

Bulletin

A CITIZEN'S UPDATE FROM THE CITY OF BRECKSVILLE

Brecksville Human Services Center and MetroHealth Offer Help with Medicare

As you probably know by now, MetroHealth will be building a major facility in Brecksville at Rt. 82 and I-77 starting next year. But MetroHealth is already getting involved in our community. On Tuesday, November 18 from 9 am to 11 am MetroHealth is bringing its Enrollment Outreach RV to the Brecksville Human Services Center.

You'll be able to learn the basics of Medicare Part A and Part B and the updated 2014-2015 costs. You'll get up to date on supplemental policies, Medicare Part C or the Senior Advantage plans, as well as Medicare Part D prescription drug plans.

Annual open enrollment is now through December 7 which makes this the perfect time for every person approaching Medicare age and those already enrolled in Medicare to take advantage of this program.

The MetroHealth Enrollment Outreach RV will be on the Human Services parking lot. It's also a great opportunity to combine this program with the fabulous Tuesday morning breakfast at the Human Services Center. It's just \$5 and served from 9:00 to 10:30.

For more information call 526-2499.



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Mayer's Message



Early voting for the November 4th election began a few weeks ago and perhaps by now you have already voted by mail. If not, I encourage you to please vote and be part of the process in electing your public

officials and deciding important issues that appear on the ballot. It is unfortunate to see low turnout numbers on Election Day, knowing how important elections truly are. In the previous Bulletin, we listed all of the City-sponsored issues which have been reviewed by the Planning Commission, recommended to City Council and approved for placement on the ballot unanimously by a vote of City Council. Those issues are # 17 - # 22. The Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District has placed issue # 3 on the ballot. Issue 6 is a renewal and increase for Cuyahoga Community College and Issues 11 - 14 are Cuyahoga County Charter Amendments. We will be electing our member of the U.S. House of Representatives and State office holders including Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer of State, Auditor of State, State Supreme Court Justices and State Representative. On the ballot locally are Judges of the Court of Appeals and Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. We will also elect the Cuyahoga County Executive and member of the State Board of Education. This is a very important election, and I again respectfully ask that you take the time to vote for the entire ballot; no election is less important than another. Please vote November 4th.

Economic Development is the City's Lifeblood

Economic Development was paramount again this year as we continue to maintain and grow our income tax base. We are pleased to announce that Lubrizol Advanced Materials, part of Lubrizol which purchased the former BFGoodrich, then Noveon, facility (160 acres located on Brecksville Road) has entered into an economic agreement with the City through the year 2036, ensuring their presence in the community for the next two decades. At the same time, they will begin a \$30M renovation of their buildings and will expand their work force by a minimum of 70 jobs. This is, without question, a major commitment to our community and a very significant agreement for the future of our tax base. The City acknowledges and thanks the management of Lubrizol, Ohio Governor John Kasich and the Jobs Ohio Program. The State of Ohio provided incentive programs that contributed greatly toward Lubrizol's decision to maintain this Brecksville facility. We appreciate the Governor's personal involvement.

The City is also finalizing negotiations with Crosscountry Mortgage for the expansion of their facility on Miller Road. This company, in the last five years, exceeded its projected ten year growth and more than doubled its work force with plans on continued growth. The City will partner with Crosscountry Mortgage on a future venture that will be announced in early 2015. We appreciate the excellent cooperation, support and dedication of Crosscountry Mortgage to this community. Their future will ensure hundreds of additional jobs as well as maintaining the nearly 200 jobs that have grown in this community.

"I encourage you to please vote and be part of the process in electing your public officials"

These two projects come during this final quarter of the year in which our Economic Development Program produced one of our most successful years in maintaining, expanding and creating additional jobs for this community. In the year 2015, we look forward not only to these two expansions but also to the opening of Hudec Dental Corporate Offices, the construction of the Metrohealth facility, and the very promising projects under discussion with Brecksville land at Rt. 82 and I-77 and for the ongoing discussion of the development of the Dalad Property at I-77 and Miller Road between the VA and I-77 which has recently been cleared for development.

Moving On

Congratulations to Police Chief Michael Carlin, III on an outstanding career with the Brecksville Police Department that spanned the last 37 years. Chief Carlin is the first Brecksville Police Officer to hold every rank, Patrolman, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Chief. He has been Police Chief since January 19, 2013, and will retire on December 5. At that time, an Acting Police Chief will be named and a competitive examination for Police Chief will take place early in 2015. Chief Carlin was a member of the SWAT team for many years and was the officer who created and supervised our K-9 Unit. He played an executive role when he was appointed to Lieutenant, Captain and Chief but continued to be active with his first love, road patrol. These past several months the Chief has been working with the designers and City staff as the proposed new Police Station is under design and preparing for construction in 2015. Thank you Chief Carlin!

A sincere thank you and congratulations also go to Brecksville's long time Income Tax Administrator, Dan Andre who will retire at year's end. Dan is a long-time Brecksville resident and the virtual antithesis of many people's perception of, "the taxman!" He served our City in a most excellent manner and established a reputation as being one of the true "watch dogs" over our income tax collection. We wish him our best for a healthy retirement. You couldn't meet a nicer guy!

And Moving In

We welcome Jacqueline Lipton van Delft, sworn in as a full-time dispatcher on December 7, filling a vacancy for that position. We also welcome a new member to our IT staff, Ted Bruzdinski who is filling a vacancy created by the retirement of Kathy Haystrick. We welcome these new members to our staff and wish them a long tenure with the City Family. When City jobs are available, they are listed on the city's webpage under "Job Opportunities." Currently we are seeking a part-time member of the City's cleaning staff, and a mechanic in the Service Department. Anyone wishing further information should check our webpage at brecksville.oh.us or contact Service Director Ron Weidig.

The Changing Landscape at Blossom Hill

The ongoing development of the Master Plan for the Blossom Hill property and future recreation facilities continues. Soon recommendations will be made to implement the construction in accord with the Master Plan of certain facilities. The priorities that the majority of City Council, the Administration and the Recreation staff have agreed on is the construction of a water park facility and a field house, both in response to the growing need and additional programs developed since the Community Center was dedicated in 1992.

Project Funding

The Administration and City Council agree that funding for the above improvements, added needs for our Fire, Ambulance, Rescue services and the ever-growing need to repair and/or replace aging infrastructure should be accomplished without asking the voter to adopt a property tax increase. We do not think that a special operating levy should be requested to increase the funding for the fire service by additional property tax millage. The majority of City Council and the Mayor also agree on a limited decrease in the income tax credit by ¼ %. If this legislation is enacted by City Council, it would provide approximately \$900,000 in added income tax revenue. Year long discussions and the review of several options have resulted in the intent of those who support the income tax credit decrease to limit the time that the increase would remain, in effect "sunsetting" the decrease and returning it to 100% upon either of two conditions. The first would be a period of ten years and the second would be income tax revenue reaching \$17M. Either would "sunset" the credit decrease. Although as of this date, legislation has not been introduced, it is the intent of those who support this method of financing that the legislation recommended would be adopted in time to begin collection of the additional 1/4 % in January of 2015. There has been a great deal of input from our residents regarding this issue. Quite frankly, we have received as many

favorable responses as we have negative. For the past 27 years, there have been no increases in property taxes by the City. In 26 years, there has been only one increase in taxation and that was when the income tax rate was raised from 1.5 to 2%. At that time, the City provided its residents a 100% tax credit on the 2%, meaning that if a Brecksville resident worked in a city other than Brecksville and was paying 2% income tax, the resident would pay the City nothing. We have been able to add significant facilities to our community these past 27 years – the Community Center, the Human Services Center, Service Department buildings, expansion of the Fire Station, Municipal Parking Lot, acquisition of the Blossom property from Cuyahoga County (185 acres,) acquisition of the former bus garage property on Stadium Drive from the school district and the addition and creation of many new services, including recycling, recreational programs, expanded ambulance and rescue, fire services and equipment. We have quadrupled our Human Services programs, especially in the area of transportation, our food pantry and other services for our older residents and those with special needs. We have reduced staff and operate the City with a financial program that has increased our bond rating to the highest rating possible, Triple A. We have received countless grants, loans and other forms of outside funding to reduce the cost of our infrastructure improvements. We have maintained limited debt as we believe that it is important to pay as we go. But at the same time, reality indicates that we are in need of certain new facilities and expanded programs. We believe we are responding to the needs of the community just as when the Community Center was constructed, the Human Services facility added to the Community Center, the recycling program, the Blossom Hill property acquisition – all of which were major decisions in response to the needs of the community. We continue to seek citizen input. I would like to add a special note for our residents who are retired...this would in no way be a tax increase for you!

Colorful but Work Intensive!

