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#### **VILLAGE EVENT PHOTOS**

We are collecting photos from village events to be included in our new website. If you have photos that you can share we would like to hear from you! Photos can be sent electronically to cmtyserve@brooklynhts.org or brought to our office and we will scan and return them. We are interested in photos from ball games, Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day parades, Home Days, fall hayride - any village events! Any questions, please call 739-3702.

#### **MEN'S SERVICE CLUB**

The next Brooklyn Heights Men's Service Club meeting is on August 27 at the Community Center, corner of Tuxedo & Schaaf Road. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. All village men over 21 years of age are invited to join. Call Tom Lahiff for details at 351-033I.

#### NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

Next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, August 6 at 7:30 P.M. in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS in the Municipal Center, 345 Tuxedo Ave., Brooklyn Heights, Ohio 44131.

#### NOTICE

If 1 out of every 6 Brooklyn Heights households receives the Brooklyn Heights Breeze via email instead of home delivery, there will be savings of over \$500 annually that can be used for other events. Contact Tom Lahiff for information (216) 351-0331.

#### **VISIT US ON THE INTERNET**

For information concerning our Village and the projects currently underway.

Check it out! www.brooklynhts.org

#### **ATTENTION**

If you lost something at the Brooklyn Heights Park, we have a Lost and Found Box at the Concession Stand at the Village Park where you can go to see if it has been found.

#### JOIN SCOUTING

Parents, if your son enjoys being in the outdoors and having fun with family and friends, then scouting is for him. Contact us and let us know if they are interested in scouting.

Frank Trusso . . Leader of Pack 28 Cell phone 216-533-5799 Email casfat@sbcglobal.net

Julie Jakubczak Cell phone 216-338-3782 Email jules10306@yahoo.com

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BREEZE DEADLINE AUGUST 8 BY 4 P.M. NEXT ISSUE OF BREEZE AUGUST 17

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I131 Phone: 661-4449 Ruth Gadus (Editor 1958 to 1989)

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Fire......351-3542

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#### **OBITUARY**

HELEN SCHRADE, wife of Robert, mother of Mark, grandmother of Marc David, Melissa and Chelsea, passed away recently. Helen was a member of National Society for Daughters of the American Revolution & Daughters of the War of 1812. Arrangements were by Yurch Funeral Home. Services were at St. Therese Church on July 16. Helen will be greatly missed by her many friends and neighbors in Brooklyn Heights.

EMMA LOUISE STEPKA, mother of Eugene, Frank, Edward, Linda Neyman & Ronald. Grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 12, passed away recently. Arrangements were by the Fortuna Funeral Home, where services were held July 15. Emma will be greatly missed by her many friends and neighbors in Brooklyn Heights.

The Breeze extends sympathy to our bereaved families.

# WOMEN'S SERVICE CLUB CONCESSION STAND IN VILLAGE PARK

The Brooklyn Heights Women's Service Club cordially invites you to visit us at the concession stand in the village park Monday thru Friday during the baseball/softball season.

Come down and enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, french fries, nachos & cheese, a variety of ice cream specialties, fresh popped popcorn and assorted offerings.

Proceeds to benefit the Women's Service Club, Notarian Scholarship and various events throughout the year.

#### TO MOMMY & DADDY

Happy Anniversary 20 Years Your Loving Sons, Logan & Scott Diedrich

#### **CONGRATULATIONS on your Anniversary**

Gina & Ken Diedrich WOW . . 20 years & Many More Love always, Mom

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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 for programs can be found at the Municipal Center & Community Services Offices July, 2013



#### SENIOR MOVIE DAY AT PALACE THEATER

Join the Department of Senior & Adult Services (DSAS) on Friday, August 2, at 1:00 p.m. for a free screening of the 1971 James Bond Classic: "Diamonds Are Forever" at Playhouse Square. This screening is open to all Cuyahoga County residents age 60 and over. There is no charge for tickets, and everyone in attendance will receive a complimentary popcorn and beverage. Please sign up by calling 739-3702 as soon as possible. Transportation will be provided.



