

SANTA'S COMING IN VILLAGE DECEMBER 21

The Breeze

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING DECEMBER 1



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SANTA'S COMING

Santa's coming <u>SATURDAY</u>, <u>DECEMBER</u> <u>21.</u> 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. Santa will also be at the Community Center for those who miss him at their houses, or if the weather is too bad.

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:

 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.

 Community Center
 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

MEN'S SERVICE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Brooklyn Heights Men's Service Club's annual Christmas Party will take place on Friday, December 6 at the Community Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members and includes your 2014 dues plus \$2 for a split raffle.

THANKSGIVING RUBBISH COLLECTION
WILL BE ON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30th.



PROJECT HOPE TREE

We have a Hope Tree which is decorated with items needed for underprivileged families. The tree is located upstairs in the Municipal Center. Any one is welcome to choose a gift to purchase to help a disadvantaged family. Monetary gifts are also accepted. All gifts must be received back to us no later than Wednesday, December 4th. Please see the attached flyer for additional details and feel free to call the Community Services Department with any questions.

WOMEN'S SERVICE CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER

The annual Brooklyn Heights Women's Service Club Christmas dinner will be Monday, December 2 at Austin's on Brecksville Road. The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. We will have a voluntary gift exchange. Gifts should have a \$15.00 value and be wrapped. To make your reservation or anyone needing the bus, call Dianne Toronski at 351-0390. We look forward to a fun evening.

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

Next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, December 3 at 7:30 P.M. in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS in the Municipal Center, 345 Tuxedo Ave., Brooklyn Heights, Ohio 44131. Carol Rucinski-Editor

Founded by Leonard Reichelt

382 Springbrook Drive, Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131

Phone: 661-4449

Ruth Gadus (Editor 1958 to 1989) This paper is printed primarily to serve the residents of Brooklyn Heights Village. Whenever submitting news items, ads, articles, etc., please mail or deliver the same in WRITTEN FORM, SUBJECT TO REVISION, to the above address.

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OBITUARY

JOAN SPILKA, wife of John, mother of John "Jack" Spilka (Lolly) and Julie (Ricky Koehler) Arnold, grandmother of Matthew & Brett Spilka and Owen Arnold. Former mother-in-law of Scott Arnold, sister of Thomas Wojcik, and Marilyn Vales. Joan was very involved in her church (St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church. Arrangements were by Tomon & Sons Funeral Home. Services were at St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church on November 12. Joan will be greatly missed by her many friends and neighbors in Brooklyn Heights.

The Breeze extends sympathy to our bereaved family.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you to the Police and Fire Departments for their efficient and prompt response when we needed them. Thank you to Mike Tulcewicz and the Police Department for their funeral escort. Also thank you to all our friends and neighbors for their prayers and kindness during this trying time on the loss of my wife. Joan Spilka.

John Spilka Family

HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING

Holiday lights recycling begins December 2 Help the environment sparkle a little brighter this holiday season! The District will be collecting strings of holiday lights, power strips and power cords at its facility located at 4750 East 131 Street in Garfield Heights from December 2 - January 10. Place your broken. burned-out lights in our lobby collection box Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sorry we cannot accept pre-lit trees; please remove the lights from the tree before recycling.

Holiday lights will be recycled by FPT Cleveland.

OBITUARY

CICHOCKI. husband of Anne, BRUCE father of Matthew (Michelle), Christopher (Wendi), and Valerie Cichocki, grandfather of Danny, Joee, and Jimmy, son of Theodore Cichocki & brother of Kathleen Noon, Charles & William Cichocki, passed away November 9. Arrangements were by Yurch Funeral Home. Services were at St. Leo Church on November 15. Bruce was a Brooklyn Heights Councilman for many years, was in The Men's Service Club & very involved in Home Days and many other activities in the village. He was loved by many people in the village. We will all miss Bruce and his dedication to the Village he was born in. lived and loved, and served right up to the time The Lord called him home.

The Breeze extends sympathy our bereaved family.

THANK YOU NOTE

From the Cichocki family, we wish to thank the Brooklyn Hts. Paramedics. Brooklyn Hts. Police, Police Officer Chris, Fire Chief Lasky and Mayor Mike for the comfort and care that was given to us on November 9th and November 15th. Bruce loved his home, Brooklyn Heights. He would have been very thankful for your service and the care you gave us. Thank you so much then and now, friends and neighbors, for the overwhelming number of prayers that have come our way. God bless! Love, Annie, Matt, Chris, Valerie, Wendi, Danny, Joee and Jimmy Cichocki.

NOVAK'S 2013 FLORAL CENTERPIECE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Christmas - December 5th

All workshops will be held at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. The price is \$15.00 each. Call Jennifer Presot at 216-577-5078 to sign up. All deadlines are 5 days before each workshop.