Now that fall is upon us, our leaf program has begun and will continue through the end of November. Our crews work from the north end of town to the south end and then repeat the process. Please watch for signs in your neighborhood indicating when your pick-up is near and move your leaves to the tree lawn, but do not place them in the street or block the catch basins. Please make sure that your leaf piles contain no other debris, especially stones and rocks. If hard objects get into the machine, they can cause major damage to city equipment, causing delays in the leaf pick-up program. Please look at the City Calendar which describes our leaf pick-up program, either online on our Service Department site, or feel free to contact our Service Department at 526-1384.

Looking Back

This summer the City invested over \$2,000,000 in road repairs, one of the highest allocated amounts in the City's recent history. I'd like to express our appreciation to our Service Director and City Engineer, as well as the City Council Streets & Sidewalks Committee for their support of the City's paving projects which were completed by the City's Service Department crews saving hundreds of thousands of dollars that would be paid in wages, cost of overhead, etc. if the projects were completed by private contractors. This year we purchased a new paver and it is an outstanding investment.

We Look Good and We Recycle

I want to thank our residents for the maintenance of their private properties and for their participation in our recycling program. We also had a very successful document shredding program, nearly 30 tons of materials shredded, and a massive amount of food donated to our Brecksville Pantry!! We have been recycling since 1988 when our Service Department worker, Dennis Weber, took on the task (along with city volunteers) to begin a Curb-Side Recycling Program. That original program, which started off with newspapers, aluminum cans and glass turned into document shredding, white goods (refrigerators, stoves, etc.) metals, oil and hazardous materials such as paint and pesticides, computers, cardboard and the list continues to grow. Sadly, Dennis Weber passed away on August 11. On behalf of the entire City Family, we mourn his loss and his dedication to the City for 41 years including service as a policeman.

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In the weeks to come City Council and the Department Heads of the Administration are meeting to establish estimated revenues and expenditures that will become the 2015 Budget. The Budget is the ultimate responsibility of the Finance Director, Mayor and Service Director who present to City Council their recommendations which are then reviewed by City Council and when approved, become the Budget. Our capital expenditures for the new year will be in line with our 5-Year Capital Plan, and I am pleased to have read recently that the valuation of our homes over these past few years has increased so that the average value of a Brecksville home is greater than it was 3 years ago. Also City Council and the Administration will be considering Boards and Commissions positions that are expiring and will either reappoint or appoint new members to Boards and Commissions at Council's January 2, 2015 meeting.

Time to Remember

Veterans Day is Tuesday, November 11th and City Hall will be closed. We express our gratitude to our veterans and encourage our residents to show their appreciation to friends and family who have served our country.

Believe It or Not, the Holidays Are Almost Here!

As this is the last Bulletin prior to the holiday season, let me invite you to participate in the holiday season events sponsored by the City – our Christmas holiday parade and tree lighting on November 30, the Annual Children's Christmas Play on December 6 and 7 and the various holiday events at the Community Center. We hope you and your family will join in all of the festivities. Please support our Yuletide Hunger Program by donating food and hopefully some of your time. Those interested in volunteering for this program should contact our Human Services Department at 526-2499.

We are soon going to begin decorating for the holiday season and I thank the Brecksville Beautification Committee for their tireless efforts in aiding the City in this endeavor. Their participation is paramount in the success of our holiday decorations and lighting season. On behalf of the City, I extend to each and every one of you a very happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season to all. May you find peace, prosperity and good health in the New Year. Please remember, as we always remind our community, there are those who are serving in harm's way in our military and we ask that you pray for the safety of our troops and that we soon see them return to their homes after fulfilling their service to their country.

Jerry N. Hruby, Mayor

City Offices Closed for Holiday Observances

City offices and the Service Department will be closed in observance of Veterans' Day on Tuesday, November 11 and Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27.

The City will be closed on Thursday, December 25 in observance of Christmas Day, and Thursday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

All trash and recycling collections scheduled on the above dates will occur on the next business day. Whenever trash and recycling pick up falls on a City holiday, service will be provided on the next business day.



As we near the end of 2014, on behalf of City Council, I would like to thank each and every resident who has volunteered their time and efforts this past year towards our various City Boards & Commissions. In addition, I would like to express Council's gratitude toward the hundreds of volunteers in the Human Services Department and the Beautification Committee as your dedication

to this community is what helps makes Brecksville the envy of other communities! If anyone is interested in being a part of any of these groups in 2015, please contact City Hall...we are always looking for more volunteers.

The months of November and December typically include a lot of discussion revolving around our annual budget. The Finance Committee and Administration's goal is to have a budget prepared and recommended to City Council by our last meeting in December.

As mentioned in the previous Bulletin, we continue to meet and collaborate with Perspectus Architecture and Panzica Construction to design and begin construction of the new Police Station and Mayor's Court facility. We anticipate ground breaking in early 2015 for this project. In addition, site work has commenced on Phase 2 of the redevelopment of the previous Bus Garage facility on Stadium Drive. The old garage building has been razed and a new Service Garage/Horticulture Office building will be constructed on the site along with an improved streetscape.

Our City Leaf Collection Program will run from now thru late November. Please place your leaves close to the street but not in the street. Our Service Department continues to plan ahead for the upcoming winter weather by stockpiling surplus salt, ordering replacement plow blades and adding a new plow truck to our fleet. As the weather worsens and the streets become covered with snow and ice, please drive safely and allow our City workers to clear our roads in a timely fashion and safely. Finally, The City's annual Christmas Parade and Lighting Ceremony will step-off at City Hall at 4pm on November, 30.

Happy Holidays to all!
Greg Skaljac, *City Council President*

buildings & grounds



LOUIS N. CAROUSE, JR.

As we enter the fall season, there are many projects ongoing for Buildings and Grounds. A contract for the Service Garage and Horticulture Building on Stadium Drive has been awarded to Sona Construction, Inc. at a cost of \$2,429,000.00. In addition to the contractor selection, Council has also authorized D.G. Bohning & Associates to do

inspections, shop drawing reviews, meeting attendance and other services as required not to exceed \$12,000.00; Trane to provide HVAC equipment and installation from two separate contracts totaling \$97,192.00; and CTL Engineering for \$7,350.00 to provide construction materials testing for the site. Construction is underway.

At the Community Center, Beauty Craft Metal Fabricators and I.A. Lewin, PE & Associates have been hired for \$18,235.00 to repair the roof canopy base/poles. This project will be done this fall and the decorative pillars will be reinstalled. Simplex Grinnell will do the annual maintenance of our alarm and sprinkler systems for both the Community Center and the Human Services Center for \$9,391.50. The boilers in the Human Services Building are being replaced by D.B. Johnsen and Northeastern Refrigeration at a cost of \$287,108.00.

In October and November we will receive reports from the Administration regarding the Police and Court Facility and for the Blossom Property Master Plan from the Brandstetter-Carroll study. Hopefully, we will have a mild fall and these projects can move forward without interruption from the weather.

safety-service NORA MURPHY



The Safety-Service Committee has recommended and City Council has approved the following items:

For the Service Department:

- An Ordinance accepting the bid of Bell Equipment Co. for a 2015 rear loading rubbish packer.
- A motion to purchase various carbide plow blades and curb guards for the upcoming winter season.
- A motion to purchase the graphic design package from Classic Design for the new rear loading rubbish packer.
- A motion to approve a blanket vendor purchase requisition for various miscellaneous traffic signs, galvanized U-channel, and the rental of an air operated post pounder for the required retroreflectability upgrade of signage throughout the City.

For the IT Department:

- A motion to approve a purchase requisition to AT&T Global Services, Inc. for the renewal of maintenance coverage per an agreement for Positron-Equipment 911 hardware.
- A Resolution appointing Ted J. Bruzdinski to the position of Technology and Communications Administrator.
- A Resolution accepting the proposal of Codesummit to replatform and design the City of Brecksville website.

For the Fire Department:

- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a mutual aid agreement with the city of Brooklyn Heights for the sharing of police and fire resources.
- A motion to approve a purchase requisition to Warren Equipment for the purchase of replacement fire hoses in various lengths.
- An Ordinance authorizing the sale of a water rescue trailer no longer needed for municipal purposes to the Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department.

For the Police Department:

- A Resolution appointing Jaqueline C. vanDelft as a full-time Police Dispatcher.
- A Resolution appointing Daniel A. Augustyn as a part-time patrolman.
- A Resolution appointing Jeffrey A. Todorovich as a part-time patrolman.

Please remember to VOTE on November 4th!

streets & sidewalks GERALD F. BROSKI



Another very aggressive annual road program was accomplished in 2014. A budget of \$2 million was earmarked in 2014 for road maintenance and improvements: \$379,000 to pave roads, \$500,000 for concrete repairs, and other elements including partial depth repairs, equipment rental, street striping, crackfill, etc.

