project and appreciate everyone's patience during these much-needed projects.

I wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season!

mayor mike

CLERK/TREASURER FINANCIAL REPORT

What a year we have had! 2023 has been unprecedented in our finance world. This year will also most surely will be unforgettable with the orange barrels everywhere signifying major improvements throughout our Village, new machinery and equipment added to our expansive fleet, and an amazing new upper park for us to enjoy! We are on pace to surpass \$5 million in Capital improvements which is a tremendous accomplishment for our Village! As we head into the 4th quarter, we are currently operating 2% below budget in our General Fund, while expecting to surpass our budgeted municipal income revenues by a considerable margin. On top of all of this, we are working diligently behind the scenes to continue to improve our operations and efficiencies. Stay tuned as there is more to come!

Aaron Frank



"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day [Veteran's Day] will be filled with lots of pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations." *Woodrow Wilson*

SANTA IS COMING TO BROOKLYN HEIGHTS!!

Santa will visit Brooklyn Heights on **Saturday December 16th** and will ride through the village to visit all the girls and boys! Listen for the siren in your area to let you know Santa is near. Santa will be stopping for children who come out to greet him.

Santa is looking forward to seeing everyone soon and will try to follow the schedule as closely as possible!



THE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Schaaf Road / Van Epps ... 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Dorset Area ... 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.
Tuxedo Area ... 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

LOCAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR



Our annual Christmas Lights Tour is scheduled for **Friday, December 15th!** Our Village bus will travel the local area to enjoy the holiday lights and decorations. We'll have Christmas music on the bus and pick up will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please call 216-739-3702 to sign up no later than Wednesday, November 22nd. Everyone is welcome!

LETTERS TO SANTA!

The Elves at the North Pole asked that we collect letters to Santa from the girls and boys in Brooklyn Heights. Santa is anxious to hear all the Christmas wishes from our village kids!! They are busy at the North Pole checking the Nice or Naughty list, building toys and reading the letters to Santa!!



A special Santa mailbox will be at the village gazebo at the Municipal Center beginning Thanksgiving weekend! The Elves will pick up all of the letters on **Friday, December 8th** so be sure to get your letter in early!

The Elves asked that the children include their name, address and age so Santa can be sure to visit their house on Christmas Eve! Be sure to drop your letter in the mailbox before December 8th!

PROJECT HOPE CHRISTMAS



Share the Christmas spirit and help disadvantaged families in our community. Children's wish cards are displayed on the wall in the downstairs lobby of the Municipal Center.

The wish cards show the age, gender and gift wish for each child. The contributor takes one or more wish cards, purchases and wraps the gifts, and places them back in the designated bin in the lobby with the wish tag taped to the bottom of the gift. All gifts must be returned to the lobby no later than December 1st.

Please consider supporting children in need from our Village through the Project Hope Christmas! Monetary donations also accepted payable to "BHSC Project Hope" and can be dropped off or mailed to BHSC Project Hope, 233 Tuxedo Avenue, Brooklyn Heights. If you have any questions, call Community Services at 216-739-3702.

SOUTHPARK MALL SHOPPING



Join us for a trip to Southpark Mall on **Thursday, December 15th.** Get some shopping done, take a break for lunch, enjoy the Christmas decorations and leave the transportation to us! Sign up by Friday, December 8th by calling 216-739-3702! Pick up will begin at 9:15 am.

ALL SENIORS INVITED!

Superintendent Tom Evans invites all seniors in the school district to a high school band/orchestra concert on **Tuesday, December 19th** at 11:00 am. They will perform holiday favorites in the auditorium followed by refreshments in the north gym. There will be very limited parking at the school and the Brooklyn Heights bus will offer transportation. Everyone must RSVP to Community Services no later than Wednesday, December 6th by calling 216-739-3702.



TRASH & RECYCLE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Trash and Recycle pick up is delayed by one day for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Pick up will be on **Saturday, November 25th.** There is no change to the pick up schedule for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. For **Trash to Curbside** program participants, please have your trash and recycle bins out on Friday, November 24th by Noon so the Service Department can take them to the curb.

