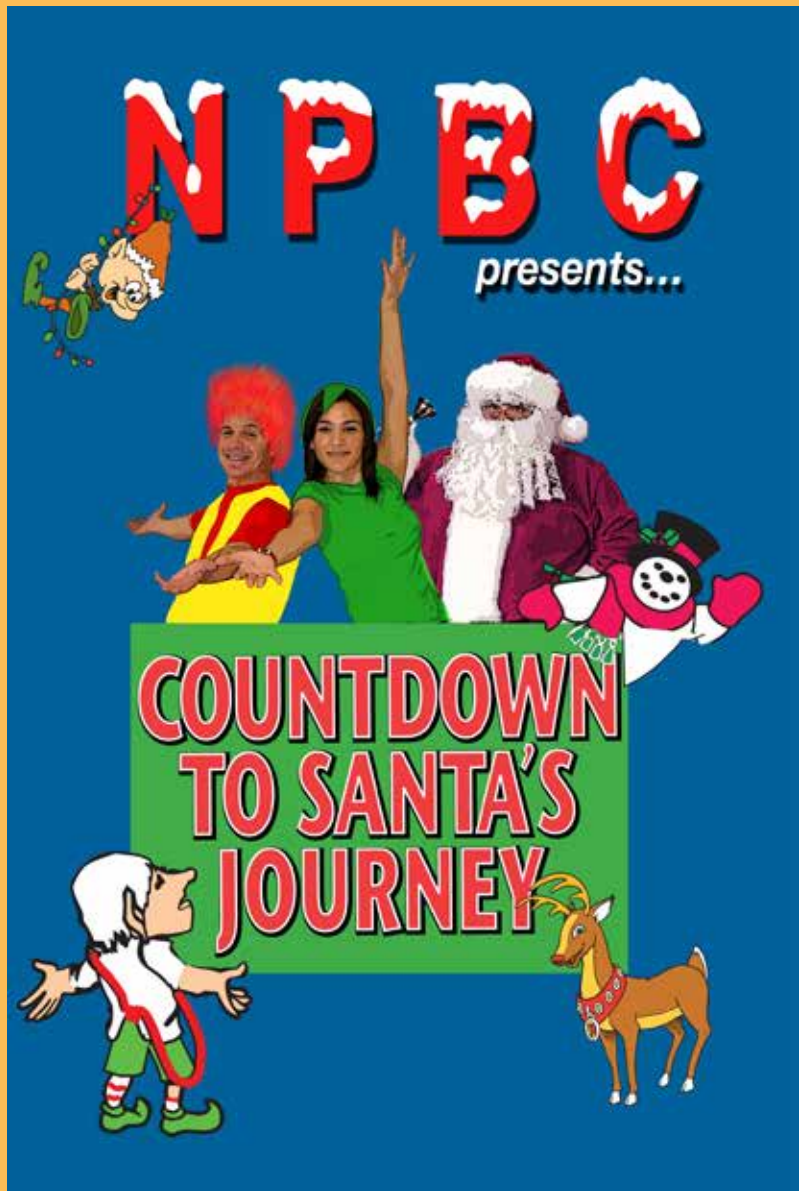


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Brecksville's Annual Children's Christmas Play is on **Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6** at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm in the **Gathering Room at the Brecksville Human Services Center**. The location of the play has been moved due to construction at Old Town Hall. *Countdown* is a repeat performance of the 2007 Christmas play and the 30th year Mayor Hruby has been writing and directing the Annual Children's Christmas Plays.



Mayor's Message



January 2, 2016 at 8:00 pm is the Organizational Meeting of Brecksville City Council. Prior to the meeting, the Mayor and the newly elected members of City Council will be administered the Oath of Office. Various members of the Boards and Commissions to be appointed or reappointed will also take their Oaths of Office that evening. The public is welcome, and you may wish to mark your calendar for this date. Next year will be a very busy year. Soon an announcement will be made regarding the future of the Veterans Administration Hospital which has been negotiated for the first time in a few years due to various legal matters. The construction of the new Police Station and the beginning of the plan for expansion of the Blossom Hill property lead the list along with our road and infrastructure programs. I trust that other key events will arise as we continue to adapt to the many issues placed upon us by the ever changing 21st Century.

What's Going on at the Old Town Hall?

The Old Town Hall is undergoing a restoration of the archway leading to the lower level entrance and the steps to the main door which have deteriorated to the point that they were no longer safe. Construction is underway to make these repairs, but unfortunately production schedules for Brecksville Little Theater, Brecksville Theater on the Square and the City have been cancelled or relocated through January 1. **The City-sponsored Annual Children's Christmas Play will be held in the Gathering Room of the Human Services Center, 2 Community Drive.** We will be reproducing a show titled "NPBC presents.....Countdown to Santa's Journey," that was originally produced in 2007. This tradition dates back to 1971, and I appreciate our employees and their families participating in this annual event. The date and times of the shows are Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6 at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Reservations are suggested. There is no admission fee, although we ask for a non-perishable food donation for our Yuletide Hunger Program and Brecksville Pantry. The Annual Christmas Parade will be on Sunday, November 29. Step-off is at 4:00 pm from City Hall. The parade will conclude once it passes Public Square after which the Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place.

The Spirit of Christmas is Giving

Please support our Yuletide Hunger Program which benefits families from Brecksville, Broadview Heights, Independence and Seven Hills by donating non-perishable food items, gift cards or monetary donations. We thank the estate of long time City resident Wesley Flick who remembers the City's Yuletide Hunger Program with a donation directed to the City as part of his last will and testament. A leaf with Wesley Flick's name will be placed on the Honor Tree in the Human Services Center in honor of his spirit of giving.

Did Somebody Mention Winter?

Unfortunately with the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season soon to be upon us so are frigid temperatures and snow and ice. We ask our residents to again pay close attention to the weather forecasts and local news information regarding pending storms and street conditions. Add additional travel time knowing that driving conditions may be hazardous and require delays

in your trip to and from work or wherever you are traveling. Please do not plow, shovel or snow blow snow from your driveway or sidewalks into the street. Accidents have happened when motorists are driving on what they believe to be a clean roadway only to strike piles of snow placed in the roadway by those cleaning their driveways. You may be responsible for an incident that might happen as a result of snow pushed into the road from your driveway. We ask for your cooperation. We also remind you that care and concern for the elderly or neighbors with special needs during winter is important. Check on those neighbors, perhaps assist them in cleaning their walkways to their homes. Please help us this winter by paying attention to the snow parking ban and use caution when driving next to or behind one of our snow plows. For your own protection, we ask that you stay back from the snow plow so any debris and/or salt that is air born as a result of the snow plowing does not damage your vehicle or impede your vision. Remember, snow shoveling is not an easy task and our older residents should use caution.

