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HAPPY NEW YEAR



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MEN'S SERVICE CLUB MEETING

The Brooklyn Heights Men's Service Club will be held at the community center, corner of Tuxedo & Schaaf Rd. on Tuesday, January 28. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. We invite all village men over 21 years of age to continue the good work this Club has done and continues to do for the village of Brooklyn Heights. If you have ever considered learning more about the Club and becoming active in community service, **NOW** would be an excellent time to do so. For more information, please call Tom Lahiff, President at 216-533-1279.

WOMEN'S SERVICE CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Women's Service Club is on Monday, January 27 at the Brooklyn Heights Community Center at 7:00 p.m. All women are invited to come join us. Dues are just \$6.00 for the year.

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.

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.

1. Mail Joe Blados a copy of your grades to 5179 W.6th street, Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131.
2. E-mail Joe Blados a copy (PDF's recommended) of your grades at JoeBlados1106@gmail.com. Please label 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. Please do not send 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

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2020 Community Services

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

January 2020



AARP TAX PREPARATION

The AARP service is for individuals who have non-complicated tax returns. The program will be held on **Monday, February 24th** and **Monday, March 30th**. Returns will be computerized and can be e-filed. You will have a printed copy of your return and as a faster refund if applicable. Appointments will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning on January 2nd. **Please note** - we will have fewer appointments this year and it will fill up quickly. Schedule your time as soon as possible!

HEAP ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Applications are available for the State of Ohio HEAP Energy Assistance program. The HEAP program 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 re-apply every year! Applications are available at the Community Services and Municipal Center offices. Income eligibility levels are: 1-person, \$21,857; 2-person, \$29,952; 3-person, \$37,327 (add \$7,735 for each additional person).



FOOD PANTRY INCOME LEVELS

The Project Hope Food Pantry, located at the Community Services Office, is available per these eligibility incomes: \$24,279 for a one-person household; \$32,919 for a two-person household; \$41,559 for a three-person household. The pantry contains meat, dairy items, canned goods, paper products, and personal hygiene items. If you meet these requirements you can shop our pantry for free groceries, by appointment simply by calling our office!

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.



A huge thank you to the generous residents, businesses and the women from the Women's Service Club who donated to the Project Hope Christmas project! We helped 22 children to have a wonderful Christmas!! Also many thanks to everyone who brought chocolates, candy and bakery for the Community Services staff! We certainly enjoyed the goodies and appreciate your thoughtfulness! A Healthy and Happy New Year to all!!

Senior Socials

Website: www.brooklynhts.org
Facebook: Village of Brooklyn Heights

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!

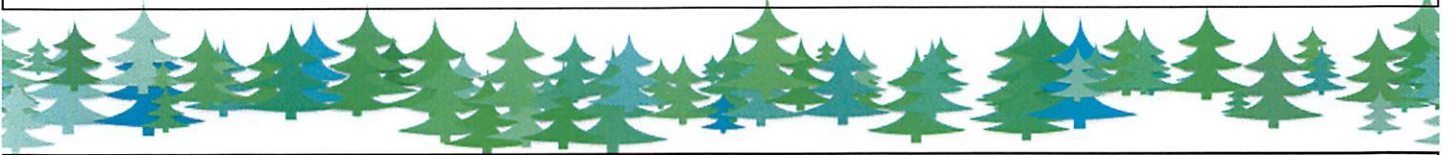
Tuesday, January 7th	New Year's Program / Mayor Mike / Birthdays	Pizza & Salad
Wednesday, January 22nd	Bingo & Games	Soup, Salad, Roll
Tuesday, February 4th	Mayor Mike / Birthdays / Beck Center Music Workshop	Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad

Community Services 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

JANUARY IS GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH

Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases in which damage to the nerve located in the back of the eye (the optic nerve) leads to vision loss. It is caused by increased fluid and pressure in the eye, ultimately damaging the optic nerve leading to blindness. Those at increased risk for glaucoma are:

- Adults 60 years old and older
- African-Americans, Hispanics and Asians with a family history
- Those with previous trauma or surgery of the eye
- Those with conditions affecting blood flow like migraines, low or high blood pressure

Screening can help determine if medical treatment for glaucoma is needed. Medicare Part B covers an annual glaucoma screening if you are considered at high risk for glaucoma. You're at high risk if one or more of these applies to you:

- You have diabetes
- You have a family history of glaucoma
- You're African American and age 50 or older
- You're Hispanic and age 65 or older

Although Medicare does not cover routine eye care, it does cover certain eye care services if you have a chronic eye condition, such as cataracts or glaucoma. Medicare covers: Surgical procedures to help repair the function of the eye due to chronic eye conditions.

Your doctor or other health care provider may recommend you get services more often than Medicare covers. Or, they may recommend services that Medicare doesn't cover. If this happens, you may have to pay some or all of the costs. Ask questions so you understand why your doctor is recommending certain services and whether Medicare will pay for them. An important reminder for all: Reduce your risk with regular comprehensive eye exams and early detection.