#### SENIOR SOCIAL ~ ALL SENIORS WELCOME!

On Tuesday, August 6th, Community Services is holding our twice-monthly senior social. All seniors are welcome and encouraged to attend. After lunch, village social worker, Julia Ellifritt will be our guest speaker followed by a fun game of bingo! Please call 739-3702 to sign up for the social and/or to request transportation.



## DINE AT RUBY TUESDAY & SUPPORT QUAD CITY CERT!

On Thursday, Friday & Saturday, August 8th, 9th & 10th, Quad City is holding a Dine & Donate at Ruby Tuesday Restaurant on Broadview Road in Seven Hills. If you hand in the attached flyer at the time you place your order, Ruby Tuesday will donate 20% of your check to Quad City. You MUST hand in the flyer for us to receive the benefit! Treat yourself to a delicious dinner and help *your* Quad City CERT team!



#### JOIN US FOR WII BOWLING EXERCISE

Join us for Wii Bowling Exercise at the Community Center. We provide Wii, a light lunch, snacks, and a drink. All resident retirees and seniors are welcome! Don't want to bowl - no problem! Join us for lunch and socialize with your friends and neighbors! Our next scheduled Wii Exercise Days are August 14th & 28th. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Call 739-3702 to register.



#### **BLOOD DRIVE - AUGUST 29TH**

We are holding an American Red Cross blood drive to meet the urgent need for blood. The drive is scheduled the drive for Thursday, August 29th, 1:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Please consider stopping by and giving the gift of life!



#### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS & SUPPLIES**

Back-to-School backpacks and school supplies will be available for resident children in need. Please call us to participate in the Back-To-School program. We'll have the Back-to-School items ready for pick up in early August! Call 739-3702 or stop in our office. You must show proof of residency to qualify (current utility bill or lease agreement, etc.)

# **Community Service Bus Schedule**

Call 739-3702 weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to make your reservation.

Trips may be cancelled due to low enrollment - please call early!

DATE		DESTINATION	PICK UP	RETURN	V
Mon	July 29	Senior Walking Group	8:00 a.m.	10:00a.m.	
Wed	July 31	Senior Walking Group	8:00 a.m.	10:00a.m.	
Thu	Aug 1	Grocery / Bank / Bakery	9:00 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	
Fri	Aug 2	DSAS Beat The Heat @ Palace Theater - FREE! 1971 James Bond Diamonds Are Forever Movie	TBA	Convenient	II.
Sat	Aug 3	St. Leo the Great Church / 4:00 p.m. Mass	3:15 p.m.	Convenient	
Mon	Aug 5	Senior Walking Group	8:00 a.m.	10:00a.m.	
Tue	Aug 6	CSD Senior Social @ Community Center Lunch, Social Worker Presentation, Bingo	11:15 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	
Wed	Aug 7	Nautica Queen Trip	ТВА	Convenient	
Thu	Aug 8	Grocery / Banking / Marc's	9:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	
Sat	Aug 10	St. Leo the Great Church / 4:00 p.m. Mass	3:15 p.m.	Convenient	
Mon	Aug 12	Senior Walking Group	8:00 a.m.	10:00a.m.	
Wed	Aug 14	Wii Game Day @ Community Center	11:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	
Thu	Aug 15	Grocery / Banking / Drug Mart	9:00 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	
Sat	Aug 17	St. Leo the Great Church / 4:00 p.m. Mass	3:15 p.m.	Convenient	
Mon	Aug 19	Senior Walking Group	8:00 a.m.	10:00a.m.	
Tue	Aug 20	CSD Senior Social @ Community Center	11:15 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	
Wed	Aug 21	Senior Walking Group	8:00 a.m.	10:00a.m.	
Thu	Aug 22	Grocery / Banking / Marc's	9:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	
Sat	Aug 24	St. Leo the Great Church / 4:00 p.m. Mass	3:15 p.m.	Convenient	
Mon	Aug 26	Senior Walking Group	8:00 a.m.	10:00a.m.	
Wed	Aug 28	Wii Game Day @ Community Center	11:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	
Thu	Aug 29	Grocery / Banking / Drug Mart	9:00 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	
Sat	Aug 31	St. Leo the Great Church / 4:00 p.m. Mass	3:15 p.m.	Convenient	

<u>PLEASE NOTE!</u> 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.

# BROOKLYN HEIGHTS 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE



# SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2013 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M. PLEASE JOIN US!