School closings will be announced on the local media and also listed on our website. Please do not call the police emergency line seeking this information. Severe weather situations will cause the City to notify its residents of any critical information via our Code Red system.

The Future of the Blossom Property

On September 19 and 23, public hearings were held seeking input regarding the Blossom Hill Master Plan. Both public hearings were in City Council Chambers and we truly appreciate the responsiveness of our residents and their many comments. Brandstetter, the architectural firm, took the citizen's master plan and prepared the necessary drawings and documents and made the presentation to the public. Prepared notes from both public hearings appear on our website. We continue to seek public comments and ask our residents to continue to share their input. For example, is a water park at Blossom a more important feature to the community than enclosing the current Community Center outdoor pool and constructing a 365 day water park? The indoor Field House that is being proposed has a basketball and volleyball all purpose floor in one segment of the building and an artificial turf soccer, football multi-use surface in the other wing. What are your thoughts regarding having both facilities combined into one? Walking trails, dog park, additional baseball and soccer fields, pavilions – what are your thoughts? What are your recommendations? Continue to share them by emailing the City at info@brecksville.oh.us or by sending your emails directly to City officials (their emails are listed on the website.)

Income Tax Administrator Retires

Long time Income Tax Administrator Dan Andre has submitted his resignation and notice of retirement after serving over 30 years with the City. This part-time position is being advertised on our website and candidates with a financial and tax background interested in applying can do so by submitting their resume to the Mayor's Office. We thank Dan Andre for his outstanding service to the community. His demeanor in dealing with the public, his efficiency with the collection of income taxes and his ability to keep the City well advised regarding current and projected funds resulted in a continued month-to-month, year-to-year projection advisory that was an integral part of our financial planning and annual budget. City Council and the Administration will recognize him for his years of service.

And We're Losing Another Talented Good Friend

The City's Planning and Zoning Coordinator Neil Brennan, who also served on City Council for a number of years, is also retiring from his part-time duties guiding, directing and working closely with our Building Department and our Planning Commission. Neil, a Civil Engineer with decades of experience in planning, zoning and land development, was an outstanding resource and guide for our Administration, City Council, Planning Commission and Building Department. This position is also now open and advertised on our City website and in the *Help Wanted* box to the right. People wishing to apply need a background in Civil Engineering, planning, land development and must be able to review and interpret local planning and zoning codes and give advice to City Officials as well as prepare a planning packet to submit to the Planning Commission prior to their meetings.

It's Budget Time

The Administration and Finance Department are working together preparing the 2016 annual budget consisting of appropriations and expenditures. City Council and the Administration will be meeting to finalize the budget in preparation for legislation to be enacted in December. All Department Heads have been advised that their projected budget for 2016 should not exceed their budget from the year 2015 except to include a 1% raise in salaries. This 1% increase was earmarked for 2016 as negotiated and agreed to in the salary increase discussions for 2015 and 2016 that were conducted in late 2014. This annual budget process, per the City Charter, is the responsibility of the Finance Director, Director of Public Service and the Mayor and is submitted to City Council for adoption by legislation.

A Tradition Upheld

I want to thank our political candidates who elected not to post or display yard signs throughout our community. One only need to drive through surrounding communities to see the look created by political signage along our highways and in our residential areas. I sincerely thank our candidates for choosing not to advertise their candidacy in this manner. Some signs were displayed in our City right-of-way. They were removed, but signs that are placed in accordance with our Ordinance on private property are certainly permitted by law and we respect one's right to display a sign. That being said, most recognize the clutter effect and chose other means of presenting their candidacy. Again, thank you.

It's Been Four Years Already?!

Next year the Mayor's Inaugural Ball will be held on Saturday, January 16. Please mark the date if you plan to attend. It is a fun event, good food, music and dancing with a short program. The Inaugural Ball Committee is being assembled and work has begun. Please watch for further information. If you are interested in attending, call or email the Mayor's Office.

The Administration and each and every member of the City Family including City Council wish all of you a peaceful Thanksgiving and a very warm and heartfelt holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family! We ask that you continue your prayers for the men and women in our Armed Forces who continue to be in harms way protecting our Nation both here and abroad. May all the blessings of this holiday season be upon each and every one of you.

Jerry N. Hruby, *Mayor*

Help Wanted!

Planning and Zoning Coordinator - Building Department

The City of Brecksville is seeking an individual to fill the position of Planning and Zoning Coordinator. This is a part time hourly position which requires the individual to have independent judgment and initiative in order to ensure enforcement of Federal, State, and City building and zoning codes. The work is performed under the direction of the Chief Building Official and the Mayor/Safety Director. Tasks will include reviewing residential, commercial and industrial plans and permit applications as needed for compliance with applicable codes, create Planning Commission write-ups and agenda, attending Planning Commission Meetings and occasionally Board of Zoning Appeals and/or City Council meetings as required. This person also files County documentation, receives phone calls and responds to code or ordinance inquiries. Computer skills are required for writing letters, agendas and memorandums.

The successful candidate must possess a background in planning and zoning and possess a high school diploma, a valid Ohio driver's license and must pass a physical, drug testing and background check. Certainly a candidate with a degree from an accredited college consistent with planning and zoning would be advantageous to an applicant.

Please see the information below on submitting your resume.

Income Tax Administrator – Part Time

The City of Brecksville is seeking an individual to fill the position of Income Tax Administrator. This is a part-time professional, administrative position that is responsible for imposition and collection of the city's income tax using enforcement, investigation, and estimated assessments authority as provided in Chapter 1523 of the Brecksville Code of Ordinances. The work is performed under the direct supervision of the Mayor/Safety Director. Extensive leeway is granted for the exercise of independence and initiative. The Administrator makes recommendations to City Council and the Mayor for tax collection purposes and interacts frequently with the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA).

The successful candidate must possess an associate degree or higher in business administration, accounting, or a related field; must have a minimum of 3 to 5 years of experience in tax collection and administration; or an equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the required skills, knowledge and abilities.

Resumes for both Planning and Zoning Coordinator and Income Tax Administrator must be submitted to:

The Office of the Mayor
Brecksville City Hall
9069 Brecksville Road
Brecksville, OH 44141

or email to: information@brecksville.oh.us

Please include salary requirements.

Council Corner



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

As we near the end of 2015, 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 particular, 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 2016, please contact City Hall...we are always looking for more volunteers.

Shortly after Thanksgiving, the Administration, Finance Committee and City Council will be meeting to discuss and finalize our 2016 budget. The goal is to have a budget prepared and recommended to City Council prior to our last meeting in December.