SHOP WITH A COP



The Brooklyn Heights Police Department, along with the Fraternal Order of Police, is sponsoring a raffle with proceeds going to The Shop with a Cop Program for Brooklyn Heights children. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and are available at the police station and the Community Services Department. Tickets and money need to be turned into the police by **December 1st**. The Grand Prize is a 50" Big Screen TV, Second Prize is an iPad, Third Prize is \$100. Contact Sgt. Chris Leahy at 216-741-1327 for more information (leave a message if no one answers the call).



ART IN THE PARK!

We will be holding two Art in the Park holiday break sessions! They are scheduled for **Wednesday and Friday, December 27th & 29th** and will be held from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Children must pre-register by calling 216-739-3702 no later than Friday, December 16th. The program is free for resident children, ages 5-12.



MSC HOLIDAY NUT, CANDY, POPCORN & COFFEE SALE

A long standing tradition, the Men's Service Club holiday sale is back!

Proceeds provide funding for various village charities such as Meals on Wheels, Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts, scholarships for graduating seniors and more. The deadline to order is **Sunday, November 20th** and orders will be ready on Saturday, December 10th and delivered to you. Please visit the village website for the order form and additional details.

Place your order in any of the ways listed below:

- Email to: bhms2021@yahoo.com
- Drop off or mail to 5076 West 5th, BH, 44131
- Call Mike Stansbury at 216-375-3008

See the official village social media for full details and get your orders placed early!!



HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATION

The Remembrance Celebration will be held on **Wednesday, November 29th** at 6:00 pm at the Community Center. Residents can request an ornament representing a loved one they have lost. Limit three per family.



You must call in your request no later than Wednesday, November 15th. Call 216-739-3702 with the following information:

- Your name and phone number
- The name of your loved one(s) and the correct spelling of their name(s)



Please remember the request deadline is November 15th. We must adhere to this deadline to have time to prepare the remembrance ornaments! You can take the ornament home following the program.

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE & USED CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPOSAL

After the holiday, live Christmas trees can be put out with your trash for normal pick up. Used lights can be dropped off at the Service Department for *proper* recycling. Do not put used lights in with your recycling!



STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Student volunteers are needed for Art in the Park holiday sessions on **Wednesday, December 27th and Friday, December 29th** from Noon to 3:00 pm at the Community Center. Text 216-215-3952 with your name if you can help!



SENIOR & RETIREES LUNCHEONS

All seniors and retirees are welcome and there is no charge. Enjoy lunch with your neighbors and friends. Luncheons are from 12 - 2:00 pm at the Community Center.

November 14th - Music with Accordion Player Ralph Szubski & Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings!! Register by November 8th.

December 12th - Entertainment by the CHS Jazz Band & Scarlet Angels plus a breaded pork cutlet dinner. Register by December 6th.

Transportation is available - please ask when registering!



5TH ANNUAL NO-LIMIT TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT

Men's Service Club Benefit Event @ Brooklyn Heights Community Center

NOVEMBER 19TH

Doors open @ 5:00 pm, Poker starts promptly @ 6:00 pm

\$75 BUY IN - Includes food & beer * \$40 RE-BUY - Unlimited for first 1.5 hours

\$20 ADD-ON - 1000 Chips up to 3x at 1.5 hour mark * \$20 SPECTATOR - Includes food & beer

Event also includes Door Prizes, Games of Chance, 50/50's, and Raffle Prizes. For more information and/or to purchase tickets: Call either Rocky Schuckert at 216-906-9828 or Shane Casey at 216-256-9105.



LUNCH BUNCH

This month's Lunch Bunch trip is to Danny Boys Restaurant on Broadview Road so join your neighbors and friends for a relaxing lunch! Pick up will begin at 11:30 am this month! Lunch is on your own and transportation is provided!