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Contact: 216.470.0935 or annevess26@gmail.com

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See valuable information from the Police, Fire and Community Services Departments.

Visit our "How Do I" page to find service and recreation information, helpful links, business information and much more.

Also Hall rental and Park permits information and applications available on the internet.

Check it out! www.brooklynhts.org.

THE BREEZE

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN A DEER - VEHICLE COLLISION IS INEVITABLE?

Advice on what to do should you encounter a deer while driving.

- Scan roadsides for deer, especially at dawn & after sunset, more than half of crashes occur between 5 p.m. & midnight. Have your passengers keep their eyes on roadsides & warn you when they spot a deer.
- Watch for deer-crossing signs & drive with extra caution.
- If you see one deer, expect others.
- Use your high beams as much as possible to spot glowing eyes and silhouettes before they enter the road.
- Blast your horn the second you see any roadside animal, which may turn them back or speed their crossing. One long blast of your car horn works better to alert a deer than several short blasts.
- Brake firmly when you see a deer in front of you, but stay in your lane. Always wear your seat belt, keep beverages in cup holders & place bags & purses on the floor, so you aren't reluctant to hit your brakes.

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

HELP SUPPORT THE "SAFE KIDS" ORGANIZATION

Brooklyn Heights, in conjunction with the Greater Cleveland Safe Kids Coalition Police & Fire Department, is offering "Our Own & All Around" 2014 Dining Directory. These entertainment books are being offered for \$28.00 (with \$11.00 benefiting the Safe Kids Organization). These books make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers.

Contact Ptl. Derbin at 216-741-1327 ext. 161 if interested in obtaining an entertainment book.

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.

JAZZERCISE, ZUMBA or TANGO

Feeling a little sluggish? Need an hour out of the house? The Brooklyn Heights Women's Service Club sponsors Jazzercise at the Brooklyn Hts. Community Center.

Monday & Wednesday
5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday mornings
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Contact Lois Powers at loispowers@hotmail.com

OR ZUMBA on Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Mary Ann Balak at <u>zumbariffic@gmail.com</u>

> OR take TANGO classes on Thursdays 7 - 10 p.m. Contact Rick Ramos at somarkcir@hotmail.com

EVERYONE WELCOME TO JOIN ANY OR ALL.

BREEZE DEADLINE DEC. 5 BY 4 P.M.

NEXT ISSUE OF BREEZE DECEMBER 14

Consider Alternatives to Road Salt This Winter

Keeping roads and parking areas free of ice and snow is an essential part of modern life. However, road salt – one of the main tools used to achieve this task – contains chloride as its principal ingredient. Chloride does more than melt snow and ice; it can harm local lakes and rivers. Other minor ingredients of commercial road salt include arsenic and cyanide. Overusing chloride can also damage residential greenery such as grass, plants, and trees, reversing any beautification efforts you have made.

As snow and ice melt, they drain into landscaped areas or storm sewers, and then to natural bodies of water. Waters from a deiced area contain high levels of chlorides, which do not degrade, and there is no cost effective way to remove it. Excessive levels of chlorides can severely impair the ability of plants to absorb water and nutrients. These negative effects are common to both aquatic and terrestrial plants in residential gardens, landscaped areas, and rivers. Fish and other aquatic organisms are then impacted because of polluted habitats.

Roads must remain clear to protect public safety, and in no way is it being suggested that we cease the application road salt. However, many communities are already employing alternative technologies to deice their roads, such as anti-icing, which applies salt brine to roads when a storm is forecasted, and prevents the formation of ice. Residents can use a similar treatment method by purchasing a deicing alternative to salt available from some grocers or hardware stores. If you must use salt, consider the "Just Enough" principle – applying just enough salt to keep your driveway and sidewalks ice-free.

Steps you can take to help reduce the impacts of road salt:

- Shovel (or use a snow blower) before you use any product; never put a deicing product on top of snow.
- Adopt the "Just Enough" principle, putting down just enough product to keep high traffic areas clear of ice.
- Consider switching to a non-chloride deicer.



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 Center & Community Services offices and at www.brooklynhts.org

November, 2013



NATIONAL MEMORY SCREENING DAY

Residents who want a status check on their memory can take advantage of free, confidential screenings on December 3rd at the Community Center at the bi-monthly senior social. The Community Services Department, will hold memory screenings at the Senior Social, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. on December 3rd. The event features a face-to-face screening, which takes only about five minutes, and consists of a series of questions and tasks. It is administered by our social worker and is completely confidential. The results do not represent a diagnosis, and AFA advises those individuals with below-normal scores or those who have normal scores but are still concerned, to follow up with a qualified healthcare professional. You must pre-register by calling 739-3702. Transportation is available.