We continue to meet and collaborate with Perspectus Architecture and Panzica Construction to finalize the design of the new Police Station and Mayor's Court facility. This design process was purposely slowed during the second half of 2015 as the City was able to acquire an adjoining parcel of land which will help in the layout of the building and we have been involved in discussions with other communities to potentially share services/amenities which would have an impact on our final building design and cost structure. We anticipate ground breaking in 2016 for this project. In addition, the redevelopment of the previous bus garage facility on Stadium Drive has been completed and in its place is the new Service Vehicle Garage/Horticulture Office building.

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in our Blossom Hill Master Plan Public Meetings in September. Both meetings were very well attended and the exchange of ideas was beneficial to all. We look forward to beginning the phased development of our additional recreational amenities at Blossom in the very near future.

Our City Leaf Collection Program ends November 27, see page 13. Please place your leaves close to the street but not in the street. 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 manner.

Happy Holidays to all!

Greg Skaljac, City Council President



STREETS & SIDEWALKS GERALD F. BROSKI

Various components of the 2015 Road Repair and Maintenance Program (concrete repairs, pavement striping, asphalt paving, crack filling, and partial depth repairs on Miller Road between I-77 and SR-21) are now complete. The Streets & Sidewalks Committee commends and thanks the Service Department for another excellent annual road program.

The City of Brecksville is applying to the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works for funding assistance in the total amount of \$734,756.80 for maintenance of county roadways within our city in the year 2016. The city has previously used county funds to improve Miller Road, Barr Road, Riverview Road and Snowville Road. County funds are only used for materials and milling – labor is supplied by the Service Department.

The Administration is currently working on the 2016 Road Program. A report and recommendations will be forthcoming soon to the Streets & Sidewalks Committee.

The Service Department is preparing its equipment for winter snow removal and salt application. The leaf collection program has begun. Residents are reminded not to put leaves in the street.



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS LOUIS N. CAROUSE, JR.

Buildings and Grounds remains busy even as the year nears its end. The Stadium Drive Service and Horticulture Building is complete. Prior to the City's occupation, Sona Construction made upgrades and repairs to the fuel tank system for a total of \$2,330.11 and new sensors for the Veeder-Root system for \$1,887.22, purchase of lockers from Rayhaven Group for \$4,460.00, an increase to Dimit Architects for final services of \$2,144.38 and purchase of light poles and fixtures from Gatto Supply for \$7,104.00.

The City has accepted the bid of Quality Masonry Co. for the Old Town Hall Front Porch and Stairway Stone Replacement Project. The repairs require the removal and rebuilding of the front entryway which are expected to be completed at the end of the year. The facility will not be open to the public during this time. Upgrades are being made to the Service Garage for the Air Quality System to Harstone Electric for \$88,725.00. City Architecture will do structural and plumbing engineering services for modifications to the Fire Station for \$16,200.00 and additional work on the Old Town Hall Cupola as part of the Front Porch and Stairway Stone Replacement Project. The Human Services Building will undergo a Sewage Piping Ejector Replacement from Diversified Piping and Mechanical for \$15,362.00. Upcoming Community Center repairs will be done by K&K Specialties for repairs and restoration of the folding partition doors in the Community Room and by Advanced Door to repair outdoor glasswork and doors.

The City Service Department will be constructing a new comfort station at the Blossom Hill complex near the pavilion. Materials will cost \$21,942.22. The City has received funds from a Works Grant to partially pay for the facility. The City will also advertise for bids for the sale of the apartment building at 7815 Chipewa Road which was acquired for unpaid taxes earlier this year. Work continues in negotiations for a Council of Governments for shared police services. This will help the City determine the needs in the design of the new Police Station. Enjoy the upcoming Holiday Season.



UTILITIES MICHAEL HARWOOD

We provide the following update of current project status for the 2015/2016 construction season.

Project Restoration Status:

- Dominion Gas Main Replacement: Brecksville Road, Whitewood Road, Pershing, and Fitzwater Road, main line installation is complete, restoration of impacted asphalt and landscaping areas is projected to be complete by end of year, weather dependent.
- Stadium Drive, seeding and restoration is complete.

Construction Projects Status:

- Old Quarry Pump Station Abandonment Project; project started mid-August with utility structures installed, asphalt/concrete installation underway. Projected construction completion of main line installation end of year and restoration to be completed late spring of 2016.

- Warblers Roost Storm Sewer Project; project started mid-August with utility and slope restoration work complete, landscape scope of work underway with touchup restoration to occur in spring of 2016.

Design Projects Status:

- Valley Brook Storm Sewer Improvement Project; project design has been completed and submitted to ODOT for review and approval. Anticipated construction start spring of 2016.
- Riverview Road Culvert Replacement Project, project has been issued for bid with anticipated construction start March of 2016.
- Riverview Road Stream Relocation Project, project has been issued for bid with anticipated construction start March of 2016.
- Park-n-Ride Improvements; design documents are complete, project to be bid February of 2016 for anticipated summer construction.
- Whitewood & Meadow Lane Aerial Sewer Repair Project. Design and construction of project scheduled for 2016 Season.
- 7467 Amber Lane Culvert Replacement Project.
- 10265 Glen Forest Storm Sewer Repair Project.

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



SAFETY - SERVICE NORA MURPHY

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

For the Fire Department

- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a Participation Protocol for implementation of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation's Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit in the City of Brecksville.
- An Ordinance authorizing the state contract purchase of a Lucas 2 Chest Compression System with accessories from Physio-Control, Inc. in the amount of \$13,654.40.
- A motion approving a blanket vendor purchase requisition in the amount of \$7,479.70 for rope rescue replacement equipment.
- A motion to approve a purchase requisition to Sutphen Corporation in the total amount of \$12,148.04 for the repairs of various components on the Tower #141 Fire Engine.
- A motion approving a Blanket Vendor Purchase Requisition in the amount of \$14,995.41 for various supplies and equipment for the Training Room Technology Project.

For the Police Department:

- A Resolution appointing Kyle C. Zayac as a part-time Dispatcher in the Brecksville Police Department.
- A Resolution appointing Nicholas J. Jereb as a part-time Jailer in the Brecksville Police Department.
- A motion approving a purchase requisition to Pro Armament in the amount of \$1,852.00 for the purchase of firearms.

For the Service Department:

- A motion approving a purchase requisition to Simplex Grinnell for the renewal of maintenance coverage for the fire alarm and sprinkler systems in the Community Center and Human Services Center buildings.
- A motion approving a purchase requisition in the amount of \$21,787.36 for carbide plow blades and curb guards for the upcoming winter season.

- A motion to approve a blanket vendor purchase requisition in the amount of \$11,737.0 for the purchase of 100 trees from various vendors.
- A motion approving an expenditure of \$5,269.00 for a Swenson Crossfire V-Box Salt Spreader.
- A motion approving an expenditure of \$3,790.00 for the replacement of pedestrian signals.
- A motion to increase the Blanket Purchase Order to Signal Service Company for the repair of traffic signals in the amount of \$5,000.00 which will be needed for the balance of the year.