DATE	PICK UP	RESTAURANT
Wed., Nov 15	11:30 am	Danny Boys, Broadview Hts.
Wed., Dec 20	11:00 am	Cracker Barrel, Brooklyn

FLORAL CENTERPIECE WORKSHOP

Join us on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 18th** at 6:30 pm at the Community Center and make a beautiful centerpiece for the holiday! Sunshine Flowers will bring all materials and guide us through the steps to make a floral centerpiece. The cost is \$25 person. Call Community Services at (216) 739-3702 to register. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, November 22nd. Transportation will be provided - let us know if you need a ride when you register! Payment is due at the event.



RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PLANS - DEADLINE NOVEMBER 30th



November 30th is the last date homeowners may request the original blueprints of their homes. Please refer to the list on social media to see if your address is listed. All blue prints will be destroyed on December 1st. Call the Community Services Department at 216-739-3702 if you want your plans!

WHICH LIGHT BULBS SHOULD BE RECYCLED?

NON-HAZARDOUS BULBS



These bulbs are **safe to place into your trash!**
Never put in recycling.

INCANDESCENT BULBS

(including those made with argon, krypton, and xenon gases)



HALOGEN BULBS LED LAMPS



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK OUT BURLCORECYCLES.COM OR DOWNLOAD OUR FREE RECYCLE COACH APP!

Unlike LED and incandescent light bulbs, fluorescent bulbs contain mercury and need to be disposed of properly. There are two types of fluorescent bulbs. Tube bulbs that are usually two or more feet long, and CFL bulbs are spiral shaped. Please refer to the charts and be sure to recycle hazardous bulbs.

Places to recycle light bulbs:

Tube fluorescent bulbs can be taken to Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, 4750 East 131st Street, Garfield Heights. Schedule an appointment at 216.443.3749. Hours are 8:30am – 4:30pm. The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District only takes tube fluorescent bulbs.

CFL light bulbs can be taken to any Lowes or Home Depot.

HAZARDOUS BULBS

These bulbs are **hazardous waste**. Take them to the **Burlington County Hazardous Waste Facility!** NEVER PUT INTO TRASH OR RECYCLING!

FLUORESCENT BULBS



HIGH INTENSITY DISCHARGE (HIDS)

(DO NOT use tape on the bulbs.)



COMPACT FLUORESCENT BULBS (CFLs)

These CFLs can also be recycled at your local Home Depot or Lowes



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SEVEN HILLS REC MEMBERSHIPS



Many residents have signed up for a rec membership since Brooklyn Heights began subsidizing the cost. Seniors (65+), Veterans and Disabled residents are subsidized 100%. Disabled status requires proof in the form of a document from the State of Ohio. All other residents receive a 50% subsidy. Members of SilverSneakers, Silver&Fit and Renew Active receive a free membership by presenting their membership card. Everyone must show proof of residency in the form of utility bill, lease papers, insurance bill, or credit card statement at the time of registration.

Sign up for memberships through the Community Services office. Previously purchased memberships will not be reimbursed. For more information, please call (216) 739-3702. Exact cash or checks, payable to the Village of Brooklyn Heights, will be accepted.

Please note that we offer weekly transport to the rec center on Monday's. The November dates are the 13th, 20th and 27th. Pick up will begin at 12:30 pm and we will stay at the rec center for one hour. Sign up for transportation is no later than the Friday prior.



VILLAGE FOOD PANTRY



The Community Services Department maintains a food pantry for any resident who may need assistance, whether it be temporary or on-going. The pantry contains canned food, poultry, meat, dairy items, paper products, and personal hygiene items. It is run as a "client choice" pantry meaning that you shop for what you need. The pantry is located next to the Community Services office. Eligibility is dependent upon residency documentation and is free to all residents. Call 216-739-3702 for an appointment or for other options!

FALL LEAF PICK UP

The Service Department has begun picking up leaves put at the curb. Weather permitting they will continue to pick up the leaves through November.



