

I hope this communication finds you and your family well and enjoying the spring weather. This mailer contains information on the many events coming up within the Village through the summer in addition to the following important notices:

- The Service Department has been taking advantage of the unseasonably warm weather and trimming trees throughout the village. Raising the tree canopies is a health maintenance effort important to our overall tree program.
- The Village will be holding events for the April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse including having a speaker from Baldwin Wallace Burrell Observatory on March 7th, a two-hour viewing event on April 8th at the Community Center and commemorative t-shirts will be for sale. Details are outlined in this mailer.
- You may have noticed construction activity in the Upper Park and this is due to the, soon-to-be-received, new bathroom facility. The facility was funded, in part, through CDSG and CDBG grants, as part of the Upper Park Renovation project.
- Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 am on Sunday, March 10th when the clock will “spring forward” one hour. On Saturday night, clocks are set forward one hour giving us more light in the evening!!
- Don’t forget to vote on Tuesday, March 19th in the Primary Election! For voting information you can visit the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections website at boe.cuyahogacounty.gov and polls are open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm.
- Our new registration site, MyRec.com is in full swing and we are anticipating the launch of our new Village website in late spring.
- The Village Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 27th. Parade participants and the parade will begin promptly at 9:00 am followed by a short Remembrance Celebration. The Women’s Service Club will be serving donuts following the program. Please watch for further details.

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ART IN THE PARK SPRING SESSION



Art in the Park has one spring session scheduled on **Monday, April 1st**. Children **MUST** be pre-registered no later than Monday, March 25th. Art in the Park registration for children is on the MyRec.com registration site! We will be visiting the Painted Penguin at Southpark Mall to paint a ceramic project.

High School students are needed to assist with this program and earn community service hours. If you are interested please call Community Services at 739-3702.

EASTER EGG HUNT!!

The Service Clubs will be holding the annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 23rd** beginning promptly at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Center.



They will have five age groups (Ages 0-2; 3-4; 5-6; 7-8; and 9-10). Each group will have their turn, one group right after the other, beginning at 11:00 a.m. sharp!! Five winners in each age group will receive a prize basket! The Easter Bunny will be on hand for pictures and food and refreshments will be available. Don’t miss this fun, community event!!



SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION

Spring Soccer registration is underway! Everyone must register even if you played in the fall session. The deadline to register is **Sunday, March 3rd**.

BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, T-BALL REGISTRATION

Registration for Baseball, Softball and T-Ball opens on **March 8th**.
After April 8th, a late fee of \$25 will be applied.



All sports registrations are online at our new registration site **MyRec.com**. Access it through the Village website (Home Page, at bottom, Sports Registration) or by visiting **bhactivitygateway.com**. No computer access? paper registration forms can be found at the Municipal Center and Community Services offices.

YOU CAN ACCESS THE MYREC SITE FROM OUR VILLAGE WEBSITE OR BY VISITING
www.bhactivitygateway.com

**** IMPORTANT REGISTRATION NOTES ****

- All activity registrations, facility reservations and other sign ups require an account to be established first. Families can create an account even if they are not yet registering for an activity!
- When entering your street address, if an address match pops up, **ALWAYS CHOOSE THE SUGGESTED ADDRESS** even if it lists Independence or Cleveland. Your street address will be recognized as a resident. This is due to how the USPS is set up and beyond our reach to change.
- When entering a second adult in a household, they will require their own user name and password.
- If you sign up to be a coach, assistant coach or volunteer, you will receive a link for the mandatory background check from the Recreation Department staff after your account is set up. We value everyone who signs up to coach and/or volunteer to help our teams! The cost of the background check is covered by the Village and you can complete the information from home!
- If you have any questions please call Community Services during business hours @ (216) 739-3702.

We encourage everyone to utilize the online platform to register but if you do not have computer access, paper registration forms are available at the Municipal and Community Services offices.

We hope you enjoy the new MyRec site and we're happy to offer a more streamlined registration and reservation process!

FLORAL CENTERPIECE WORKSHOP



Join us on **Tuesday, March 26th** at 6:30 pm at the Community Center and make a beautiful centerpiece for the Easter 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 and the deadline to sign up is March 15th. Transportation will be provided - let us know if you need a ride when you register! Payment is due at the event.