FINANCE LAURA REDINGER

The Finance Committee is pleased to acknowledge that the City of Brecksville has again received a Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting from the State of Ohio for the 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Our city has received this award

for twenty-five consecutive years. City Council appreciates the hard work of the Mayor, the Finance Department, and all those involved in this wonderful achievement.

In December 2014, the State of Ohio General Assembly enacted House Bill No. 5 and mandated that municipal income tax codes be amended by January 1, 2016 such that any income or withholding tax is "levied in accordance with the provisions and limitations specified in Chapter 718 of the Ohio Revised Code." The Finance Committee is currently reviewing an ordinance that would amend Chapters 1501, 1503, 1505, 1507, 1509, 1511, 1513, 1517, 1519, 1521, 1523, 1525, 1527 and 1529 and enact Chapter 1531 of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Brecksville regarding income tax.

The end of the year is approaching quickly, and the Mayor and members of City Council will soon be meeting to discuss priorities and establish the capital budget for the year 2016.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season.



LEGISLATION KIM VERAS

On March 17, at the request of the Planning Commission, and after the third reading, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 4915 which provides for the submission to the electors of the City of Brecksville

the question of amending Section 1155.03(d) of the Planning and Zoning code to permit retail stores, and services as conditional uses permitted in historic buildings in the Office Building District. The ordinance related to the Breck House on Public Square, the only historic building in the downtown, zoned Office Building District, and was on the November 3rd ballot.

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.

Human Services

Personal Needs

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS — FREE

Every Monday from 9 to 11:50

Lower level in the Nurses Clinic at the Human Services Center

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 — FREE

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 — FREE

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. We especially need spaghetti and sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, canned soups and paper products. Please bring your donations to the Human Services Center at 2 Community Drive.

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 \$27 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 4. Our cars and wheelchair-equipped bus 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.

We're very sorry but the Human Services jet is down for service.

Cards and Games

Free for registered members

Canasta – Tuesdays from 1 to 4 and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:30

Dominoes – Thursdays from 1:15 to 4:30

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

Duplicate Bridge – Mondays and Fridays from 1:00 to 4. – Bring a partner or just bring yourself.

Bridge After Dark – Every Thursday from 7 to 9:50

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 to 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.

FREE BALANCE CLASS WITH DANA

Wednesday mornings from 10:45-11:15 am

Held in the large fitness studio. Regain your sense of balance and help prevent balance-related falls and injuries.

TAI CHI WITH KEN OWEN

Tai Chi for Arthritis - Wednesdays from 11:15 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.

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, knit, crochet, cross stitch, needlepoint or scrapbook. Make things for yourself or help us make items for hospice or the Yuletide Hunger program. 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 pm 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.

Low Income Snow Plowing for Seniors

The Department of Human Services 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. All residents who desire the service must apply regardless of whether you have qualified in the past.

Applications are available at the Human Services Center.

Proof of age and income is required. The only proof of income document acceptable is a letter from the Ohio Department of Development indicating household eligibility for the 2014-2015 or 2015 -2016 Home Energy Assistance Program, commonly referred to as HEAP.

There is a \$10 annual fee for the service.

Free Pizza and Bingo at the Human Services Center!

Thanks to the folks at Home Instead Senior Care and their partner agencies, there will be free pizza and Bingo for Brecksville residents at the Brecksville Human Services Center on the third Wednesday of each month starting at noon. The next scheduled days are Wednesday, November 18 and December 16.

Come on down and have some fun!

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

Cheers for our Drivers!

Bill Kovacs, Jon Akers, and Marcia Davis are three of our loyal drivers who take seniors to appointments.

And a huge thanks to **Helen and Ron Alplanalp, Sheelah and Pete Glovna** who drive for Meals on Wheels. Please volunteer by calling 526-2499.



"Annie"

Tuesday, January 12 from 6:15 to 11pm.

"Annie" is based on Harold Gray's popular comic strip Little Orphan Annie. Lyricist-director Martin Charnin bought a coffee table book called "The Life and Hard Times of Little Orphan Annie: as a Christmas gift for a friend in 1970. The clerk at the bookstore was too busy to wrap the book, so Charnin took the book home to wrap it. Instead, he read it and fell in love with the strip, and set out to secure the rights. The friend never got the book. Come see the Tony Award winning show and songs such as "It's the Hard Knock Life", "Easy Street" and of course "Tomorrow".. Leapin' Lizards! Don't miss this show. Cost: Residents \$55 and Non-residents \$65.

"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.

Dance for Folks with Parkinson's

There is a great dance class for people with Parkinson's in Brecksville. 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.

The next dates are November 14 and December 12.

For Your Information?

Human Services Holiday Hours

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

Human Services

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 12 from 9 until 11 at the old Blossom school at the rear of Brecksville's Blossom property at 4450 Oakes Road.

Restaurant and Mall Trips

November

| TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 10 Brecksville Errands | 11 Veterans' Day-Office Closed | 12 Brecksville Errands | 13 Beachwood Mall |
| 17 Brecksville Errands | 18 Momo Kebab-Cleveland Hts. | 19 Brecksville Errands | 20 Great Northern Mall |
| 24 Brecksville Errands | 25 No Lunch Trip | 26 Thanksgiving Day-Office Closed | 27 No Mall Trip |

December

| TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 8 Brecksville Errands | 9 Demonic's-Independence | 10 Brecksville Errands | 11 Crocker Park |
| 15 Brecksville Errands | 16 Blue Canyon-Twinsburg | 17 Brecksville Errands | 18 Pleasant Valley |
| 22 Brecksville Errands | 23 No Lunch Trip | 24 Brecksville Errands | 25 No Mall Trip |
| 29 Brecksville Errands | 30 No Lunch Trip | 31 Brecksville Errands | Happy New Year!!! |

Help With Medicare Plans

At press time plans were being made to help residents with Medicare open enrollment which ends December 7.

Medicare health and drug plans can make changes each year - things like cost, coverage and what providers and pharmacies are in their networks.

The Human Services Center will have specialists on hand to give one-on-one advice.

Please call the Center at 526-2499 to learn the date and make an appointment.

Every **FEAST & FLICK** Thursday

What's On The Menu!

November

12 Kitchen closed. Veteran's Day Week!

19 Thanksgiving Lunch. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, dinner roll, marshmallow cranberry salad, pumpkin pie.

♥ Double Indemnity

26 Kitchen closed. Happy Thanksgiving!

December

3 Swedish meatballs, noodles, broccoli, dinner roll, jellied cranberry, orange, apple salad, pumpkin cheesecake.

♥ Christmas in July

10 Free! Sponsored by Nosek-McCreery Funeral Home, Chicken Parmesan, penne pasta, Italian green beans, garlic bread, salad, cannoli.

