

Bulletin

A CITIZEN'S UPDATE FROM THE CITY OF BRECKSVILLE

Mayor Hruby to Deliver the State of the City Address

Brecksville Mayor Jerry N. Hruby will review the City's 2011 highlights and accomplishments and detail plans for 2012 when he delivers his annual State of the City Address on Wednesday, February 22.

Part of the Mayor's speech will center on the closing of the Veterans Administration Hospital and the impact that will have on the City plus future plans for the property.

The Brecksville Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the event at the Brecksville Human Services Center. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

At 7:00 pm the program will begin with the presentation of the Chamber's annual Citizen of the Year Award and the Business of the Year Award.

Following the presentations Mayor Hruby will deliver his address which will include a question and answer session.

2012 Inaugural Ball

Put on your dancing shoes!

The Brecksville Inaugural Ball Committee is wrapping up preparations for a big celebration party that only happens every four years as we honor Mayor Jerry N. Hruby and City Council. This special event is Saturday, January 21 at Carrie Cerino's on Ridge Road in North Royalton. Cocktails are at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm, followed by the inaugural program. Then the party continues with music and dancing with the group, Aretifex.

And, that's not all; one of the annual crowd pleaser groups at Home Days, The Edsels, (yes, the original Edsels) will do a show at 10 pm.

Tickets were nearly sold out at press time because the Inaugural Ball is historically the hottest ticket in town. The cost is \$80 per person. Call City Hall at 526-4351 for ticket availability.

Mayor Hruby begins 25th Year in Office



Mayor Hruby takes his oath of office from the Honorable Pamela A. Barker, Judge of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. Pictured with the Mayor is his wife Patty and daughter Anna.

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mayor's message



City Council and the Administration began this year on the evening of January 2nd with the Oath of Office being administered to the Mayor and City Council Members

Mike Harwood, Laura Redinger, Gerald Broski and Lou Carouse by Brecksville resident and a Judge of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, Pamela A. Barker. These officials were elected in November. Thereafter, as our City Charter mandates, the City Council Organizational Meeting was held during which City Council elected Greg Skaljac and Mike Harwood its President and Vice President respectively. Council also adopted legislation confirming their appointments, and that of the Mayor, to various Boards and Commissions of the City. We thank all who have agreed to serve this city government by assuming the responsibilities that have and will be placed before them. See the list of appointments in this Bulletin.

Highlighting City Council Leadership, Present and Past

On behalf of the Administration I look forward to, as do all Department Heads, working with City Council in this next term led by what I have referred to as the "next generation of leadership" for Council and the City. Greg Skaljac and Mike Harwood have clearly demonstrated their leadership abilities; Greg as immediate past Vice President of Council and Mike as Chairman of the Utilities Committee. The Utilities Committee has overseen many major projects and has planned or begun many others, but none more challenging than storm water and sanitary related matters facing our community with the record amount of rainfall in 2011. Council President Skaljac was mentored by out going Council President Larry Potla and as Finance Committee Chairman, Greg provided the leadership in working with the Administration facing the challenging economic conditions facing communities throughout the region and nation. Council and I acknowledged the very dedicated service of Larry Potla as he was honored at the final regular meeting of City Council in 2011.

The Holidays are Over Already?!

Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas holiday seasonal events. We certainly enjoyed the various festivities and the decorations throughout the City. Our Chamber of Commerce and Beautification Committee were instrumental in promoting and decorating our beautiful City. Our appreciation goes to our Service Department which decorated our city properties and facilities aided by the Beautification Committee volunteers. Thank you to those businesses and residential owners who added their magical touch to their properties.

The City calendar should have arrived at your homes. If you did not receive one, please call City Hall. We hope you find the information regarding City services helpful. Please feel free to share your thoughts about this year's calendar. Thank you Jinny Farr for the design of this year's edition dedicated to the Bicentennial Year 2011.

It's Time to Celebrate Once More

Coming up is the Inaugural Ball honoring City Council and the Mayor to be held on January 21 at Carrie Cerino's Ristorante & Party Center in North Royalton. Ticket sales and corporate sponsorships are progressing, so much so that the event may be sold out by the time you read this. If you are interested in attending, please call City Hall and check if tickets remain. My thanks to Margaret DeWolf, Chairperson of the Committee and members Becki Burlingham, Ellen Weiss, Ann Hamski, Dianne Hutchison, Laura Ciresi, Jinny Farr, Jeanie Travaglianti, Debbie Harwood, Dan Jenks, Debbie Jenks and Bonnie Longo.