In anticipation of the major Snowville Road and Barr Road resurfacing projects, a new paver was purchased this year for the amount of \$345,000 to replace a 1999 model. The Streets

& Sidewalks Committee commends and congratulates the Brecksville Service Department for their excellent work in resurfacing our roads, particularly Snowville Road and Barr Road. Cuyahoga County contributed up to a maximum of \$84,850 of the eligible construction costs for paving of Barr Road and up to a maximum of \$851,495 of the eligible construction costs for paving of Snowville Road. The City of Brecksville was responsible for 100% of plan preparation and specifications, engineering reports, and supervision and administration of the construction contracts. Both projects had to be scheduled around the completion of sanitary sewer projects. Repaving of Farview Road was scheduled in 2014 but has been delayed until 2015 due to a main line storm sewer installation project that was not completed as soon as hoped. A storm sewer project at Fitzwater Road and Forestdale is complete and Fitzwater Road has been restored.

The ability of our Service Department staff to pave roads has saved Brecksville taxpayers millions of dollars and, at times, provides the opportunity for the city to proceed with necessary road improvements sooner than the county and/or state schedule for the improvements.

Fall is here and it is getting dark earlier. Please use extra caution when driving.

utilities MICHAEL HARWOOD



We provide the following update on the completion of construction projects for the 2014 construction season.

Construction Projects:

1. Snowville Road Culvert Replacement Project; the project's construction was completed mid-December, with final seeding and restoration this fall.
2. Fitzwater Road Drainage Structure Replacement Project; the project's utility structures, concrete and asphalt pavement have been completed. The seeding and final restoration will be completed this fall.
3. Farview Road Storm Sewer Improvement Project; the project's construction was completed mid-December, with final seeding and restoration to follow.
4. The Stadium Drive Pump Station Improvement Project and the Carriage Hill Pump Station Abandonment Project; potential construction start dates to be determined following presentation of bids to City Council.

20" Gas Main Replacement General Information:

1. There are three (3) phases of construction for the installation of the 20" gas main replacement that will be performed by Dominion Gas and their respective contractors. The following represent the phases and approximate locations on Route 21:
2. Phase 1 (Sprague Road to Whitewood Road); under construction with potential completion date of October 31, 2014, with restoration and tree replacement spring of 2015.
3. Phase 2 (St. Basil's Church to Oakes Road); start date to be determined by Dominion Gas.
4. Phase 3 (Treeline Drive to City of Brecksville Corporation Line); start date to be determined by Dominion Gas.

At any time that you have questions with regard to a specific project or any project in general please do not hesitate to call.

legislation KIM VERAS



At the request of the Board of Zoning Appeals, City Council was asked to discuss and respond to the suggestion that current Brecksville Code requirements be amended regarding the square footage and dimensions of a shed. At the August 5th meeting, the matter was discussed and Council concluded that since the issue came up only very rarely at Board of Zoning Appeals meetings, amending the Code was not necessary at this time.

At the December 2nd meeting, City Council approved Ordinance 4874 adding Section 1503.31 and amending Section 1505.01(a) of the Taxation Code to provide a definition of "pension" for tax levying purposes.

At the December 16th meeting, City Council approved the amendment of Ordinance 4809 as it relates to the positions of Technology and Communications Administrator and Technician and Sextant of Municipal Cemeteries.

Also, just a reminder that the November 4, 2014 General Election Ballot will contain six proposed rezoning issues recommended by the Planning Commission and adopted by Brecksville City Council. These individual changes will be adopted if they are approved by a fifty-five percent (55%) favorable vote of all the votes cast by qualified electors of the city.

The Brecksville Code of Ordinances is available for reference during normal business hours at the Brecksville Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library and also in the Clerk of Council's office at Brecksville City Hall. Requests for ordinances may be submitted to: mscullin@brecksville.oh.us.

finance LAURA REDINGER



Over the last several months, the Administration has completed a thorough review of the City's current IT department and future needs. The result of this review is a thoughtful plan that will continue to update software, systems and personnel that will allow for future growth and expansion. The Finance Committee recommended several IT expenditures in support of the Administration's strategic plan to City Counsel for approval:

- A Resolution was passed approving among other things, a \$27,500 expenditure to re-platform and redesign the City of Brecksville's website. Codesummit LLC will complete the redesign work. Please keep an eye out for the new website with expanded capabilities in the coming months.
- A Resolution was passed appointing Ted Bruzdinski to the position of Technology/Communications Technician in the Information Technology Department. Mr. Bruzdinski replaces an employee that retired and brings a strong IT background to the position.
- Legislation was passed authorizing the State Contract purchase in the aggregate amount of \$41,765 from CDW Government for the purchase of 120 licenses of Office Pro Suite 2013.

Human Services

PERSONAL NEEDS

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS –

Every Monday from 9 to 11:45 – Free!
Lower level in the Nurses Station

MEDITATION – FREE

Guided meditation is every first and third Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 8:45pm in Room A at the Human Services Center. Come and relax your mind and body. Open to all ages and it's free.

RECOVERY

Recovery, Inc. meets Fridays from 10:00 to noon. Having trouble dealing with your emotions? Recovery, Inc. is a self help program that will help you cope in a friendly, small-group atmosphere. Meetings are held in a private room. Free coffee!

BRECKSVILLE PANTRY

The Human Services Center distributes food once each month to families of all ages who are in need. If you or someone you know needs assistance please contact the Human Services Center at 526-2499.

FOOD DONATIONS

The Brecksville Pantry is always in need of food donations or gift cards to Marc's and Heinen's to buy fresh meat and produce. We especially need canned tuna, canned fruit, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, cereal and paper products. Please bring your donations to the Human Services Center at 2 Community Drive. Many thanks for the huge amount of food donated at Shredding Day and thanks to you individual donors who drop off food regularly at the Human Services Center!

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Human Services Center is the headquarters for the local Meals on Wheels program. Volunteers deliver a warm lunch and cold supper Monday through Friday mornings. Cost is \$25 per week. Call 526-2499 for enrollment information.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

Need a ride? Transportation is available for residents 60 and over, Monday through Friday from 9 to 3. Our cars will take you to a medical appointment anywhere in Cuyahoga County. Our van will take you on errands on Tuesday and Thursday. Our bus will take you to a restaurant on Wednesday and a shopping mall on Friday. An application on file is necessary. Call the Human Services Center for more information at 526-2499.

CARDS AND GAMES

Free for registered members

Canasta – Tuesdays from 1 to 4 and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30

Dominoes – Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00

Intermediate Bridge – Tuesdays from 12:30 – 3:30

Duplicate Bridge – Mondays and Fridays from 12:45 to 4. –
Bring a partner or just bring yourself.

Bridge After Dark – Every Thursday from 7 to 9:45

Texas Hold 'Em – Fridays from 10:00 to noon. Bring a canned food item to "buy" chips. You might win a free lunch.

Mah Jongg – Wednesdays from 9 to Noon

Pinochle – Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 - 3

FITNESS PROGRAMS

YOGA WITH DENISE CLEMENT

Mondays from 9:15 am to 10:15 am

Wednesdays from 7:30 am to 8:30 am

Stretch, tone, build strength and work the heart. Dress comfortably, bring a mat and water bottle. Email Denise at yogadc@yahoo.com.

A "punch pass" for 6 sessions is \$30 for Brecksville residents, \$40 for non residents.

Walk-ins are \$7 for members, \$9 for non members and \$11 for non resident, non members.

TAI CHI WITH KEN OWEN

Tai Chi for Arthritis - Wednesdays from 11:00 to Noon – FREE class with paid membership in either the Community Center or Human Services Center - A specialized version to help you deal with those aches and pains. It really works!

Tai Chi is the ancient Chinese exercise experience that is the just right exercise for people who are looking to stretch and tone without getting sore! A great way to loosen up those tight muscles.

ARMCHAIR EXERCISE WITH "CHARLIE" SKIBA

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:45 – 11:45 – Totally free!

You'll be amazed at how much you'll be able to do sitting down that will make you feel better!

ARMCHAIR YOGA WITH JOYCE BARCHET

Mondays and Fridays from 10:45 to 11:45 – Totally free!

A relaxing class concentrating on alignment of poses creating strength, flexibility and tone.

DANCE FOR FOLKS WITH PARKINSON'S

There is a great dance class for people with Parkinson's. The class is on the second Saturday of the month from 11 to noon on the second floor of the Brecksville Human Services Center. For more information please contact instructors Fred and Dianne Discenzo at 526-8531. The class is free for everyone.

The Human Services Center is at 2 Community Drive. Call 526-2499 for directions.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

WATERCOLOR WITH JUDY ROSZAK

Mondays from 9:30 to 11:30 – It doesn't matter if you're a beginner or have been painting all your life. Classes are small enabling Judy to give one-on-one personal instruction regardless of your ability.