♥ Bush Christmas

17 Christmas Party!! Roast pork loin, apple-cranberry stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetable, dinner roll, spinach salad, holiday dessert.

♥ The Christmas Candle

24 Kitchen closed. Merry Christmas!

31 Kitchen closed. Happy New Year!!

Lunches begin at Noon. The cost is \$7 per resident. Non-residents \$9 per person. Non-residents must be a guest of a resident, one guest per resident.

Yuletide Hunger Program Needs Volunteers

Got a strong back? The Yuletide Hunger Program needs volunteers to lift heavy boxes of food for recipients during the week of December 7 and especially on distribution day which is Saturday morning, December 12. If you can help please call 440-526-2499.

The Yuletide Hunger Program provides food for those in need in Brecksville, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills and Independence.

THERAPY POOL SCHEDULE

| Monday | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 9:00-10:00 | Liquid Strength |
| 10:00-11:00 | Arthritis Class |
| 6:30-7:30 | Nora's Water Exercise |
| 8:30-9:00 11:00-6:30 7:30-8:00 | Doctor Approved Self-Directed Therapy |
| Tuesday | |
| 9:00-10:00 | Sculpt and Splash |
| 1:00-4:00 | Sport and Spine PT |
| 8:30-9:00 10:00-1:00 4:00-8:00 | Doctor Approved Self-Directed Therapy |
| Wednesday | |
| 9:00-10:00 | Liquid Strength |
| 10:00-11:00 | Arthritis Class |
| 6:30-7:30 | Nora's Water Exercise |
| 12:00-12:30 | Learn to Swim (Pool Closed) |
| 8:30-9:00 12:30-6:30 7:30-8:00 | Doctor Approved Self-Directed Therapy |
| Thursday | |
| 9:00-10:00 | Sculpt and Splash |
| 12:00-4:00 | Sport and Spine PT |
| 6:30-7:30 | Learn to Swim (Pool Closed) |
| 8:30-9:00 10:00-12:00 4:00-6:30 7:30-8:00 | Doctor Approved Self-Directed Therapy |
| Friday | |
| 9:00-10:00 | Liquid Strength |
| 10:00-11:00 | Arthritis Class |
| 8:30-9:00 11:00-4:50 | Doctor Approved Self-Directed Therapy |
| Saturday | |
| 9:00-12:00 | Doctor Approved Self-Directed Therapy |
| 12:00-1:00 | Learn to Swim (Pool Closed) |
| Sunday (pool is closed) | |

Tuesday Brunch

November

10 Kitchen closed. Veteran's Day Week!

17 Scrambled eggs, bacon, red skin potatoes, croissant, cranberry-apple bake.

24 Kitchen closed.

December

1 Scrambled eggs, sausage, fried potatoes, English muffin, mixed fruit.

8 Scrambled eggs, bacon, potato triangle, mixed fruit, croissant.

15 Scrambled eggs, sausage, French toast sticks, mixed fruit

22 Kitchen closed.

29 Kitchen closed.

Brunch is 9 am - 10:30 am. Cost is \$5 per person, all ages are welcome!

Holiday Events

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 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 Annual Children's Christmas Play on Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6 at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

This year the play *NPBC Countdown to Santa's Journey* is a repeat of the 2007 Christmas play and will be held at the Brecksville Human Services Center in the Gathering Room. The location was moved this year due to construction at Old Town Hall.

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 Program

Now in its 33rd year the Yuletide Hunger Program has been reaching out to those who are less fortunate.

The program began in 1983 following the death of Brecksville resident Rusty Mansbery. Rusty's brother Dave wanted to thank his community for the outpouring of help and concern for his family during Rusty's illness and he wanted to do so in a meaningful way. And so Dave created the Yuletide Hunger Program.

Preparations are underway for the Yuletide Hunger Program as the cities of Brecksville, Broadview Heights, Independence and Seven Hills and the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District are collecting food and monetary donations through December 4.

The food will be sorted and packed at the Blossom facility.

Please bring non-perishable food to the Human Services Center in any of the four participating cities or send it to school with your young people. Volunteers are needed including some strong backs! Please call 440-526-2499 if you can help.

Last year more than 135 families were served.

Breakfast With Santa

Monday December 21

Brecksville Community Center

Breakfast with Santa will be served buffet style at 8:45am and 10:45am; Santa will arrive at approximately 9:15 and 11:15am to read a story to the children which will be followed by an opportunity for each child to visit with Santa for a photo opportunity. Two Seatings 8:45am-10:00am & 10:45am-noon. Cost: Adults \$10, Children 1-16 \$8 Under 1 Free. Call 546-2300 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 29. 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.

The methodist church will have refreshments.

North Pole Connection... Santa's Calling

Our telephone lines will be hooked up to the North Pole on December 15 and 16 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 5th

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 18th through the 23rd. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be chosen between 5:30am and 10am on Thursday, December 24. Winners will be announced at 11 am. No fees for submissions. Entries may be picked up between starting at 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 with children in need. Your family, or perhaps a group of people who work together, worship together or volunteer together, can make Christmas brighter for children in Brecksville, Broadview Heights, Independence and Seven Hills. Once again this year instead of directly purchasing 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 Brecksville Human Services Center at 440-526-2499. That's the number for donors in any of the four communities.

The gift cards will be due on December 7.

Kiwanis Santa Delivery

Santa Delivery is from 2 pm to 7 pm on Sunday, December 20, 2015.

Families can drop off packages at Chippewa Place on December 16 from 12-5pm, December 17 from 12-5 pm, December 18 from 12-7 pm and December 19 from 9 am till noon.

More information will be available at www.breckvillekiwanis.org or on our Facebook page Brecksville Kiwanis.

Safety & Service

Winter Safety Precautions for Seniors

Frigid temperatures are as harmful to seniors as heat waves in summer. Follow these guidelines and precautions to winter proof senior homes and safeguard health.

When outside:

Dress warmly in loose fitting clothes, layering when possible. Favor mittens over gloves as fingers generate warmth as they rub against each other. During cold weather always wear a head cover, as 30-50% of body heat is lost through the head. A scarf or mouth covering will help to protect lungs against cold air.

Frostbite and hypothermia are two of the biggest dangers that face seniors. Most susceptible body parts are fingers, toes, ear lobes and noses. Symptoms of frostbite include numbness and a white cast to the skin in the affected area. Warm body parts quickly, but be careful not to scald.

Keep hydrated. Many find it difficult to drink adequate liquid when it's colder, but seniors are more susceptible to dehydration than younger people. As in warmer weather, try to drink 6-8 glasses of water a day.

If forced to shovel snow, try to take frequent breaks. The exercise, combined with colder temperatures adds more strain to the heart. Every winter, people succumb to heart attacks while shoveling snow, so listen to your body. If you're tired, rest!