HEAP - INCREASED ELIGIBILITY AMOUNTS FOR 2013-14

The State of Ohio has increased the eligibility amounts for the HEAP 2013-14 winter program. You may qualify if your income is \$20,108 or less for a one-person household and \$27,143 for a two-person household. For each additional person in the household, add \$7,035. HEAP assists families with winter heating bills and is a one-time credit on your account. You must re-apply to this program every year with proof of income.



SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL

Seniors, age 65+ with no household member under the age of 65, and, disabled residents (with proof from a medical doctor) can apply. Cost is \$75 for the season, unless approved for HEAP for the 2013-14 year. HEAP-approved applicants will pay \$30. Late registration may result in your drive not getting plowed if we have an early snowfall! The application is attached and can be dropped off the at the Community Services office.

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 and lunch is always served. Please sign up by calling 739-3702. Village transportation is available - just request it when you call!

December 3	Mayor Mike, Holiday Craft, Memory Screenings, Veteran's Christmas Gifts	Lasagna Dinner, Dessert	
December 17	Christmas celebration, CHS Scarlet Angels & Jazz Band, White Elephant Exchange (wrap item in newspaper) Wear Green and Red!	Pork dinner with all the trimmings, Dessert	

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!

<u>DATE</u>		DESTINATION	PICK UP	RETURN	V
Mon	Dec 2	Senior Walking Group	8:00 a.m.	10:00a.m.	
Tue	Dec 3	CSD Senior Social @ Community Center Mayor Mike, Holiday Craft, Memory Screenings	11:15 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	
Wed	Dec 4	Senior Walking Group	8:00 a.m.	10:00a.m.	
Wed	Dec 4	Remembrance Celebration - Must pre-register!	TBA	Convenient	
Thu	Dec 5	Grocery / Acme / Aldi's	9:00 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	
Sat	Dec 7	St. Leo the Great Church / 4:00 p.m. Mass	3:15 p.m.	Convenient	
Mon	Dec 9	Senior Walking Group	8:00 a.m.	10:00a.m.	
Tue	Dec 10	Great Northern & Malley's Chocolate	TBA	Convenient	
Wed	Dec 11	Wii Game Day @ Community Center	10:45 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	
Thu	Dec 12	Grocery / Banking / Marc's	9:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	
Sat	Dec 14	St. Leo the Great Church / 4:00 p.m. Mass	3:15 p.m.	Convenient	
Mon	Dec 16	Senior Walking Group	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	
Mon	Dec 16	Christmas Lights Bus Tour	6:00 p.m.	Convenient	
Tue	Dec 17	CSD Senior Social @ Community Center CHS Scarlet Angels & Jazz Band White Elephant Gift Swap, Wear Green & Red!	11:15 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	
Wed	Dec 18	Senior Walking Group	8:00 a.m.	10:00a.m.	
Thu	Dec 19	Grocery / Banking / Drug Mart	9:00 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	
Sat	Dec 21	St. Leo the Great Church / 4:00 p.m. Mass	3:15 p.m.	Convenient	
Mon	Dec 23	Grocery / Banking / Marc's	9:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	
Wed	Dec 25	Christmas - Office Closed			
Sat	Dec 28	St. Leo the Great Church / 4:00 p.m. Mass	3:15 p.m.	Convenient	
Mon	Dec 30	Grocery / Banking / Drug Mart	9:00 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	

IMPORTANT! 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.



2013-14 Senior Snow Removal Program OUTLINE

ELIGIBILITY

- You must be age 65 or older with no other household member under the age of 65, or
- You are disabled with no other household member under the age of 65. A current letter from your doctor, on their letterhead, explaining your disability must be submitted with your application.

COST

- There will be a charge of \$75 per senior household, for the service. A check, payable to Village of Brooklyn Heights, or exact cash will be accepted.
- There will be a discount for any senior that has been approved for the 2013-14 Federal HEAP program. Proof of participation in the HEAP program must be submitted in the form of your current year acceptance letter and/or a copy of a current gas bill with the HEAP discount listed. The cost will be \$30.

Household Size	HEAP 60% Discount		
	Income Up To		
1	\$20,108		
2	\$27,143		
3 \$34,178			
For each additional household member add \$7,035.			

OUTLINE

- This is a <u>basic</u> snow plowing service. In severe weather conditions, <u>plowing may be delayed</u>.
- This service should be <u>supplemental to a service you employ</u> if you need to be out of your drive at a certain time.
- We may wait until after a snow storm has passed before plowing.
- Your street address must be visible from the street.
- If a car is in your driveway while plowing occurs, this will limit the area which will be plowed.
- The driveways are plowed in an assigned order. If the house around the corner is plowed before yours, please be sure that your street will be done in a timely manner. If you have a corner lot, your drive will be plowed by the truck handling your street address.
- If your sidewalk or the street is plowed by the Village <u>after</u> the subcontractor has plowed your drive, we <u>cannot</u> get back out and re-do all of the drives.
- If your drive has been cleared by someone else before the contractor has been there, the contractor will skip your house as it "appears to have been cleared".
- If your drive is missed or there are any problems, please call the Community Service office on the day of the occurrence. All calls should be made to 739-3702. Messages will be returned as soon as possible. Please <u>do not call</u> the sub-contractor or the Service Department.
- If any damage occurs please notify the Community Service Department immediately. Any damage to lawns and/or sprinkler systems, etc. must be reported to the Community Services Department no later than May 16, 2014. No reports will be honored after this date.