A "punch pass" for 6 sessions is \$30 for Brecksville residents, \$40 for non residents.

Walk-ins are \$7 for members, \$9 for non members and \$11 for non resident, non members.

THE HANDCRAFTERS

Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00 – Learn how to make greeting cards, place cards and almost anything using all sorts of things including wallpaper. Or knit, crochet, cross stitch, needlepoint, tat and scrapbook. Oh yes, a little bit of chit chat goes on too. You'll make new friends. Free to registered members.

COMPUTERS

The Human Services Center has three computers and a printer and e-mail and Internet capability just waiting for you. Walk in anytime except Thursday from 1 – 3:30 and sit right down. Free!

BRECKSVILLE COMPUTER USERS GROUP

Thursdays from 6:30 to 9 in the old school at Blossom. If your computer is sick with a virus or whatever, they can help. Call for more info at 526-8836. Or join up if you love tinkering with computers. Sorry, they don't fix iPads.

A Fall Prevention Tip

All seniors know that a fall can cause all sorts of debilitating injuries.

Make sure that your front porch, stairs and all entry points are free from trip hazards.

And throw rugs are a big fall hazard.

Free Pizza and Bingo

Thanks to the folks at Home Instead Senior Care in Brecksville and a variety of other local care specialists, there is free pizza and Bingo at the Brecksville Human Services Center on the third Wednesday of each month starting at noon. The next two scheduled days are Wednesday, November 19 and Wednesday, December 17.

Come on down and have some fun! Prizes too!

It is necessary to make a reservation. Call the Human Services front desk at 526-2499 prior to that day.

Low Income Snow Plowing for Seniors

The Human Services Center offers driveway snow plowing for low income seniors. The program is solely for low income seniors 70 and over who have no one to clear their driveway. Residents must apply regardless of whether you have qualified in the past.

The only proof of income document acceptable is an official letter from the State indicating household eligibility for the 2013-2014 or 2014-2015 Home Energy Assistance Program, commonly referred to as HEAP. Proof of age is also required.

Applications are available at the Human Services Center.

Senior snowplowing is just \$10 for the entire season!

"90+ Birthday Club"

The Department of Human Services has the "90+ Birthday Club."

Here's how it works.

We will send you a birthday card during the month of your birthday and in the card we will have an invitation to join us at the Brecksville Human Services Center for a free lunch on Thursday when we have our Feast 'n Flick program. We will pick you up and take you home in one of our Human Services transportation vehicles so you must call us to schedule a pick-up and which Thursday during your birthday month you would like to come to lunch. We want to reach as many 90+ seniors in our community so if you are, or know someone who is or will be 90 this year, please call the Human Services Center at 526-2499 and ask for Linda DePompei to get your name on our list.

Low Income Heating Assistance

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) applications are available at the Human Services Center. With this one form you may apply for HEAP, the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) and the Home Weatherization Assistance program.

Income limits for HEAP are \$20,422.50 for a single person household and \$27,527.50 for a two-person household. The application provides income guidelines for homes with more than two residents.

For more information call 1-800-282-0880 or go to energyhelp.ohio.gov on the internet.

Seniors 70 and over should be aware that the HEAP qualification letter from the Ohio Development Services Agency is the only means of qualification for City snowplowing in 2014-2015.

Resourceful Information at the Human Services Center

Every day folks call the Human Services Center for information about a variety of subjects. If you have a moment to browse, visit the lobby of the Human Services Center and explore our rotating pamphlet rack containing a wide range of helpful brochures.

There are answers about, veterans' benefits, home health care givers, assisted living and skilled nursing locations, persons who help with cooking, cleaning and home repairs, and so many more.

And while you're here, sign up for the next Thursday luncheon. The food is fabulous.

"C'mon in, the Water's Fine

Water exercise is like moving in molasses. It's a resistant medium, which causes you to exert more energy. The Human Services Center's warm water therapy pool is a great place to rehab from an injury. Simply walking in water can provide a challenging workout without causing impact to the body. Adults 18 and over are welcome.

therapy pool schedule

monday	
8:30-9:00	Doctor Approved Self-Directed Therapy
9:00-10:00	Liquid Strength
10:00-11:00	Arthritis Class
6:30-7:30	Nora's Water Exercise
11:00-6:30 7:30-8:00	Self-Directed Therapy
tuesday	
8:30-6:00	Self-Directed Therapy
6:00-7:00	Aquafit
7:00-8:00	Self-Directed Therapy
wednesday	
8:30-9:00	Self-Directed Therapy
9:00-10:00	Liquid Strength
10:00-11:00	Arthritis Class
11:00-6:30	Self-Directed Therapy
6:30-7:30	Nora's Water Exercise
12:30-6:30 7:30-8:00	Self-Directed Therapy
thursday	
8:30-6:30	Self-Directed Therapy
6:30-7:30	Learn to Swim (Pool Closed)
7:30-8:00	Self-Directed Therapy
friday	
8:30-9:00	Self-Directed Therapy
9:00-10:00	Liquid Strength
10:00-11:00	Arthritis Class
11:00-4:50	Self-Directed Therapy
saturday	
9:00-10:00	YogAerobics
10:15-12:00	Self-Directed Therapy
sunday (pool is closed)	

FEAST & Flick Thursday

What's On The Menu!

November

6 Chicken Divan, baked potato with toppings, broccoli florets, wedge salad with thousand island dressing, chocolate candy bar cake.

 Heaven Is For Real

13 Lou's sausage; sauerkraut, German potato salad, applesauce, rye roll, bread pudding with caramel sauce.

 Bears

20 Thanksgiving Dinner. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, salad, dinner rolls, pumpkin pie.

 The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty

27 No lunch or Movie

December

4 Eggplant roll-up, Italian green beans, garlic bread, Italian salad, raspberry-filled layer cake..

 The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey

11 Stuffed cabbage roll, mashed potato, corn, dinner roll, peach & cottage cheese salad, cherry turnover.

 The Christmas Candle

18 Christmas Party! Escaloped chicken with pine tree broccoli, snowball mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, bow knot roll, Ho-ho-ho Jell-o salad, Christmas Tree cheesecake.

 A Christmas Carol

25 Merry Christmas!

January

1 Happy New Year!

8 New Year Party! Broccoli & cheese stuffed chicken breast, 2015 grains of rice pilaf, vegetable blend, dinner roll, Stroke of Midnight chocolate cake.  Belle

For Your Information?

Human Services Holiday Hours

Tuesday, November 11, Veterans Day	Closed
Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day	Closed
Wednesday, December 24	8:30 am to noon
Thursday, December 25	Closed
Friday, December 26	Open All Day
Wednesday, December 31	8:30 am to noon
Thursday, January 1	Closed
Friday, January 2	Open All Day

restaurant and mall trips

november

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	5	6	7
Brecksville Errands	Cedar Creek Grille- Beachwood	Brecksville Errands	Eaton Square
11	12	13	14
Brecksville Errands	Seven Roses- Cleveland	Brecksville Errands	Great Northern Mall
18	19	20	21
Brecksville Errands	Rusty Bucket-Solon	Brecksville Errands	Beachwood Mall
25	26	27	28
Brecksville Errands	No Restaurant Trip	Closed	No Mall Trip

december

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4	5
Brecksville Errands	Muse-Cleveland	Brecksville Errands	Summit Mall
9	10	11	12
Brecksville Errands	Pearl of the Orient- Rocky River	Brecksville Errands	Beachcliff Market Square
16	17	18	19
Brecksville Errands	Don's Pomeroy House-Strongsville	Brecksville Errands	Macy's on the Heights
23	24	25	26
No Brecksville Errands	No Restaurant Trip	Office Closed Merry Christmas!	No Mall Trip
30	31		
No Brecksville Errands	No Restaurant Trip		

Applying for Benefits Has Never Been Easier!

The Cleveland Foodbank has a benefit outreach program to make the application process quick and easy for more than 20 programs including SNAP (food stamps), prescription benefits, child care vouchers, WIC, medical coverage, and other assistance programs. The Foodbank has a team of benefit counselors that can assist people through the application process over the phone. People not currently receiving SNAP (food assistance, formerly called Food Stamps) are encouraged to call the Foodbank today to determine eligibility, find helpful resources in your community, and apply for assistance all in one call.

Eligibility is based on monthly income and expenses including medical, rent, and utilities. This assistance is available for seniors,

students, families, full and part-time workers, unemployed, and all individuals, 18 years of age or older, who are struggling to make ends meet. If you have never used assistance programs before and have general questions, please call the Cleveland Foodbank at 216-738-2067 between 10 and 4 pm.

You can get personal one-on-one assistance from an outreach counselor on Saturday, December 13 from 9 until 11 at the old Blossom school at the rear of Brecksville's Blossom property at 4450 Oakes Road.