CHS PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration opened on February 1st for Pre-K and Kindergarten for the 2023-24 school year to those families who RESIDE in the school district. Students must be age 4 by August 1, 2024 to be eligible for Pre-K, and must be age 5 by August 1, 2024 to be eligible for Kindergarten. If you have a child who meets the criteria and you reside in the communities of Cuyahoga Heights, Brooklyn Heights, or Valley View, you can enroll your child online. Visit www.cuyhts.org, click on Admissions on home page to access the FinalForms registration form.



HOUSING ENHANCEMENT LOAN PROGRAM



The Home Enhancement Loan Program provides homeowners improvement loans below normal bank rates, for home repair or remodeling projects on homes 50 years old or older. 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. Call (216) 426-3116 to speak with an expert or visit their website at www.heritagehomeprogram.org.

SENIOR & RETIREE LUNCHEONS



A luncheon is held monthly at the Community Center and all seniors and retirees are welcome! Enjoy a delicious lunch followed by entertainment or an informative presentation. Luncheons begin at Noon and typically end at 2:00 pm. Registration is required by calling (216) 739-3702 no later than the Wednesday prior to the lunch. Transportation is available and there is no charge. Everyone is welcome!

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE APRIL 8, 2024

VILLAGE EVENTS TO CELEBRATE AND ENJOY THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE!



THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Speaker Gary Kader, Director of Burrell Observatory at Baldwin Wallace University, will give a presentation on the Solar Eclipse on Thursday, March 7th at the Community Center at 1:00 pm. Professor Kader is a past executive at both the Cleveland Astronomical Society and the Cuyahoga Astronomical Association. Currently he teaches Observational Astronomy, Astronomy of the Solar System and various Engineering classes. Please register to attend no later than Friday, March 1st by calling (216) 739-3702. Transportation will be provided if needed.



MONDAY, APRIL 8

The Village is offering a two-hour Solar Eclipse event at the Community Center beginning at 1:30. We will be streaming the eclipse on two flat screen TV's, pass out safety glasses for outside viewing and have several activities for our youngest residents. Refreshments and transportation will be provided.

In addition, we will have **Brooklyn Heights 2024 Solar Eclipse T-Shirts for sale!** Please complete the order form below and turn it into the Community Services or Municipal offices no later than Wednesday, March 14th. The T-shirts will be a special keepsake of the once-in-a-lifetime event! All T-Shirts will be available prior to the event and we'll call you when they're ready for pick up! Cash or checks, payable to the Village of Brooklyn Heights, will be accepted for the T-shirts.



YOUTH T-Shirt Sizes:	XS \$8	S \$8	M \$8	L \$8	XL \$8			Total T-Shirts
Quantity								
ADULT T-Shirt Sizes:	S \$8	M \$8	L \$8	XL \$8	2XL \$10	3XL \$11.50	4XL \$12	Total T-Shirts
Quantity								
T-Shirts are for residents only!					Total Number of T-Shirts			#
Name					Cell Phone			
Street Address					Home Phone			
Email					Amount Due	\$		



VILLAGE SHRED IT DAY

This semi-annual village event is scheduled for **Saturday, June 1st**, 9am to 12pm at the Brooklyn Heights Municipal Center. Residents and resident businesses can drop off materials to be shredded through the on-site shredding truck.

<u>ALLOWABLE ITEMS</u>			<u>DO NOT BRING</u>		
Bank statements	Books	Brochures	3-Ring binders	Banding wire	Candy wrappers
Cancelled checks	Computer printouts	Copy paper	Carbon paper	Cups	Food wrappers
Envelopes	Greeting cards	Ledgers	Napkins	Newspapers	Non-paper items
Letters	Magazines	Medical records	Pendaflex folders	Plastic materials	Restroom paper
Pamphlets	Phone books	Tax forms	Waxed paper		

SENIOR TRIVIA CHALLENGE TEAM



Mind Challenge is a Trivia Game for seniors modeled after the NCAA Basketball Tournament and includes teams of seniors from other local municipalities. A Trivia Host conducts the tournament where teams compete to advance to each of six rounds of competition and can win cash prizes for their respective cities. Each team consists of 4-6 seniors who participate in a six week tournament beginning on **Monday, April 22nd**. Brooklyn Heights is part of the Southwest Region which includes Berea, Broadview Hts., Brooklyn, Brecksville, Independence, Seven Hills and several more local communities.