Please email the Village Hall with your name and address, if you would like to participate in the garage sale. A list will be posted on our website with all sellers addresses.

Email: kbaciak@brooklynhts.org or vsnyder@brooklynhts.org

SELLERS: ADVERTISE YOUR SALE OR SIGNS IN YOUR YARD!



WITH BALLOONS

#### 2013 Brooklyn Heights Village Wide Garage Sale Saturday August 3, 2013 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thank you for joining us for the Garage Sale! Please check homes with balloons or signs.

**5737 Bancroft Drive** 

5079 West 5th Street

2841 Belmont Drive

5054 West 6th Street 5135 West 6th Street

3302 Dorset Drive 5152 Dorset Drive

5179 West 6th Street

3642 Galway Circle

5147 W. 7th Street 5160 West 7th Street

4376 Galway Circle

**374 Springbrook Drive** 

32 Marko Lane 72 Marko Lane 142 Marko Lane

**501 Tuxedo Avenue** 

17 East Schaaf Road 597 East Schaaf Road 918 East Schaaf Road 51 West Schaaf Road

5070 Shady Ridge Lane

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE & NOT LISTED, PLEASE PUT YOUR SIGN & BALLOONS OUT.











## **2013 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**



# **SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2013**

1:00 P.M.

## **BROOKLYN HEIGHTS**

## **COMMUNITY CENTER**

225 TUXEDO AVENUE

THIS YEAR'S TREE PLANTED IN MEMORY OF FORMER SERVICE DIRECTOR, DAVID MUFFLER

# Brooklyn Heights BASKETBALL Registration

Grades 3rd through 6th
One Child Per Registration
Please Print!

Child's Name



Phone \_

Non-Resident Fees \$50 Per Player Payable to Village of Brooklyn Heights

Street Address								Birth Date				
City & Zip Code								Male / Female Grade (Circle One)				
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# **Brooklyn Heights Soccer Registration**

## FALL, 2013 / FOR ALL PLAYERS / START OF NEW SEASON

#### One Child Per Registration / Please Print

Non-Resident Fee \$50 / Smurf & Pre-Smurf Fee \$25 Payable to Village of Brooklyn Heights

Child's Name								Phone				
Street Address							Birth Date				Male / Female	
City &	Zip Code				Age (Not Grade) as of 8/31/13							
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We assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities and transportation to and from the activities. We do hereby release, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless: Brooklyn Heights Village, Brooklyn Heights Village employees, sponsors, volunteers, manager, and the supervisors, any or all of them.												
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Heights Village employees, sponsors, volunteers, managers, or any of the supervisors appointed by them. We likewise release from responsibility any person transporting our child to or from the game and activities.												
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Please return this form before July 31, 2013 at either the Municipal Center, 345 Tuxedo Avenue or at 190 Ventura Circle. A \$25 late fee will be accessed to all registrations turned in late and/or not												
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# 2nd Annual

# "Tails for Trails"

Dog Walk-A-Thon

Join us for our 2nd Annual Dog Walk-a-thon at the "New" West Creek Reservation! Help West Creek Conservancy raise money to protect local natural area, create new parks and trails, and restore our waterways!



August 24, 2013 at Keystone Shelter located at the West Creek Reservation



Registration begins at 10:00 am and the optional 3 mile or 1 mile light terrain walk will begin at 11:00 am



Join us for refreshments, exhibitor tables, raffles, and more...

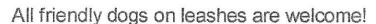


Parma Police K9 Unit Demonstration at 1:00 pm

For more information visit www.westcreek. org or contact Dawn Petkov at 216-749-3720 ext.10 dpetkov@westcreek.org Follow us on Facebook!







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# RubyTuesday COMMUNITY GiveBack PROGRAM

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Ruby Tuesday is extremely proud to be part of your hometown and believes in giving back. As a fellow member of the community, we invite you to participate in...

#### Ruby Tuesday's Community GiveBack Program.

Grab your family and friends and join us at the 7331 BROADVIEW ROAD location on the dates listed below. Please present this flyer to your server, and we will give back 20% of your purchase to the organization.

(We applicate but we cannot accommodate coupon usage or other discounts in conjunction with our GiveBack Program.)



