

Greetings!

I hope this communication finds you and your family well and enjoying the summer weather. We're happy to see many of you enjoying the park, especially our newly renovated Upper Park.

The Upper Park renovation was, in part, funded by the Flip Saunders Legacy Fund, headed by his son Ryan Saunders, who generously donated \$75,000 and assisted with the planning. Although mostly complete, a new restroom facility will be added in the fall due to successfully applying and being awarded funding through Community Development Grants. The Village funded the remainder of the project.

ANNOUNCEMENT

After months of collaborating with the Flip Saunders family...



We are inviting everyone to the Grand Opening of the Upper Park on Sunday, August 6th, from 11am to 2pm



Ryan Saunders, Assistant Coach of the Denver Nuggets, Debbie Saunders, who directed the donation from the TFSLF, and Mark Termini, Cleveland Sports Attorney and Agent, will join us for a dedication.

A Basketball clinic/tournament and a Pickelball exhibition/clinic beginning at Noon will be available for all residents free of charge. The celebration will include music, activities for all ages including a bouncy house, a balloon twister and face painting.



Hot dogs and refreshments will be served and we will have a tent with tables and chairs in case of inclement weather.



Transportation for seniors and a shuttle for all from the lower parking lots will be available. This event will be held rain or shine and we hope you'll attend this much-anticipated celebration!

Flip Saunders, son of Walter & Kay Saunders, longtime residents on Tuxedo Avenue, and brother of Greg Saunders, known to many simply as "Coach", grew up loving basketball. Rumor has it he threw 100 foul shots every evening in his back yard. Flip went on to make basketball his life and career. He was an all-state basketball player at Cuyahoga Heights High School and in his senior year was named Ohio's Class A High School Basketball Player of the Year. Saunders began his coaching career at Golden Valley Lutheran College where he compiled a 92-13 record, including a perfect 56-0 mark at home, in four seasons. He joined the Minnesota Timberwolves of the NBA in 1995, as general manager, and in 1995, Saunders was named head coach and held that position for 17 years. On January 4, 2020, the south gymnasium at Cuyahoga Heights High School was renamed in Flip's honor. Flip was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma and succumbed to it in October of 2015 at the age of 60. The Flip Saunders Legacy Fund is devoted to aiding and supporting deserving individuals or groups and to continue the positive impact of the life of Coach Flip Saunders.

NOTES FROM MAYOR MIKE CONTINUED...

Less exciting, but much needed, ODOT (The Ohio Department of Transportation) has several projects impacting our Village. Most obvious is the Granger Road Project, a major pavement replacement from the I-480 Eastbound ramps to Tuxedo Avenue. The project is expected to be completed by November 1, 2023. Our Police Department is monitoring traffic and those not observing the traffic signs have been ticketed.

Also on Granger Road, the ODOT resurfacing project from West 130th Street to the I-480 eastbound ramps, affects the cities of Cleveland, Parma, Brooklyn and a small section of Brooklyn Heights. This work and is expected to be completed in the summer of 2024.

We understand the construction has been a daily inconvenience to everyone in the area and we appreciate your patience while these road improvements are in process.

I'm also happy to report:

- Our departments continue to collectively working under budget.
- The Service Department is now fully staffed and will be handling many projects, previously outsourced, including asphalt repair and street sweeping.
- Community Services received a grant through ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) and obtained a new 25-passenger bus at no cost to the Village. They are also working with a team to develop a new website including a new sports registration portal.
- The Building Department is implementing CloudPermit, software for residents to apply for permits, schedule inspections and for contractor registration.
- A drone was purchased for the Police Department giving them an aerial view for ground searches and to find individuals faster when in pursuit. Officers will be trained and obtain the necessary FAA license to operate the drone.
- The Dorset, Galway Circle and Dunedeen project is moving along as planned with an expected completion date of mid-August and the Spring Road project is completed.

Don't forget to vote in the Special Election on Tuesday, August 8th!

mayor mike

GOODTIME III CRUISE

Enjoy a two-hour narrated cruise along the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie. Learn the history of Cleveland while enjoying stunning views of the Flats, downtown Cleveland and surrounding areas.

The cruise is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd and is from Noon to 2:00 pm. Boarding begins at 11:30 am and we will provide transportation to and from the ship.

The cruise sails rain or shine and offers a concession bar with food and beverages for a fee. The non-refundable senior rate (age 60+) is \$26.75 per ticket and the adult rate is \$32.10 per ticket. Payment can be made by cash or check, payable to the Village of Brooklyn Heights. The deadline to sign up is Friday, August 18th with full payment received. Residents only unless space allows.



AMISH BUS TRIP

Join us Tuesday, September 26th to visit the Berlin area in Holmes County. The bus will depart at 9:00 am and the expected return time is at approximately 5:00 pm.

We will stop at the Ashery General Store for a quaint shopping experience; Sol's in Berlin, for their arts and crafts extravaganza; Tis the Season Christmas Store; and Walnut Creek Cheese for delicious meats and cheeses. We will have coolers on the bus to keep purchases cold! Lunch will be at the Der Dutchman before heading home. Deadline to sign up is Friday, September 15th. Residents only unless space allows.