Make sure shoes have a good rubber tread to avoid slips and falls. A broken hip or leg can be a devastating injury to a senior. If canes and walkers are utilized, make sure rubber tips are in good condition.

Inside:

Keep thermostat set at least 65 degrees to prevent hypothermia. Inexpensive plastic sheeting over windows will help insulate the home. These window-covering kits are available at Wal-Mart and Target as well as most hardware stores.

Make sure smoke detectors are in good working order and replace used batteries with fresh ones. For seniors who utilize fuel-burning heaters, fireplaces and appliances, be on the safe side and purchase carbon monoxide detectors. Remember, carbon monoxide is colorless and odorless.

It's best for seniors to stay indoors as much as possible in cold winter conditions. The most common signs and symptoms of hypothermia are: uncontrolled shiver, slow or slurred speech, a sense of exhaustion, stumbling, memory loss, drowsiness, disorientation. If you or someone you know is experiencing these signs, get medical help immediately, but if that's not possible, try to warm the victim gradually, help them change into warm, dry clothing and then cover with a blanket, making sure to cover the head and neck as well. Hypothermia can develop in days or weeks, so keep an eye on loved ones.

Finally, ensure that you or a loved one is fully stocked with medications, medicines, food and water, in addition to making sure they have adequate heat.

Following these winter precautions will help ensure that you and your loved ones stay as comfortable and healthy during the winter season as possible.

Did You Know There Are Two Types of Smoke Alarms?

By ABC NEWS via GOOD MORNING AMERICA, May 29, 2014

When people buy smoke alarms, they may not know that there are two types on the market: the ionization alarm, which is generally faster to detect blazing fires, and photoelectric, which is generally quicker to detect smoldering fires. Ninety percent of homes have only ionization alarms, and they may not be providing all the protection people need.

In 2005, a house fire broke out near Miami University of Ohio. Eleven students were sleeping when a smoldering fire broke out. Eight survived. There were 17 ionization smoke detectors in the house, the landlord was obviously concerned for safety, but did not know there were two types of smoke alarms.

The Northeastern Ohio Fire Prevention Association conducted a demonstration of six new alarms from two leading manufacturers. Two alarms were ionization, two were photoelectric and two were combination alarms that use both technologies.

The alarms were mounted in a hallway of a Mayfield Village, Ohio, house that was slated for demolition, and nine cameras were placed to capture all angles. Two firefighters were inside the house.

The first was a contained, fast, blazing fire. The ionization alarms went off after just 45 seconds. One of the photoelectric alarms went off after four minutes, and the other went off after five minutes.

It was very different in the smoldering fire.

Investigators started its timer at the first sign of smoke. The first alarm to sound was the photoelectric alarm, and it went off at 12 minutes and 15 seconds after the first sign of smoke.

Ninety seconds after that, another photoelectric alarm sounded. At this point, the firefighters said visibility was still good.

At 22 minutes and 49 minutes, the dual alarms went off, but the ionization alarms had yet to sound.

At that point, visibility was minimal and conditions were life-threatening.

After one hour and 10 minutes, the fire chief deemed the house unsafe for firefighters and aborted the demonstration.

A 2004 government study found similar results. **Photoelectric alarms sounded 30 minutes earlier than ionization ones in a smoldering fire.** It also found that ionization detectors sometimes failed to sound their alarms at all.

For the full story and video go to <http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/lifestyle/2014/05/gma-investigates-will-your-smoke-detector-respond-fast-enough/>

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 27.

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 Update

Everyone should have NOPEC-NextEra Energy's variable rate for your natural gas service. The variable rate is \$2.63 on your October bill and it will be \$2.56 on your November bill. Those are the lowest rates out there. The latest futures prices indicate that rates for January and February won't go higher than \$2.75. That of course can change.

To get NOPEC's variable rate or to check to see if you have it, call NOPEC at 1-855-667-3201.

Ignore offers by phone, by mail or at the door. They are all higher than NOPEC's variable rate.

What's on the City Calendar

November

- 11** Veteran's Day! City offices closed
- 17** City Council 8 pm
- 26** Happy Thanksgiving!
- 27** Last Day of Leaf Collection
- 29** Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting 4 pm

December

- 1** City Council 8 pm
- 3** Planning Commission 7 pm
- 5-6** Annual Children's Christmas Play at the Human Services Center
- 7** Board of Zoning Appeals 8 pm
Recreation Commission
Pearl Harbor Day
- 15** Santa's Calling 6-8pm

16

 Santa's Calling 6-8pm

24 City Offices Open
Community Ctr. 5:30am-noon
Human Services Center 8:30am-noon

25 Merry Christmas!
City Offices Closed

31 City Offices Open
Community Ctr. 5:30am-noon
Human Services Center 8:30am-noon

All meetings are at City Hall unless noted otherwise.

Around Town

The BBHHS Marching Band Annual Citrus Sale

Oranges pave the way to Disney!

Marching Bees, such as Madison Rodriguez and Julia Feder, are excited to start the band's annual citrus sale. The funds they raise help to pay their way to the Magic Kingdom where the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Band marches in the Disney Parade! Now through November 21st this storm of bees is looking for your orders! Delicious Florida oranges and grapefruit can be ordered from any band member or placed online with the following link: www.floridaindianrivergroves.com/shopnow.asp?id=983582

This year, customers also have the option to purchase and donate a box of citrus to a food pantry in our community. Email bhbandcitrus@gmail.com for more information on donations.

City Offices Holiday Hours

City offices, facilities and the Service Department will be closed in observance of Veterans' Day on Wednesday, November 11 and Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26.

The City will be closed on Friday, December 25 in observance of Christmas Day, and Friday, 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mayor Hruby's Inaugural Ball

Saturday, January 16
Carrie Cerino's

Call City Hall for more details or online at <http://www.brecksville.oh.us>

Brecksville Little Theatre presents...

For Sentimental Reasons

A Musical Revue
Saturday, November 21 at 8pm
Tickets \$20

Join us for an evening of sing-a-long music and merriment. Starring Mia Hess and Al Klesh. Musical direction by Leo Spishak and Percussion by Marty Hess. Featuring a surprise guest performer.

A benefit for BLT youth theater. 50/50 Raffle to benefit Brecksville Pantry.

Refreshments will be served

Brecksville Human Services Center

Call for reservations at 526-4477.



Check Out These Membership Drive Freebies!

Sign up for a 2016 Membership to the Community Center in the month of December. Get a \$10 gift certificate to be used on a fitness unlimited pass only. One 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...buy a 30 minute nutritional consultation with Kerry Fairchild, RDN, LD, and get a 30 minute follow-up free (\$30 value). Only 1 consultation per household.

Both the consultation and training session are to be used by March 31, 2016.

Expires March 31, 2016.