To make a reservation, call us at 216-447-1662 or visit us online at rubytuesday.com

Organization's Name: QUAD CITY COMMUNITY EMERGENCY

RESPONSE TEAM

**Event Name:** 

QUAD CITY CERT DINE AND DONATE

Date(s) of Visit: 8/8/2013 8/9/2013 8/10/2013

For directions to the restaurant or a peek at the menu. visit rubytuesday.com



7331 BROADVIEW ROAD, SEVEN HILLS OH

# Brooklyn Heights Service Clubs Golf Outing



# September 22, 2013 Brunswick Hills Golf Club Tee times begin at 9:00 \$45.00 per person

includes 18 holes with cart, lunch, beverages and door prizes

Reservations required by 9/15/13 Call Joe Kocab at 216-973-7752

This event is supported by the Brooklyn Heights Service Clubs with funds raised during Home Days.

#### **INVEST IN HOME SECURITY: SAFETY TIPS**

- If you've just moved into a new house, rekey the locks & consider whether you need to upgrade to a high security lock.
- Whenever possible, purchase keys that are protected against unauthorized duplication.

#### **CHECK THE DOORS**

Locks aren't as effective if they're on flimsy doors.

- Make sure all exterior doors & frames are solid wood or metal.
- Doors should fit tightly in their frames, with hinge pins on the inside.
- Install a peephole or wide-angle viewer in all entry doors, so you can see who is outside without opening the door. Door chains are not a security device—they break easily & won't keep out an intruder.

#### CHECK THE OUTSIDE

To discourage burglars from selecting your home as their target of opportunity, make sure to

- Prune back shrubbery that hides doors or windows. Cut back tree limbs that could help a thief climb into windows.
- Light porches, entrances. & yards- front & back.
   Consider timers that turn on outside lights or install motion detectors.
- Keep your yard well-maintained. Store ladders & tools inside your locked garage, basement, or storage shed when you're not using them.
- Clearly display your house number so police & other emergency vehicles can find your home quickly.
- Help the neighborhood stay in good shape. Dark alleys, broken street lights, abandoned cars, vacant buildings, graffiti, litter, & run-down areas attract crime. Work with the local government and neighbors to organize community clean-up days.
- Put lights & a radio on timers to create the illusion that someone is at home when you go away. Leave shades, blinds, & curtains in normal positions. Stop the mail & news-papers, or ask a neighbor to take them in.
- Update your home inventory, listing things like electronic & sports equipment & computers.
   Take photos or make videos of items, list descriptions & serial numbers. Check with law enforcement about Operation Identification-

engraving your valuables. If you home is burglarized, this can help identify stolen items & make insurance claims easier to file.

# BURGLARS CAN TAKE MORE THAN YOUR PROPERTY

Burglars generally don't want to run into their victims. But if they're surprised by someone coming home or pick a home that's occupied, someone may get hurt.

- If you see a screen slit, a window broken, or a door ajar, don't go in. Call the police from a neighbor's house or a public phone.
- If you hear a noise in the night that sounds like someone breaking in or moving around, call the police & wait for them to come. If you can leave safely, do so. Otherwise lock yourself in a room or, if the intruder is in the room, pretend to be asleep.
- Think carefully before buying a firearm for protection. Guns can be stolen & sold to anyone, or captured & used on you or the police. If you do own a gun, lock it up & learn how to use it safely.

#### CHECK THE LOCKS

In almost half of all residential burglaries, thieves walk in through an unlocked door or crawl through an unlocked window.

- Make sure every external door has a least a 1" bolt & can provide protection against picking, drilling, & other forms of physical attack.
- Secure sliding glass doors with commercially available locks or with a broomstick or wooden dowel in the track to jam the door against intruders. Insert a pin in a hole drilled in the sliding door frame that goes through the fixed frame to prevent anyone from lifting the door off its track.
- Secure double-hung windows by sliding a bolt or nail through a hole drilled at a downward angle in each top corner of the inside sash and part way through the outside sash. Secure basement windows as well.
- Don't hide keys in mailboxes, planters, or under doormats. Give an extra key to a neighbor you can trust.

Call Dennis Derbin at our Brooklyn Heights Police Department at 216-741-1327 with any questions.

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