Tuesday Brunch

November

4 French toast casserole, sausage links, fruit, orange juice.

11 No brunch served.

18 Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, potato wedges, toast, fruit, orange juice.

25 No brunch served.

December

2 Pancakes, sausage links, applesauce, orange juice.

9 Egg muffin, potato wedge, sausage patty, fruit, orange juice.

16 Scrambled eggs, bacon, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit, orange juice.

23 No brunch served. Merry Christmas!

30 No brunch served. Happy New Year!

Cheers for our Drivers!

Ken Stefanov, John Zupanc and Brenda Bonenberger are three of our loyal drivers who take seniors to appointments.

And a huge thanks to **Gale and Don Barish, Diane and Mitch Kruszynski, Jim and Betty Kaul** who drive for Wheels on Meals.

We always need more drivers for both programs, especially mini van and mini bus drivers. Volunteer please by calling 526-2499.

City of Brecksville

The following is a listing of holiday events for the whole family in Brecksville. Mayor Jerry Hruby encourages residents to participate in these activities this Christmas holiday season.

Annual Brecksville Children's Christmas Play The City's Gift To Residents

Family ties grow closer during the holidays and what better way to get close to your little ones than at Brecksville's Old Town Hall for the annual Children's Christmas Play on Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7 at 11:00 am, 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

This time-honored tradition has been offered continuously since 1971 but historians believe the tradition of a holiday play dates to the 1800s.

City employees and family members comprise the cast and crew in this very special gift to the community. Santa, Mrs. Claus, the elves, Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and others will delight the children, and the play is a unique experience for the kids to see, meet and sit on Santa's lap to whisper their special Christmas wish.

One of Santa's helpers will capture each child's visit with Santa on film. The photograph is free along with a special tree ornament that will be a memento of the play.

There is no admission charge but you are urged to bring a canned good for the Brecksville Pantry program. There is limited seating so please call the Community Center soon at 546-2300 to make your reservation.

Yuletide Hunger

Now in its 32nd year, the Yuletide Hunger Program has been a success story for those who are less fortunate.

The program began in 1984 following the death of Brecksville resident Rusty's brother Dave. Dave was a community leader and a concern for his family and he wanted to do something to help. And so Dave created the Yuletide Hunger Program.

Preparations are underway for the Yuletide Hunger Program as of late. The program is held at Broadview Heights, Brecksville Hills and the Brecksville City School District. Monetary donations are accepted through December 5.

The food will be served at the Blossom facility.

Please bring non-perishable food items to the Human Services Center. Participating cities are encouraged to bring your young people. For more information, including some stories, call 546-2499 if you can.

Last year more than 1000 were served.

Breakfast with Santa

A visit with Santa is a special event. What more could you ask for during the holidays. Monday, December 6, 8:45am-10am & 10:30am-12:00pm. \$7 per person, children under 12 FREE. Call 546-2300 for more information.

Brecksville Holiday Events

Hunger Program

near the Yuletide Hunger reaching out to those who

in 1983 following the resident Rusty Mansbery. We wanted to thank his outpouring of help and family during Rusty's illness to do in a meaningful way. End the Yuletide Hunger

underway for the Yuletide the cities of Brecksville, Independence and Seven Hills. Brecksville-Broadview Heights are collecting food and on November 3 through

sorted and packed at the

perishable food to the center in any of the four or send it to school with Volunteers are needed long backs! Please call 440- for help.

an 125 families were

With Santa At Community Center

and a yummy breakfast? You ask for right before day, December 22 from 9:45am-Noon.

Children under 1 year of age, \$10.00 for reservations.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

The Salvation Army kettle will be outside the Broadview Heights Giant Eagle store this year. All the money collected will be used in the South Suburban Salvation Army unit that serves Brecksville, Broadview Heights, Independence and Seven Hills. If you would like to ring the bell we need you. Call the Human Services Center at 526-2499 to help.

Annual Parade and Tree Lighting

The holidays officially begin with the annual Brecksville Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, November 30.

Following the parade will be the traditional Yuletide songs and Christmas carols and a special appearance by Santa Claus at the band stand on the square.

Step off is at 4:00 pm and community groups are invited to participate. Call the Community Center to sign up, 546-2300 or use the application on page 19 of the Bulletin.

North Pole Connection... Santa's Calling

Our telephone lines will be hooked up to the North Pole on December 16 and 17 between 6:00 and 8:00 pm. Your child will be able to talk to Santa directly. There is no fee but parents must complete an instruction sheet at the Community Center. Call 546-2300 for more information.

Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the gingerbread house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse...Celebrate the holiday season by entering the 4th Annual Family Gingerbread House Decorating Competition. Houses can be as simple as being made out of graham crackers or as elaborate as a homemade gingerbread house from scratch. Houses may be made with kits, however, the complete house cannot be store bought. Your family's entry can be turned in during normal hours of operation at the Community Center December 19th through the 23rd. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be chosen between 5:30 and 10am on Wednesday, December 24. Winners will be announced at 11 am. No fees for submissions. Entries may be picked up between 11am and noon on the 24th.

Adopt A Family

The holiday season is all about giving and Adopt a Family is a chance to give directly to a family in need. Your family, or perhaps a group of people who work together or worship together can make Christmas brighter for children in Brecksville, Broadview Heights, Independence or Seven Hills by way of the Human Services Center. There has been a major change this year. Instead of the purchase of gifts all you have to do is provide at least \$75 in gift cards for each child in the family. You decide what size family you want. Adopt a Family by calling the Human Services Center at 526-2499.

The gift cards will be due on December 5.

A New Art Form

On Thursdays, November 6, 13, and 20 from 1-4 pm Peggy Wertheim will teach "Marbleizing on Paper with Carrageenan and Acrylic Paints." This is a traditional ancient art form that will inspire and bring you hours of joy. Instead of taking years to master, "marbling" will provide instant gratification and success. You'll work on both paper and silk to create 20-30 marbled papers which can be used in HOLIDAY greeting cards, scrapbooking, quilting, collages, HOLIDAY framed art and more.

There is a \$60 fee for the three sessions plus a \$35 materials fee.

To register call the Brecksville Human Services Center at 526-2499. If you have questions call Peggy at 330-467-1013.

News from the Cleveland Sight Center

Financial assistance is available for purchasing products that help people with "low vision" such as reading machines, special glasses, various types of magnifiers, special lighting and other optical tools. In order to qualify a person's income for a one-person household may not exceed \$22,980 and a two-person household income must be less than \$31,020. Clients must also receive an eye evaluation from the Sight Center's clinic to determine which products best meet your needs.

For more information contact Tom Sawyer at 216-658-7339.



Mark Klaus's Castle Noel Tuesday, November 18 from 1:00 - 4:30 pm

ONLY 12 SEATS AVAILABLE

Come see "Hollywood Christmas Movieland" the largest privately owned collection of Hollywood Christmas movie props & costumes used in the movies: "Elf", "Grinch", "The Santa Clause". Plus over \$2 million in NYC Christmas window displays from Saks, Bloomingdales, Lord & Taylor and Higbee's. See or ride on the slide Ralphie slid on in "The Christmas Story". Cost for residents is \$15 and for non-residents \$25.

"White Christmas" at State Theatre Wednesday, December 3 from 6:30 - 10:30 pm

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" is a classic. This musical tells the story of two buddies putting on a show in a magical Vermont Inn and finding their perfect mates in the process. This show is full of dancing, laughter and some of the greatest songs ever written. Make this production a wonderful holiday family experience.

Limited seating on the main floor.

Cost for residents is \$56 and non-residents \$66.

SAVE THE DATE!
January 20 for a nostalgic visit to the Higbee's Silver Grill and lunch at the Ritz.

what's on the city calendar

november

- 4** Election Day, Polls open 6:30am - 7:30 pm
- 6** Planning Commission 7 pm
- 11** Veterans Day Observance - City Offices Closed
Trash Pick up on Nov. 12
Community Center Open 10 - 5
Human Services Center Closed
Board of Zoning Appeals 8 pm
- 12** Advisory Board to the Department of Human Services 3 pm
Human Services Center
- 18** City Council 8 pm
- 19** Telecommunications Commission 7 pm
CERT meeting 7 pm, Human Services

- 27** Thanksgiving Day
All City Facilities Closed
Trash and recycling pickup on Nov. 28
- 28** Last Day of Leaf Collection
- 30** Christmas Parade 4:00 pm
Tree Lighting

december

- 2** City Council 8 pm
- 4** Planning Commission 7 pm
- 7** Remember Pearl Harbor
- 6&7** Annual Children's Christmas Play at Old Town Hall 11, 2 & 4
Call 546-2300 for reservations. Bring a can of food.