"Remembrance Celebration" a Open to All Residents



The Remembrance Celebration is held to remember your loved ones who have passed. We will celebrate these special people on Wednesday, December 4th at 5:00 p.m.

at the Community Center with a non-denominational service.

The service will include a welcome from Mayor Mike, a short reading and prayer, music, and light refreshments. Following the introduction, we will "remember" each loved one by having you come up and receive a holiday keepsake ornament. The ornament will be placed on a Christmas tree for the duration of the holiday season and then given to you as a keepsake.

- You must register prior to the DEADLINE of Monday, November 25th
- · Ornaments are limited to three per family
- A family representative must be able to attend the Remembrance Celebration

To register, please call (216) 739-3702 and give us the following information:

- · Your name and phone number
- The name of your loved one(s) and the correct spelling of their name(s) -limit of 3

We hope you allow Mayor Mike and the Community Services Department staff, to join you in the celebration of these very special people! Village bus transportation will be provided. Call our office to register or with any questions. If we're not in the office, please leave a message in our general mail box (press zero).

Please remember to register before the deadline of November 25th! We must adhere to this deadline to have time to prepare the ornaments!



2013 –14 Senior Snow Removal Program APPLICATION

HOUSEHO	<u>LD INFORMA</u>	TION:						
	Name	-						
	Address							
	Zip Code	<u>44131</u> Birth	Date					
	Phone(s)	()	()					
	Email							
ELIGIBILITY	<u>′</u> :							
	I am 65 year	s of age or older						
	I live	alone	I have other househol	d members	*			
	I am under ti	he age of 65 and dis	sabled					
	I live	alone	I have other househol	d members	* .			
	I have attached a current doctor's letter confirming the disability of each household member under age 65							
* Please list		old member(s) and	•					
		Name	Relationship		Birth Date			
COST:								
There will b	e a charge o	f \$75 for the seas	on, annually, per senior	r household	d, for the service.			
Checks paya	able to "Village or that has be	e of Brooklyn Heigh en approved for the	its" or cash will be accept	ted. There v	vill be a discount			
\$30. Proof o	for any senior that has been approved for the 2013-14 Federal HEAP program and the cost will be \$30. Proof of participation in the HEAP program must be submitted in the form of your current year							
acceptance letter and/or a copy of a current gas bill with the HEAP discount listed.								
I release the Village, its servants, agents and employees from any liability or damage								
whatsoever which may arise from the snow removal service at the above noted property. I have read and understand the program outline.								
I certify that the above information submitted is true and accurate.								
Homeowner'	s Signature _			Date				
Department Us	se Only:							
	Date Received	Amou	nt Rec'd Ck #	# / Cash				
	HEAP Verified_	CSD A	Approval Con	nputer				



25th ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2013 5:00 PM

At the **COMMUNITY CENTER**

Refreshments will be served by the Brooklyn Heights Women's Service Club

Caroling by:
Brooklyn Heights Girl Scout Troops
With a special appearance by:



SANTA

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 underprivileged children with local police officers, providing the children with money to shop for Christmas presents for their families and themselves. Participating officers will pick up the children at their homes and transport them to a local Wal-Mart 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 officers will then return the children to their homes following the day's activities.

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 11th.

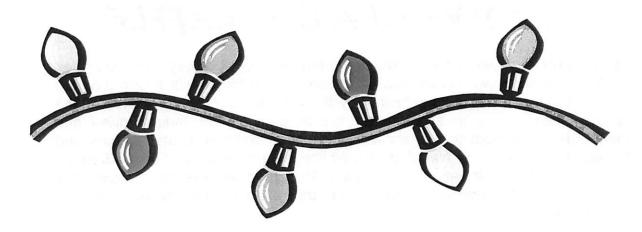
Please do what you can to help a child have a memorable Christmas.



GOD BLESS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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

Contact Sgt. Vince Ewelt at 216-741-1327 for more information.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

from
THE EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

THE ADMINISTRATION
THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
and

THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT
Offices will be closed on
Wednesday, December 25, 2013 and
Wednesday, January 1, 2014 for the holiday

Please note: Garbage and recycling will be on Saturday December 28, 2013 and January 4, 2014.