Community Center

New Class!
Fitness Frenzy
Monday's at 4:30pm

Fitness Schedule

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|----------|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| 5:45 am | | Yoga- Liz | | | Yoga - Liz | | |
| 6:05 am | Spinning® - Belinda Cross Train Challenge - Rhonda | Spinning® - Rhonda | Spin & Strength - Rhonda | Spinning® - Rhonda | Spinning® - Belinda Cross Train Challenge - Rhonda | | |
| 7:30 am | | | Yoga - Denise* | | | | |
| 8:05 am | | Yoga Balance - Dana | | Yoga Therapeutics - Dana | | Spinning® - Kristin Super Sculpt- Rhonda | |
| 8:15 am | | | | | Vinyasa Flow Yoga - Joyce | | |
| 8:30 am | Spinning® - Laura | Spinning® - Erin | Spinning® - Erin | | | | |
| 9:00 am | | | | | | jazzercise | |
| 9:15 am | Yoga - Denise* | | | | | | |
| 9:30 am | Body Blast- Joyce | Yoga - Liz Cardio Sculpt - Chris | Slow Flow Yoga - Dana Spin & Strength - Lori J | Power Yoga - Joyce Spin & Strength - Laura | Spinning® - Laura Body Blast - Joyce | Spinning® - Lori | |
| 10:15 am | | | | | | | Power Yoga - Liz Spinning® - Shelby |
| 10:45 am | FREE Armchair Senior Yoga- Joyce | FREE Armchair Workout - Charlie | FREE Balance Class - Charlie | FREE Armchair Workout - Charlie | FREE Armchair Senior Yoga - Joyce | | |
| 11:15 am | | | Free Tai Chi - Ken | | | | |
| NOON | Spinning® - Rhonda/Erin | Cross Train Challenge- Rhonda | Barre - Charlie | Track & Weights - Rhonda | Spinning® - Rhonda/Erin | | |
| 4:30 pm | Spinning® - Lori Fitness Frenzy - Brandy | No Limits Circuit - Lori | Spinning® - Kristin | No Limits Circuit - Lori | | | |
| 5:00 pm | Yoga Basics - Dana | | | | | | |
| 6:00 pm | | Zumba - Gina | | Zumba - Ann Marie | | | |
| 6:30 pm | Yoga - Dana Spinning® & Core - Monika | Spinning® - Belinda | Spinning® - Brittany | Spinning® - Tracy | | | |
| 7:00 pm | jazzercise | jazzercise | jazzercise | jazzercise | | | |
| 7:15 pm | | Yoga & Meditation - Linda | | | | | |

Holiday Spinning Hours

Dec. 24 and December 31

Spinning ONLY

6:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

Taekwondo

Session 6: In progress through December 19

Join us at Brecksville Community Center for an ultimate fitness and self-discipline experience! Combining combat and self-defense along with sport and exercise, as well as incorporating listening and coordination skills, Tae Kwon Do is an excellent way to maintain physical health while also learning how to develop focus and self-control. Our Tae Kwon Do program offers training to kids and adults ages 4 and up.

Tiny Tigers Taekwondo (Beginner Class)

(Boys and Girls ages 4-6)

The Tiny Tiger program is a specialized program for children 4 thru 6 years of age. The program is geared to develop: Listening and Awareness Skills, Attention Span and Coordination Skills.

Saturdays 9:00-9:30 am

Cost \$20.00 BCC Members, \$25.00 Brecksville Residents, \$35 Non-residents

Advanced Tiny Tigers Taekwondo

(Boys and Girls ages 4-6)

The Advanced Tiny Tigers Program is a specialized program for children 4-6 years of age whom have taken the introductory Tiny Tigers Taekwondo class. The program is geared to further develop: Listening and Awareness Skills, Attention Span and Coordination Skills.

Tuesdays 5:30-6:00 pm & Saturdays 9:30-10:00 am

Cost \$40.00 BCC Members and \$50.00 Brecksville Residents, \$60 Non-residents

Karate for Kids (White, Orange and Yellow Belts)

(Boys and Girls ages 7-12)

The Taekwondo for Kids program is faster paced than the Tiny Tigers program. It shares some of the same goals, as well as introducing the concepts of integrity, perseverance, discipline, honesty, respect, self-control, leadership, self-confidence and self-esteem. These building blocks are intended to develop a more complete person.

Thursdays 6:30-7:00pm & Saturdays 10:00-10:30am

Cost \$60.00 BCC Members and \$70.00 Brecksville Residents, \$70 Non-residents

Additional classes are available for higher rank students

Taekwondo for Adults and Teens

(Ages 13 and up)

Taekwondo for Adults and Teens focuses on teaching martial arts techniques such as kicks, strikes, blocks and self-defense. It also stresses the foundations of positive mental attitudes and high goal setting.

Wednesdays 8:15-9:00pm & Thursdays 8:15-9:00pm & Saturdays 12:15-1:00pm

Cost \$80.00 BCC Members and \$90.00 Brecksville Residents, \$100 Non-residents

For more information contact the Brecksville Community Center at 546-2300 or stop by the community center to register!

Community Center

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 # |
|----------|------------|---------------|------------|
| 1/6-2/24 | Wednesday* | 12:00-12:30pm | N/A |
| 1/7-2/25 | Thursday | 7:30- 8:00pm | N/A |
| 1/9-2/27 | Saturday | 12:30-1:00pm | N/A |

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

* hybrid

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 # |
|----------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1/6-2/24 | Wednesday* | 12:00-12:30pm | N/A |
| 1/7-2/25 | Thursday | 7:00p - 7:30pm | N/A |
| 1/9-2/27 | Saturday | 12:00 - 12:30pm | N/A |

* hybrid

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 & II

This class is designed for children 3-1/2 and 5 years of age. Please refer to the website for more information. www.brecksville.oh.us/departments/recreation.

| Dates | Day | Time | Activity # |
|----------|----------|---------------|------------|
| 1/7-2/25 | Thursday | 6:10 - 6:45pm | 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

Third child discounts apply to Brecksville & Broadview Hts. residents, regardless of membership status, with 3 or more children participating in the same activity type during the same session who register at the same time. The third child and up will receive a 66% discount.