- 8** Board of Zoning Appeals 8 pm
Recreation Commission 7:30 pm
- 10** Advisory Board to the Department of Human Services 3 pm
Human Services Center
- 16** City Council 8 pm
- 17** Telecommunications Commission 7 pm
- 21** First Day of Winter
- 25** Christmas Day, City Offices Closed
- 31** Happy New Year!

**Please see
Mayor's Page,
Community Center
and Human Services
pages for
Holiday Hours**

All meetings are at City Hall unless noted otherwise.

It's Leaf Removal Time!

Again this fall the City of Brecksville is picking up leaves at curbside. Please rake the leaves into neat rows along the edge of the road, BUT NOT ONTO THE STREET.

Crews begin on the north side of the city and work to the south making as many rounds as possible. Signs will be posted about three days in advance to alert residents when workers will be in their neighborhood.

Leaf pickup will end on Friday, November 28.

The city asks all property owners to observe the following guidelines so that the Service Department can serve you better.

Residents are strongly urged to refrain from parking on City streets that are scheduled for leaf collection since it is impossible to collect piled leaves that are near or beside parked cars.

All leaves must be located within three feet of the street pavement edge.

Leaves must NOT be placed in ditches, over loose/decorative stone or in the roadway. Care should be taken to ensure that storm drains are

kept free of leaves. Also, please keep leaves away from mailboxes and fire hydrants.

Try not to place leaves at the street edge until 3-4 days before scheduled pickup. "Fresh" leaves placed in a row are much easier for the Service Department to collect. Collecting piles of leaves that have been compacted by rain or snow over several days slows the collection process considerably.

ABSOLUTELY no tree branches, bricks, lawn clippings, or other debris may be mixed with leaves. Contaminated piles will not be collected.

Property owners are responsible for leaf disposal after the curbside campaign is completed by the Service Department.

If you have any questions please visit the Brecksville Service Department web site at <http://members.core.com/~brecksvc/refuse/leaf.htm> or call the Service Department Monday through Friday, 7:30 - 4:00 at 526-1384.

Natural Gas News

The City of Brecksville is committed to keeping its residents informed about the lowest price for natural gas.

Check your October bill from Dominion East Ohio. The rate for the gas portion of your service should be no higher than \$4.89 for fixed and \$4.38 variable. In November it's \$4.89 for fixed and \$4.41 for variable.

If you have a higher rate you can get help by calling the Brecksville Department of Human Services at 526-2499.

Avoid Natural Gas Shut Off

Dominion East Ohio works with customers to help them maintain service during the winter months. Customers who are concerned that they will not be able to maintain regular bill payments should contact Dominion East Ohio immediately! DO NOT WAIT until you receive a shutoff notice. It is easier and less expensive to maintain service rather than to have it reconnected. Call 800-362-7557 for help and to learn about government energy assistance programs.

Avoid Unwelcome Guests in Your House!

If your neighbor has had a death in the family keep an eye on their house during the funeral and calling hours. Homes have been burglarized while the residents were attending calling hours or the funeral. Burglars watch the paper for those times and enter the house knowing the occupants will be gone during those publicized hours. If you see someone near the house please DO NOT HESITATE to call the police. DON'T WAIT!

Also, as we approach the holidays DO NOT let gifts in plain view of burglars who may case your house.

And, DO NOT leave your car unlocked in the driveway or items in the car that may tempt a burglar...like your garage door opener! If you leave the door to the inside of your house unlocked, your garage door opener in your unlocked car is a quick ticket for unwelcome visitors. Not so nice incidents have happened in Brecksville because of that careless mistake!

Did You Know...93% of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Class of 2014 is attending college.

Fitness Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5:45 am		Yoga					
6:05 am	Spinning® Cross Train Challenge	Spinning®	Spinning® & Weights	Spinning®	Spinning® Cross Train Challenge		
8:05 am						Spinning®	
8:15 am				Yoga Therapeutics	Yoga		
8:30 am		Spinning®		Chaos			
9:00 am						jazzercise	
9:30 am	Spinning® Straight to the Core	Yoga 20-20-20	Spinning® Cardio Weight Interval	Sculpt & Power Yoga Spinning® & Weights	Spinning® Power Tone Intermediate Yoga	Spinning®	
10:15 am							Power Tone & Stretch Spinning® Power Vinyasa Yoga
10:30 am						Zumba	
10:45 am	FREE Armchair Yoga	FREE Armchair Exercise		FREE Armchair Exercise	FREE Armchair Yoga		
11:00 am			Free Tai Chi				
NOON	Spinning®	Cross Train Challenge	Barre	Power Tone & Core	Spinning®		
4:30 pm	Spinning® Barre	Reps & Sets	Spinning®	Reps & Sets			
5:45 pm	Power Tone & Stretch	Circuit Group Training	Power Tone & Stretch	Circuit Group Training			
6:00 pm	Yoga Zumba		Spinning®				
6:30 pm		Spinning®		Spinning®			
6:45 pm		Dance Fitness					
7:00 pm	jazzercise	jazzercise	jazzercise	jazzercise			

Holidays are a Time to Celebrate!

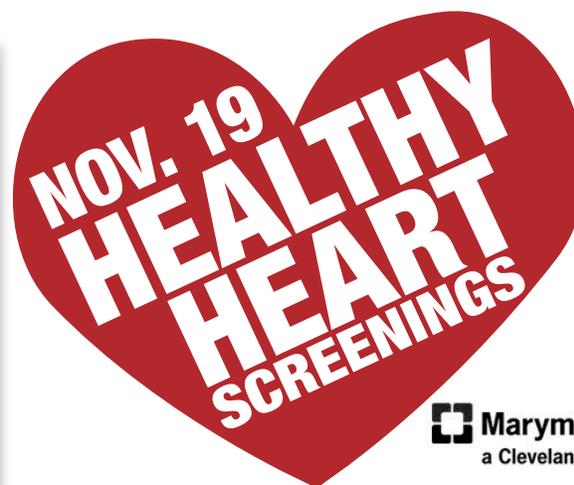
If you're looking for a way to make this holiday a memorable one, it's time to start thinking about booking a holiday party.

Whether you are hosting a party for friends or family, the Community Rooms at the Brecksville Community Center are available for rental.

The rooms accommodate up to 128 persons for dinner seating and 200 persons theater style seating and are equipped with a warming kitchen.

Theme birthday parties are also available in these rooms and can include access to other areas of our facility such as the pool, game room and rental of the video game system projected on the big screen.

The Brecksville Community Center can accommodate your needs! Call 546-2310 to Book Your Next Event!



Marymount Hospital
a Cleveland Clinic hospital

**9 am to Noon
FREE Screenings for
Cholesterol &
Blood Pressure**

Community Center Lobby

No Fasting or Reservations Required

Winter Camp

Winter Break will be here before you know it. Plan ahead so you do not have to worry about hearing your child say, "There's nothing to do...we're bored". Now there is something for them to do. We are offering a Winter Camp at the Brecksville Community Center. Enjoy fun-filled days of swimming, on-site field trips, crafts, indoor games, and outdoor activities.

Ages for program

Junior Camp- 6-8 year olds

Senior Camp- 9-12 year olds

Day One-Monday, December 22

"Deck the Halls", holiday crafts and activities

Day Two-Tuesday, December 23

"New Years Toast", New Years Party, crafts and activities

Day Three- Monday, December 29

"Resolutions at Play", crafts and activities

Day Four- Tuesday, December 30

"Starting Fresh", crafts and activities

Times

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Registration Is in progress and ends day before each camp day starts.

Cost \$25 per day for BCC members and \$35 per day for Residents

Additional Costs

Extended Care is for families who need before and/or after camp supervision.

Parents/Guardians can pick up their children at any time during these hours.

You must register for Extended Care prior to attending each camp day.

Pre Care 8:00-9:00am \$2.00 per day

After Care 4:00-5:00pm \$2.00 per day

For more information, please contact Pete Kormos, Athletic Director, at 546-2007.

General Registration Information:

- Camp space is limited, so please register early.
- Register at the Front Desk of the Brecksville Community Center.
- Participants may sign up for any or all of the camp days.
- Registrations will continue until all days are filled.
- A Health History Form must be completed and turned in prior to camp for each registered child. Forms can be obtained at the Front Desk.
- No refunds will be issued for cancellation from camp. Credits only may be given.
- For more information, please call the Brecksville Community Center at 440-546-2300.

Boys and Girls Basketball

Grades

3rd & 4th Grade Boys and Girls

5th & 6th Grade Boys and Girls

7th & 8th Grade Boys and Girls

Games November-February, Saturday between 9am-3pm

Practices One night a week Monday-Friday between 3pm -10pm and beginning in early November.

(All schedules are subject to change)

Registration December 1 for residents and for non-residents December 8.