SOCIAL SECURITY ANNOUNCES 1.6 PERCENT BENEFIT INCREASE FOR 2020

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for nearly 69 million Americans will increase 1.6 percent in 2020. The 1.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 63 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2020. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2019. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits). The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$137,700 from \$132,900.

Social Security and SSI beneficiaries are normally notified by mail in early December about their new benefit amount. Most people who receive Social Security payments will be able to view their COLA notice online through their *my* Social Security account. People may create or access their *my* Social Security account online at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Source: U.S. Social Security Administration

JANUARY 2020 ~ Community Services Department ~ Bus Schedule

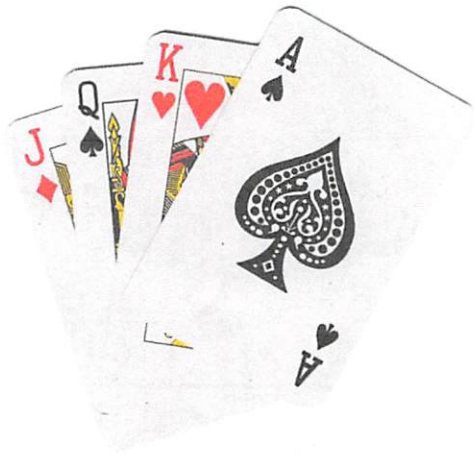
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<p><i>IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION CALL BY 2:00 P.M. ON THE DAY PRIOR TO THE TRIP, <u>YOU ARE NOT ON OUR LIST!</u> Please call our office to sign up. Calls for Monday are made on Friday. The times listed are pick up times if you are riding the bus. Call 739-3702 to sign up. Trips may be cancelled if low enrollment - please call early!</i></p>			<p>1 OFFICES CLOSED</p> 	<p>2 8:30a Giant Eagle / Drug Mart</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
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<p>12</p>	<p>13 8:00a Senior Walking Group 3:30p Quick Trip to Harry's Steak House</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 10:45a Wii Games</p> 	<p>16 8:30a Giant Eagle / Drug Mart</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
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2nd Annual NO-LIMIT Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

As a benefit for the Brooklyn Hts. Men's Service Club



Feb. 22nd, 2020

Doors open at 5:00

Poker starts promptly at 6:00

\$5000.00 FINAL TABLE

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- **\$40 RE-BUY**

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BROOKLYN HEIGHTS POLICE BLOTTER

11/28/19 Located disabled motor vehicle on I-480 E/B; operator taken into custody and charged with OVI, BAC and Display of License. Report of female that gave birth in car I-480 W/B at 176 area; located and remained on scene until Brooklyn Heights. FD and Cleveland FD arrived and took over. Report of barking dog on West 5th Street; quiet on arrival.

11/29/19 Report of debris in roadway on Granger Road; located and moved to berm; ODOT notified.

12/02/19 Welfare check on West 5th Street regarding school bus returning child to school due to no one being home; checked ok, parent home and will pick up child from school.

12/04/19 Fired employee refusing to leave local business; gone on arrival. Special attention to area.

12/05/19 During vacation check on home for resident out of town, discovered shattered sliding glass door; homeowners aware; property checks ok.

12/07/19 Resident reported locating a guitar with blood on it in Brecksville; took custody of guitar and turned over to Brecksville PD.

12/08/19 Report of injured hawk on I-480 E/B; moved to safe area; animal control contacted.

12/09/19 Welfare check on wet and confused female walking in West 5th/Tuxedo Area; returned to residence and checked by squad. Dog barking outside open door of residence on Marko Lane; no one at home; checked house and put dog inside; note left for homeowner.

12/10/19 Local business reporting theft of catalytic converter from vehicle; report filed.

12/11/19 Alarm drop at business; found open door; secured and notified key holder. Observed vehicle driving on rim and sparking with heavy front end damage; operator failed roadside sobriety tests and taken into custody and charged with OVI, Refusal and Unsafe Vehicle.

12/13/19 Provided mutual aid to Cuyahoga Heights PD regarding prisoner that jumped out of cruiser; same in custody. Report of vehicle that hit mailbox on Galway Circle; party to pay for repairs. Assisted Independence PD with traffic control for 3 car accident on Valley View Bridge. Assisted Valley View PD at gas station for disturbance of two males with weapons; unable to locate.

12/14/19 Notified ODOT of standing water 176 S/B to I-480 E/B ramp. Report of suspicious vehicle on Shady Ridge possibly taking packages off porches; checked area; unable to locate.

12/17/19 Attempted to stop vehicle on Warner Road; vehicle did not stop and ran red light at Canal and Warner; pursuit terminated per OIC. Assisted Independence PD with male that fled from motor vehicle accident; vehicle was stolen; party taken into custody Canal and Granger.

12/18/19 Assisted Newburgh Hts. PD and Cleveland PD with a bank robbery at gunpoint; suspect crashed car into telephone pole and fled on foot

12/19/19 Flagged down by resident stating a truck is blocking a fire hydrant on Hilltop Lane; checked area; no violations. Welfare check for male on Lancaster bridge; unable to locate.

12/23/19 Assisted Newburgh Heights PD and Cuyahoga Heights PD looking for armed robbery suspect in Harvard Denison bridge area; unable to locate.