Learn to Swim Levels 1-6

Location Brecksville Community Center

Levels 1

| Dates | Day | Time | Activity # |
|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| 1/7-2/25 | Thursdays | 5:10-6:00pm | N/A |

Levels 2

| Dates | Day | Time | Activity # |
|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| 1/7-2/25 | Thursdays | 5:10-6:00pm | N/A |

Levels 3

| Dates | Day | Time | Activity # |
|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| 1/7-2/25 | Thursdays | 5:10-6:00pm | N/A |
| 1/7-2/25 | Thursdays | 6:10-7:00pm | N/A |

Levels 4

| Dates | Day | Time | Activity # |
|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| 1/7-2/25 | Thursdays | 5:10-6:00pm | N/A |
| 1/7-2/25 | Thursdays | 6:10-7:00pm | N/A |

Levels 5

| Dates | Day | Time | Activity # |
|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| 1/7-2/25 | Thursdays | 5:10-6:00pm | N/A |
| 1/7-2/25 | Thursdays | 6:10-7:00pm | N/A |

Levels 6.1

| Dates | Day | Time | Activity # |
|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| 1/7-2/25 | Thursdays | 5:10-6:00pm | N/A |
| 1/7-2/25 | Thursdays | 6:10-7:00pm | N/A |

Fees: Community Center Member 45.00

Brecksville-Broadview Hts. Resident 55.00

Non-Resident 65.00



Age: 3 months - 5 years

Monday's 10am -1pm & Thursday's 11am-2pm

Looking for a fun and exciting daytime activity to do with your child?

Then drop in to our swim time! We provide water toys, games and approved

life jackets in the pool. Swim time can help your child develop a comfort level in the water.

FREE for BCC members

\$2 per family for residents

\$4 per family for non-residents

There is no swim time when the schools are not in session.

Lifeguard Training

Ages 15 & up

| Dates | Days | Times |
|-------------|----------------|----------|
| 12/21-12/30 | Mon, Tues, Wed | 10am-4pm |

Registration In progress for residents and December 8 for non-Residents.

Cost \$220 Brecksville Community Center Members and \$235 for Brecksville Residents.

Lifeguards protect their community by preventing, recognizing, and responding to water-related emergencies. In order to get a job at most facilities, you need to become certified, and most employers look for American Red Cross Certification. Obtain your 2-year certification by taking a Lifeguarding course from the American Red Cross*. Courses take as little as 24 hours and emphasize hands-on training, supported by classroom instruction.

5 Reasons to be a Lifeguard

1. Learn to save lives in and out of the water
2. Develop your leadership, communication and teaching skills
3. Build your resume
4. Earn money
5. Stay in great physical condition

Prerequisites

- Must be at least 15 years old by the last day of class
- Swim 300 yards continuously, demonstrating breath control and rhythmic breathing.
- Tread water for 2 minutes using only the legs.
- Complete a timed event within 1 minute, 40 seconds.
- Starting in the water, swim 20 yards.
- Surface dive, feet-first or head-first, to a depth of 7 to 10 feet to retrieve a 10-pound object.
- Surface and swim 20 yards on back, with both hands holding the object.
- Exit the water without using a ladder or steps.

If you are unsure of your ability to pass the prerequisites, please call Erin at 546-2318 to schedule time to complete them. We are unable to provide a refund (only credits given) if you do not pass prerequisite skills.

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 # |
|----------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 1/4-2/29 | Mondays | 6:00-7:30pm | N/A |
| 1/6-2/24 | Wednesdays | 6:00-7:30pm | N/A |

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

For Your Information?

The Community Center Holiday Hours

Wednesday, Nov. 11, Veterans' Day Observance 10am-5pm

Thursday, Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day, Closed

Thursday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, Open 5:30-Noon

Friday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day, Closed

Thursday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, Open 5:30-Noon

Friday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day, Closed

Did You Know...We Offer Private Swim Lessons!

Private swim lessons are available at the Brecksville Community Center for anyone 3 years and older. Private lessons are taught by American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors.

Private swim lessons (1 on 1) and semi-private lessons (2 on 1) may be requested through the aquatics department by filling out the "Request for Private Lesson" form. Lessons are limited to the availability of staff, the preferred days and times of the student, and also the open swim schedule. Private swim lessons are more likely to take place in the summer and during times of the year when we have the most staff available. Requests are not guaranteed to be picked up by an instructor. You should not purchase a private swim lesson package until an instructor has contacted you and a class has been scheduled.

Semi-private lessons are available for two children with the same swimming skills. Both participants must attend each lesson together. If one student does not show up for a class, either the class will be cancelled or an additional

class will be deducted from the student taking the lesson. The Brecksville Community Center staff does not organize students for a semi-private lesson.

Non-members are not permitted to use the pool or other areas of the facility before or after the lesson unless signed in as a guest and the guest fee is paid.

A no call and no show will result in a class being deducted from your pass.

The following prices are for six – 30 minutes classes.

| Private Lessons | Semi-Private Lessons |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Member\$102 | \$66 per student |
| Resident (includes B Hts.)\$120 | \$81 per student |
| Non-Resident\$160 | \$96 per student |

Community Center

Boys and Girls Basketball

Grades

3rd & 4th Grade Boys Basketball (9-10 years)

3rd & 4th Grade Girls Basketball (9-10 years)

5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball (11-12 years)

5th & 6th Grade Girls Basketball (11-12 years)

7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball (13-14 years)

7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball (13-14 years)

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

The Brecksville Recreation Youth Basketball program is a recreational league stressing skill development, team work and fun. Practices are held once a week beginning in November with games being played on Saturdays starting 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 a neighboring city recreation center.

Youth Wrestling

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 |

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

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. The children are divided by their age and ability and practice on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the Brecksville-Broadview Hts. High School Wrestling Room. Meets are held on Sundays at the Strongsville High School and allow kids to compete against other wrestlers in their own weight and ability class. Practices begin in November and run through March. Please call Pete Kormos at 440-546-2300 for more information.

Gym Time

| Dates | Days | Time |
|----------------|-------|------------------|
| through Spring | M/W/F | 10:30 am-1:30 pm |

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-Tuesday, December 22

"Deck the Halls", holiday crafts and activities

Day Two-Wednesday, December 23

"Jolly Jingles", games and crafts

Day Three- Tuesday, December 29

"Holiday Cheers", crafts and activities

Day Four- Wednesday, December 30

"New Years Toast", New Year's Party, 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.

NYSCA Basketball Coach's Clinic

This clinic is for anyone interested in coaching Brecksville Youth Basketball for the 2015-2016 season who is not already certified by the NYSCA. 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.

Sunday November 15 from 5-9 pm

Location Brecksville Community Center

Registration: In progress through November 8

Cost Please bring a check for \$20.00 payable to the NYSCA

Class Size: 4-10

Please call Pete Kormos for more information, 440-546-2007.

Shop with a Cop

The eighteenth 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 \$150 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 12, the last day to purchase raffle tickets is December 7. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and 6 for \$5. To obtain tickets or for more information contact Ptlm. John Chrisopulos and Chief Bill Goodrich at the Brecksville Police Department at 526-8900.

Join Our Christmas Parade Sunday, November 29

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 20. Step-off will be at 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 29.

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 the announcement of your entry when you are 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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Brecksville Branch 526-1102

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.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

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Center526-1012

Brecksville Service Department

.526-1384

Brecksville-Broadview Heights

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.(216) 642-1373

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.526-0900

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