Cost \$50 for BCC members, \$60 for residents and \$70 for non-residents.

Description

Brecksville Recreation Youth Basketball is a recreational league stressing skill development, team work and fun. Practices are held one evening a week beginning in November with games being played on Saturdays beginning in December. The league usually is completed by the middle of February. Practices are held at either Blossom Hill or a school facility. Games are played at the Brecksville Community Center or at neighboring Recreation Centers.

No carpool or special requests for team and player placement will be taken.

There will be one head coach and one assistant coach per team. Coaches kids will be placed on same team. If you want to guarantee your child is on a specific team, you should look into coaching.

Location Brecksville Community Center and surrounding communities

*All coaches are subject to a mandatory background check.

Participants need to be open to practicing any evening of the week. Special requests cannot be taken.

Space is limited, please register early. No refunds, credits only will be given. There is a \$5 cancellation fee.

For Your Information?

The Community Center Holiday Hours

Tuesday, Nov. 11, Veterans' Day Observance	10am-5pm
Thursday, Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Day,	Closed
Wednesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve,	Open 5:30-Noon
Thursday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day,	Closed
Wednesday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve,	Open 5:30-Noon
Thursday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day,	Closed

Men's Basketball League

OPEN DIVISION - Men's Open Division (18 and up)—10 Teams Total

35 Plus DIVISION - Men's 35 Plus Division—12 Teams Total

50 Plus Division - Men's 50 Plus Division—6 Teams Total

Sundays January 4 - April 19, 2015

Locations

Brecksville Community Center 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm & 8:30pm

Blossom Hill 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm

Cost \$200.00 Per Team—Due at Registration

*\$35.00 due before each game for referee and scorers

(*This cost cannot be incorporated into team fee. Must be paid prior to each game.)

Registration: begins November 1 for residents and November 15 for non-residents. Team Managers should register team at the front desk of the Brecksville Community Center. Register early. Space is limited and is not guaranteed. Deadline to register is December 12, 2014.

Mandatory Meeting There is a mandatory meeting for all team managers on Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 5:00pm in the Brecksville Community Center. (Teams must be registered prior to meeting in order to attend.)

Girls Volleyball Clinic

Ages 9-13 year olds in Grades 4-8

Division	Days	Dates	Times
Grades 4-5	Thursdays	Jan. 15-Feb. 26	4:00-5:30 pm
Grades 6-8	Tuesdays	Jan. 13-Feb. 24	4:00-5:30 pm

Registration Begins November 1 for residents and November 8 for non-Residents. Ends January 2, 2015.

Description Bump! Set! Spike! The Brecksville Recreation Department offers a volleyball clinic for girls in grades 4-8. Girls will develop skills, learn proper volleyball techniques and have a great time playing matches. The clinic is instructed by players from the Baldwin-Wallace Women's Volleyball team. Should either class not fill up, there may be the possibility of combining sessions..

Contact For more information, please contact Pete Kormos at the Brecksville Community Center 546-2300.

NYSCA Basketball Coach Clinic

Sunday, November 9 from 5-9pm

This clinic is for anyone interested in coaching Brecksville Youth Basketball for the 2014-2015 season who is not already certified by the NYSCA in Basketball. The NYSCA coaches clinic is designed to sensitize volunteer coaches to their responsibilities when working with children in sports while also teaching sport specific coaching skills and techniques.

Registration In progress for residents and for non-residents

Cost \$20 check payable to "NYSCA"

Location Community Room A

Youth Wrestling

Ages 6-12 year olds

Ages 6-12 year olds

Practice Begins November through March

Dates	Time
Weds./Thurs.	6:00-8:00pm

Meets begin early December

Sunday Meets	9:00am-1:00pm
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Registration December 1 for residents and for non-residents

Cost

\$60 for BCC members

\$70 for residents

A \$5 cancellation fee

Additional Costs Must purchase own shoes, head gear, pads and mouth piece

Description The Brecksville Recreation Youth Wrestling program is a developmental program for boys. Boys are divided by their ability and practice on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the Brecksville-Broadview Hts. H.S. Meets are held on Sundays at the Strongsville H.S. and allow kids to compete against wrestlers in their weight and ability class.

Kids n Company I

This class is designed for children 6 months to 2 years of age. A responsible adult participant who is comfortable in the water must accompany each child during all class sessions.

Location Human Services Therapy Pool

Dates	Day	Time	Activity #
1/8-2/26	Thursday	7:00 -7:30 pm	N/A
1/0-2/28	Saturday	12:00-12:30pm	N/A

Registration Residents begin Dec. 1, Non-residents begin Dec. 8

Fees: Community Center Member 40.00

Brecksville-Broadview Hts. Resident 50.00

Non-Resident 60.00

Kids n Company II

This class is designed for children 2 years to 4 years of age. A responsible adult participant who is comfortable in the water must accompany each child during all class sessions.

Water exploration is encouraged, having fun is mandatory!

Location Human Services Therapy Pool

Dates	Day	Time	Activity #
1/7-2/25	Wednesday	11:30am-12:00pm	N/A
1/8-2/26	Thursday	6:30 - 7:00pm	N/A
1/0-2/28	Saturday	12:30-1:00pm	N/A

Registration Residents begin Dec. 1, Non-residents begin Dec. 8

Fees: Community Center Member 40.00

Brecksville-Broadview Hts. Resident 50.00

Non-Resident 60.00

NOTE Children who are not potty trained must wear swim diapers in the water at all times. No child suffering from diarrhea will be allowed to participate in the program. Swim diapers are available for purchase at the Community Center front desk if needed.

Preschool I

This class is designed for children 4 and 5 years of age. Please refer to the website for more information. www.brecksville.oh.us/departments/recreation.

Dates	Day	Time	Activity #
1/6-2/24	Tuesday	5:10 -5:45 pm	N/A

Registration Residents begin Dec. 1, Non-residents begin Dec. 8

Fees: Community Center Member 40.00

Brecksville-Broadview Hts. Resident 50.00

Non-Resident 60.00

Community Center Gift Certificates Make great gifts for that "hard to buy for" person! Get Yours Today!

Learn to Swim Levels 1-6

Location Brecksville Community Center

Levels 1

Dates	Day	Time	Activity #
1/6-2/24	Tuesdays	5:10pm - 6:00pm	N/A
1/8-2/26	Thursdays	5:10pm - 6:00pm	N/A
1/8-2/26	Thursdays	6:05 - 6:40pm	N/A

Levels 2

Dates	Day	Time	Activity #
1/6-2/24	Tuesdays	5:10pm - 6:00pm	N/A
1/8-2/26	Thursdays	5:10pm - 6:00pm	N/A
1/8-2/26	Thursdays	6:05 - 6:40pm	N/A

Levels 3

Dates	Day	Time	Activity #
1/6-2/24	Tuesdays	5:10pm - 6:00pm	N/A
1/8-2/26	Thursdays	5:10pm - 6:00pm	N/A

Levels 4

Dates	Day	Time	Activity #
1/6-2/24	Tuesdays	5:10pm - 6:00pm	N/A
1/8-2/26	Thursdays	5:10pm - 6:00pm	N/A

Levels 5

Dates	Day	Time	Activity #
1/6-2/24	Tuesdays	5:10pm - 6:00pm	N/A
1/8-2/26	Thursdays	5:10pm - 6:00pm	N/A

Levels 6.1

Dates	Day	Time	Activity #
1/6-2/24	Tuesdays	5:10pm - 6:00pm	N/A
1/8-2/26	Thursdays	5:10pm - 6:00pm	N/A

Fees: Community Center Member 45.00

Brecksville-Broadview Hts. Resident 55.00

Non-Resident 65.00

Competitive Swim Instruction Program

This is a quarterly offered program for Winter and Spring that will focus on competitive swim techniques and endurance for youth, ages 7-13. This program is considered an extension of the Learn-to-Swim program.

- Times and days of program offerings will vary from season to season.
- It is designed for those that have participated in at least the Level 5 Learn-to-Swim or equivalent.
- This program is restricted to Brecksville residents only.
- Sessions will be scheduled for eight (8) meetings.
- Each offering is considered a separate session with separate fees. Participants should only register for sessions that they can attend.

The program requires participants to perform continuous lap swimming.

Participants should be able to swim a minimum of ten (10) continuous laps before registering.

Location Brecksville Community Center Pool

Dates	Day	Time	Activity #
1/5-2/23	Mondays	6:00-7:30pm	N/A
1/7-2/25	Wednesdays	6:00-7:30pm	312362-31

Registration begins Dec. 1

Location Brecksville Community Center Indoor Pool

Fees Community Center Member 20.00 and Resident 30.00 pro-rate for the holidays



Check Out These Membership Drive Freebies!