The Southwest Region teams will compete on April 22, April 29 and May 6 at 1:00 pm at Cuyahoga Heights's Klima Gardens. There is no cost and all transportation will be provided.

The Brooklyn Heights team needs to be in place no later than March 8th. We have several people signed up and would like to have a few more on the team! All participants will receive a t-shirt representing Brooklyn Heights. Sign up today!



PINEWOOD DERBY

The First Annual *Almost Anything Goes* Pinewood Derby is being sponsored by the MSC on **April 7th** at the Community Center. The cost is \$35 and includes food, beer, pop and a car kit. The deadline to register is March 23rd and additional car kits can be purchased for \$10. Trophies and ribbons for placing and Best of Show. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. *This event is not affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America.

MEN'S SERVICE CLUB EVENTS

REVERSE RAFFLE



The Men's Service Club is holding a Reverse Raffle on **Friday, May 17th** at the Community Center. Tickets are \$40 and include dinner, beverages and an entry for \$1,000 prize. They will have side boards and a Chinese Raffle.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Brook Golf Links, 11043 Durkee Road, Grafton. Cost is \$100 per play and includes 18 holes, lunch, dinner and beer. The MSC is holding a *Tournament of Champions Golf Tournament* on **Sunday, June 23rd**. Tee time is 9:00 am at Pine

Contact Rocky Schuckert at 216-906-9828 or Cory Gwynn at 440-781-0681 for tickets or additional information for these events.



Art in the Park is an annual summer program for resident children, ages 5-12 that offers crafts, activities and field trips.

It is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Pavilion #3 in our Village park. The 2024 schedule begins on Monday, June 10th and run through Wednesday, July 31st.

CHILD PARTICIPANTS

The program is free and registration will begin in May. The children's hours are 12:30 - 3:00 pm. Details will be publicized on the Village social media and registration will be done through the new MyRec.com registration site. We look forward to a fun and educational program!



HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

We need numerous high school volunteers for our 2024 Summer Art in the Park Program. Student volunteers assist with field activities and games, craft making and managing small groups of children on field trips.

Volunteer hours are Noon to 3:30 and students should sign up by calling our office at (216) 739-3702 or texting their name to (216) 215-3952.

The Volunteer sign up deadline is Friday, June 2nd. Volunteers should plan on attending the Friday, June 2nd Student Volunteer meeting @ BH Community Center at 1:00 pm.

SMOKE ALARMS

The Fire Department will accept any resident's request to have their smoke detector batteries replaced (max 3). If you do not have a smoke detector, the Fire Department will install one that you purchase. The form for these requests can be found in the Fire Department section of our Village website.



SENIOR LAWN CUTTING PROGRAM

We are happy to have this program in place and equally as happy to have our Service Department cutting the lawns. Thanks to our Village Council, the cost is still \$200 for the 2024 program. HEAP recipients will pay \$80. Applications will be mailed directly to each senior household that participated last year. Please submit your applications as soon as possible! They can be dropped off at the Community Services or Municipal Center offices, mailed to 233 Tuxedo Avenue or submitted at the monthly senior luncheon.



VILLAGE FOOD PANTRY

Our pantry has canned food, poultry, meat, dairy items, desserts, paper products, cleaning and laundry products and personal hygiene items. It is run as a "client choice" pantry meaning you shop for what you need or we have delivery service if needed.

You can shop at your leisure, and we will load the groceries and take you home. Visits are confidential and you can shop twice per month. There is no charge for pantry items, delivery or transportation. Call 216.739.3702 for more information or to schedule your visit!



MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION WHEN HIRING A CONTRACTOR

Hiring unlicensed contractors may provide a quick fix in the short term, but it can result in serious and lasting consequences. Keep these tips in mind when hiring a contractor:

- Ask to see a state-issued license & **Brooklyn Heights Contractors Registration**
- Ask for references
- Beware of contractors who claim to be the fastest or cheapest
- Make all payments by check to the company contracted to do the work. Do not make checks out to "cash," or to an individual's name.
- Get proposals or contracts in writing
- Do not make a final payment until all work is finished correctly and all permits are cleared via a final inspection and/or a Certificate of Completion from the Building Department.

Remember, the first step in adding value to your home is hiring the right contractor to complete the project. For additional information please contact the Building Department.

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 \$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

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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!