PRESCRIPTION DISPOSAL

You can safely dispose expired prescriptions by dropping them off at the Municipal Center in the Rx Bin on the main floor. It is a secure way to dispose of prescription drugs and medications!



2023 FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The program is for Boys & Girls, age 7-14 and Dyna-Mite players, ages 4-6. Both new and returning players must register by August 13th. A late fee of \$25 will apply to those registering August 14th-18th and no registrations will be accepted after August 18th.



Please visit <http://www.brooklynhts.org/en-US/FallSoccerRegistration2023.aspx> for the registration form. Registration

forms should be submitted to the Municipal Center. If you have any questions please call (216) 509-9792.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Park Board is sponsoring this fun-filled family event on Saturday, September 23rd. Held at Pavilion #2 in our Village Park, the event will run from 2-9:00 pm, rain or shine and offer activities for all ages. Activities include a bounce house, kids games, face painting, balloon twister and an evening concert. Hot dogs, chips and beverages will be available. Watch for additional details on our Village social media.



HERITAGE HOME PROGRAM

Brooklyn Heights is happy to announce that we have partnered with Cleveland Restoration Society to participate in their Heritage Home Program. This offers homeowners, whose home is 50 years or older, to get a low-interest, fixed-rate home equity loan to affordably maintain and improve their old houses. The low-interest loan is financed



through Key Bank and Third Federal S&L with rates as low as 1.4%. Loan clients have access to written construction specifications for exterior projects, locating qualified contractors and project guidance. For more information, please contact <https://www.heritagehomeprogram.org/> or call (216) 426-3116.

MSC & WSC JOINT MEETING

On Tuesday, August 22nd, the Men's and Women's Service Clubs will be holding their annual joint meeting.

This meeting begins at 6:00 pm, includes dinner, and is held to discuss and make plans for the year ahead. Everyone is welcome but must call (216) 570-0782 or (216) 906-9828 one week in advance so they have an accurate count for dinner.



VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The 23rd Annual Village-Wide Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 5th from, 8 am to 4 pm. Please email vsnyder@brooklynhts.org if you would like to participate and your address will be added to the list. Simply advertise your sale with balloons or signs in your yard.



RUMMAGE & CRAFT VENDOR SALE

Also on Saturday, August 5th, the Park Board will be holding a Rummage & Craft Vendor Sale at the Community Center. Tables can be reserved for \$30 (8') or \$25 (6') or items can be donated to the project. All proceeds benefit the Park Board. To reserve a table, donate items or with questions, call (216) 374-1631. Everyone is welcome to participate - invite your family and friends!



SEVEN HILLS RECREATION CENTER

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Mayor Mike, in collaboration with the Seven Hills Administration, welcome village residents to purchase Rec Center memberships at a discounted rate. Effective September 1, 2023, Brooklyn Heights will subsidize the cost for membership to the Seven Hills Rec Center for all residents. Seniors (65+), Veterans and Totally Disabled residents will be subsidized 100% and all other residents will receive a 50% subsidy. Members of SilverSneakers, Silver&Fit and Renew Active automatically receive a free membership by presenting their membership card at the desk. For more information, please call (216) 739-3702.



10th ANNUAL BROOKLYN HEIGHTS ON THE RUN 5K RUN / 1 MILE WALK

This popular event is scheduled for Sunday, October 15th at 9:00 am and begins and ends at the Community Center. The event includes a Kids Dash for ages 8 years and younger at 8:45 am, water stops, timers, refreshments and a t-shirt if registered by October 8th. You can scan the QR code or visit roadracing@hermesccleveland.com for registration information. All proceeds are donated to the Park Board. Everyone is welcome!



FRIENDLY REMINDERS, COURTESIES & ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS



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 9:00 p.m. on day of pick-up. (Ord. 1060.01)



OVERNIGHT PARKING...

All overnight parking is prohibited on any village street from 3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. (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.



APPEARANCE OF RESIDENTIAL PREMISES AND STRUCTURES...

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. (Ord. 1490.08)



HIRING A CONTRACTOR...

For your protection, when having work done on your property or at your home, it is necessary for the contractor to be registered in the Village. Hiring unlicensed contractors may provide a quick fix in the short term, but it can result in serious and lasting consequences. See the six safeguards to ensure that you will not get scammed on the Building Page of the Village website. Permits are issued by the Building Department.



WHERE CAN I PARK?...

The parking of automobiles or trucks on any lot shall be permitted only on paved or improved parking areas as permitted in a required yard. (1268.09) No parking on your lawn!



HOUSING ENHANCEMENT LOAN PROGRAM (HELP)...

The Home Enhancement Loan Program provides homeowners of occupied or investment properties home improvement loans below normal bank rates, for home repair or remodeling projects. HELP has no restrictions on a borrower's income and few limitations on what improvements can be made to a property. See all the eligibility and requirements on the Building Department Page of the Village website.