Sign up for a 2015 Membership to the Community Center in the month of December. Get a \$10 gift certificate to be used on a fitness or aquatics class of your choice. Only 1 certificate per household.

Plus... a 30 minute free personal training session with Rhonda, by appointment only. Only 1 session per household.

And if that's not enough... get a free 30 minute nutritional consultation with Kerry Fairchild, RDN, LD, also by appointment only. Only 1 consultation per household.

Both the consultation and training session are to be used by March 31, 2015.

American Red Cross Baby Sitting Training Courses

Dates	Day	Time	Activity #
Jan 19	Thursday & Friday	8:30am-4:00pm	N/A

The purpose of the American Red Cross Babysitter's Training course is to provide individuals, ages 11 to 15, with the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for infants and children in the absence of parents or adult guardians. This training will help participants develop skills in leadership and

professionalism, basic care, safety and safe play and first aid. Students will also be taught what to do if an infant or child is choking or needs rescue breathing.

Registration call 546-2300 to reserve your space

Cost

\$55 for BCC members

\$65 for residents



Brecksville Little Theatre Presents

November 14-15, 21-22-23, 28- 29

Friday & Saturday times are at 8pm and the Sunday Matinée begins at 2pm.

A true drama of women who served in Vietnam by Shirley Lauro

Missing from most writings about the Vietnam War is the drama of women who

served in it. Inspired by true oral histories of twenty-six women.

The play is co-produced by Paul Virag and Mayor Jerry N. Hruby.

Call 526-4477 for tickets.

Yuletide Hunger Program Needs Volunteers

Got a strong back? The Yuletide Hunger Program needs volunteers to lift boxes of food for recipients during the week of December 8 and especially on distribution day which is Saturday morning, December 13.

If you can help please call 526-2499.

Brecksville Center for the Arts Programs

The Art Zone – FREE for kids and family members to work together on art activities (supplies & instructions provided), Fall hours: Tuesday & Wednesday from 10am – 2pm.

HEARTFELT HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE – back by popular demand after a 2 year hiatus! Saturday, November 8 (8am to 4pm) and Sunday, November 9 (10am to 2pm). The show will be held at our Center at 8997 Highland Drive with shuttle service provided by the City of Brecksville from the Muni Lot. Admission \$5

WRAP IT UP – December 5 (11am – 3pm) and December 6 (7pm – 10pm) Bring your gifts to wrap away from “prying eyes”. We supply the paper, ribbon, tape & tags. \$20

SANTA'S WORKSHOP – FREE Family Event --join us on Saturday, December 13 from 11am to 1pm to paint an ornament for your tree provided by the Woodturners Assoc, a demo of Creative Drumming by Dave Brewer & visit with Santa and much more.

Brecksville 2015 Calendar

The City Calendar is always packed with good information about rubbish, recycling and City events, as well.

In the past, the calendar has been mailed to residents and unfortunately, never arrived before the first of the year. Because of its timely nature, we have decided to have the calendar available for pick up at the Community Center, the Human Services Center and City Hall. It should be available right before Christmas for pickup at any of these locations.

CVCC College & Career Planning Seminar

Wednesday, November 5 from 7:00-9:00 pm at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. Two concurrent programs. Freshman/Sophomore: Learn how to develop an independent student, create a solid academic portfolio and earn college credit while in high school. Junior/Senior: Learn what to do the last 2 years of high school, find the right-fit college, scholarships, funding sources and financial aid. Free. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/CVCC-CCP2014>.

Brecksville Pantry

Brecksville Pantry is Brecksville's food bank for people who are having difficulty making ends meet. Food is available if you fall beneath certain income guidelines.

We always need canned tuna, spaghetti and sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, boxed cereal, peanut butter and jelly, and paper towels, toothpaste, tissues and toilet tissue.

We REALLY appreciate gift cards to Heinen's and Marc's. We use them to buy fresh meat, produce and juice just before the monthly distribution day. Buy a gift card and save the receipt because your donation is tax deductible.

Brecksville Pantry provides at least a week's worth of groceries once a month for families in Brecksville trying to make ends meet.

Please drop off your donations at the Human Services Center, 2 Community Drive, east of the Community Center. Call 526-2499.

And thank you VERY much to residents who donate and local churches and organizations that hold food drives to benefit the Pantry.

P.S. Shredding Day in December produced a massive amount of food! Thanks!

Give a Christmas Gift of History

The Brecksville Bicentennial Committee still has a supply of their Commemorative Book titled: *Honor the Past, Embrace the Present, Envision the Future* available for sale to anyone on your holiday gift list that loves to read, is fascinated with history, lives or used to live in Brecksville or Broadview Heights.

The hard cover book is 256 pages, with over 200 photos, and includes a DVD telling the story of how the bicentennial was celebrated in 2011. The book's cost is \$45 and can be sent to any out-of-towners on your gift list for an additional \$7 shipping and handling.

Here are the book sale locations:

Brecksville City Hall, 9069 Brecksville Road

The Human Services Center, Two Community Drive

The Brecksville Historical Association, Blossom Hill, Oakes Road

Western Reserve Bank, 8751 Brecksville Road

Faulhaber Funeral Home, 7915 Broadview Road

The Brecksville Center for the Arts, 8997 Highland Drive

The Gazette, Brecksville and Sprague Roads

For further information regarding the book contact Jo Ann Bartsch via e-mail: jabartsch@att.net or at 440-740-0034.

Shop with a Cop

The seventeenth annual "Shop With A Cop" raffle is underway. Police officers who are members of the George Murray Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #67 which comprises a number of suburbs in Cuyahoga County, including Brecksville raise funds every year which go directly toward a needy and deserving child to help brighten their Christmas season. For every \$150 raised, one child gets to go on a shopping trip with a local police officer. Many of the children take this opportunity to buy necessities such as clothing and shoes. After the shopping trip the children are treated to pizza by the police officers. Last year the police officers took nearly 240 children shopping at Walmart. Walmart gave the kids a 20% discount on their purchases.

Schools are encouraged to participate because for every \$100 of raffle tickets sold by that school they may directly select one or more of their students to participate in "Shop With A Cop."

The Grand Prize for raffle ticket buyers is a 50" Big Screen TV.

Shop with a Cop is on December 13, the last day to purchase raffle tickets is December 1. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and 6 for \$5. To obtain tickets or for more information contact Ptlm. John Chrisopulos and Sgt. Bill Goodrich at the Brecksville Police Department at 526-8900.

Join Our Christmas Parade Sunday, November 30

It's time to sign up for the Brecksville Christmas Parade. Whether you would like to create a float or bring your whole group in holiday attire, please submit an application to participate. The application must be returned to the Community Center by November 19. Step-off will be at 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 30.

Contact Carolyn Jatsek by email, cjatsek@brecksville.oh.us.

Please detach the form below and return to:
Brecksville Christmas Parade, Brecksville Community Center
One Community Drive, Brecksville, OH 44141 or fax to 546-2000.

More information and the application can also be downloaded and submitted from the Brecksville web site. Go to www.brecksville.oh.us and click on the Special Events button.

Christmas Parade Application Form

Name of Entry: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Type of Organization:

Boy Scouts

Girl Scouts

Community Organization

Local Business

Neighborhood

Individual

Other

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Type of Entry: Vehicle Float Marching Unit

Features of Entry:

Animals/Horses

Dance Group

Color Guard

Antique Vehicle

Musical

Seasonal Characters

Band

Decorated Vehicle

Other (Please Specify): _____

Description of Entry: _____

Information for your announcement of your entry is presented in front of the grandstand: _____

Would you like to be entered in the Annual Float Competition? Yes No

Would you like to be entered in the Annual Girl Scout Entry Competition? Yes No

Would your organization like a participation trophy? Yes No

Special Considerations:



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Michael J. Carlin III, Chief of Police
non-emergency 526-8900

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Cliffette Thacker 526-8900

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Gerald Wise 526-4351

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..... 526-4351

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..... 526-2630

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Tom Tupa, Director 546-2300

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Ted Lux, Director..... 526-2499

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Becki Burlingham, Director 526-4351

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Kristen Kouri 526-2603

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Jinny Farr 546-2319

frequently called phone numbers

Cuyahoga County Library
Brecksville Branch 526-1102

Board of Education Office
..... 740-4000

Brecksville Center for the Arts
..... 526-6232

Brecksville Community Center
..... 546-2300

Brecksville Historical Association
..... 526-7165

Brecksville Little Theater
..... 526-4477

Brecksville Theater on the Square
..... 526-3443

Brecksville Metroparks Nature
Center..... 526-1012

Brecksville Service Department
..... 526-1384

Brecksville-Broadview Heights
Post Office 838-5191

Human Services Center 526-2499

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.....(216) 642-1373

Regional Income Tax Agency
..... 526-0900

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on Time Warner Channel 20 & AT&T Channel 99

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