Please rake your leaves - no grass and no twigs - onto the lawn apron, close to the curb. There is no pick up schedule, the Service Department will check the streets continually and pick up the leaves as soon as possible. When the leaf vac is sweeping up the leaves, do not go near the equipment!



BUILDING DEPARTMENT ADVICE ON CHOOSING A SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE

Start early. It's never too soon to start shopping for snow removal.

Get multiple estimates. Check with more than one company to compare prices and services. It's important to ask enough questions so you understand exactly what services the estimate covers.

Ask for references. Take time to call a few reference names to learn more about the snow removal service. Visit with neighbors to discover companies that already work in your neighborhood. Ask about reliability.

Understand pricing. Most snow removal services price according to driveway length and how challenging it is to remove snow from that space. Some companies charge one set price for the season — no matter how often they push snow at your home. Others will base prices on snowfall totals, charging one fee up to a certain snow depth and adding extra fees for each inch of snow over. Or each time they plow.

Ask about personnel. "Ask if the firm uses subcontractors, "Generally you get the best results with owner-operators who actually remove the snow because they have a vested interest to keep you — the customer — happy," You also want to be sure they have enough people available to cover long shifts that follow major snowstorms.

Explore liability. Make sure the company carries liability insurance in case there's any damage to your property.

Sign a contract. A reputable snow removal service typically offers a written contract. Take time to read it and ask questions until you understand it completely. Be sure to ask what happens if you move or decide to cancel your contract. Make sure you understand your obligations.



VILLAGE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd & 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th for the Christmas Holiday

and

MONDAY, JANUARY 1st for the New Year Holiday

HERITAGE HOME PROGRAM



Brooklyn Heights is a participating community of the Cleveland Restoration Society’s Home Heritage Program. If your home is 50 years old or older this may be just the program for you! Their team of highly trained professionals knows what makes older houses tick and can help determine what improvements will increase the value of your home and preserve the architectural features you fell in love with in the first place. They know what materials to use for optimal results and where to find them.

The Heritage Home Program is a division of the Cleveland Restoration Society, the largest non-governmental regional historic preservation organization in Ohio. The Cleveland Restoration Society aims to reclaim the vitality, prosperity, and beautify of northeast Ohio through the preservation of its remarkable architecture, and the Heritage Home Program was specially developed to assist homeowners in that mission.

The Heritage Home ProgramSM Loan is a low-interest fixed-rate home equity loan for homeowners to affordably maintain and improve their older houses. The low interest loan product is financed through Key Bank and Third Federal Savings & Loan with fixed-interest rates available as low as 1.4%. Loan clients have access to written construction specifications for exterior projects, locating qualified contractors and project guidance.

To schedule a free site visit or to learn more about qualifying for the low-interest loan, contact Home Heritage at (216) 426-3116 or visit heritagehomeprogram.org.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS, COURTESIES & ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS

OVERNIGHT PARKING... All overnight parking is prohibited on any village street from 3 am to 5 am (Ord. 452.13)

DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS... You are required to have reasonable control of your animal at all times, both on and off your property. (Ord. 618.01) Best to keep them on a leash and be courteous to your neighbors by picking up your pet’s droppings!

STREET PARKING & U.S. MAIL... Please be mindful of blocking your neighbor’s mailbox when parking on the street! The mailman may skip their mail delivery if the mailbox is blocked by a vehicle.

DISPOSAL OF UPHOLSTERED ITEMS... Upholstered items (mattresses, couches, chairs) must be wrapped and sealed in plastic and placed at the curb on your scheduled pick up day. Plastic bags are available at the Service Department for purchase Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The cost of the bags is: Small - \$6, Large \$8. Any branches and lumber must be no longer than 4' sections and bundled 18" wide.

RUBBISH PICK-UP... No waste container is allowed to be placed outside for pick-up earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening prior to the scheduled pick-up day and cannot remain in the front later than Noon on day after pick-up. (Ord. 1060.01)