City Staffing

The City has continued its hiring freeze after we established a "critical number of employees" necessary to perform the functions and services facing the City each day. With the recent retirement of Patrolman Joe Grzelak after 34 years of dedicated service to our community, we find the need to replace this position and prepare one or two additional patrolmen for service in anticipation of other retirements within the

Police Department. Therefore Civil Service, which just enabled us the ability to hire two police dispatchers, is in the process of preparing a certified list of Patrolman candidates so that we are able to appoint additional police officers. We welcome Sharon Vasickanin and Chester J. Ashton who were appointed as dispatchers for the Police Department. We thanked Joe Grzelak by honoring him at a recent City Council meeting. Best wishes to Joe for a happy and healthy retirement. We also found it necessary to add to the complement of part time Fire Fighters/EMT/Paramedics and added Sergio I. DiGeronimo, Jr. who just graduated from Akron University and is now attending Paramedic School as a Part Time Fire Fighter/EMT. We also added Jason D. Kaye as a part-time Firefighter Paramedic. These fine young men will add much to the department with their talents and dedicated service.

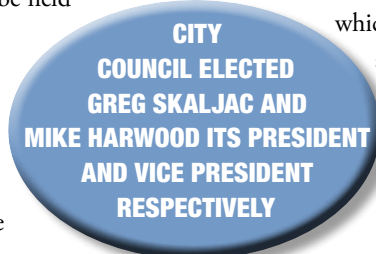
Please Attend One of My Two Annual Reports to Our Residents

I hope you will attend one or both of my two addresses to residents coming up in February. My annual "Conversation with the Mayor," which is designed for our older and disabled residents will be Tuesday, February 21 at 2:00 pm at the Human Services Center. Please call 526-2499 if you need transportation.

And my State of the City Speech, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce will be in the Gathering Room of the Human Services Center on Wednesday evening, February 22. There will be a social hour beginning at 6, followed by the Chamber's presentation of their Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year awards and then my address. Hope to see you there.

The Rain, the Park and Other Things

This year we experienced record rain fall in our area. Riverview Road south of Rt. 82 was one of the areas most problematic during each major rain fall causing threat to life and property. Road closings and debris requiring clean up after flooding subsided, were of constant concern. We have completed and submitted an application to the 2012 Public Lands Highway



Discretionary Program for a grant of \$1.9 million. If received, the grant would provide funding for the following projects; Riverview Road at the National Park Maintenance Garage, Riverview Road at Vaughan Road, Vaughan Road at the Cuyahoga River and the Snowville Road Culvert west of Riverview Road. We received the total cooperation of the National Park Service in making this application. We thank the National Park Service and their local representative for assisting us in applying for these funds. I would also like to recognize the good work of our City Engineer Gerry Wise, Service Director Ron Weidig and Utilities Chairman Mike Harwood who worked directly with the National Park Service.

The City has purchased three parcels on Stadium Drive just west of Patton Drive that will, in part, be utilized for storm water retention and other municipal uses under discussion.

We also continue to work with our engineering consultants regarding many other storm water, storm sewer and sanitary sewer projects. We appreciate the support of Council's Utilities Committee.

The Building and Grounds Committee continues to review the Administration's recommendations regarding a Master Plan for the Stadium Drive Service and Horticultural facility. We propose the construction of a Storage facility, new Horticultural facility and other related features. The first structure recommended is a salt and all purpose storage building.

Two other projects advocated by the Administration is a Master Plan for the Blossom Hill complex being completed by the Citizen Advisory Board. We are also recommending the replacement of three outdated service structures at the Blossom Hill facility with one multi-use Service Department building in a separate project.

We are also continuing on going planning for a new Police complex delayed by the uncertainty of the national, state and local economy. We appreciate the support of the Buildings & Grounds Committee and Chairman Lou Carouse as 2012 will be a busy year of related issues.

The 2012 Road Program has been submitted by the Administration and reviewed and

accepted by Council's Streets and Sidewalks Committee as well as all of Council. 2012 Budget, Revenues and Expenditures were submitted by the Finance Director, Service Director and Mayor to City Council who after much review and discussion, adopted the Budget by legislation.

Economic Development

2010 and 2011 were two of the most successful Economic Development years in our history. In 2010 we welcomed the Sports Construction Group, Applied Medical Technology, Progressive Book, Cross Country Mortgage and NVR Mortgage. In 2011, True North Corporate Center (Shell gasoline stores,) The Oaks of Brecksville, Air Compliance and the Cleveland Clinic Data Center arrived. In 2012 the Rambus Company will complete a major expansion, and Clinical Technologies will begin construction of a new building. Discussions are ongoing which would indicate that the year 2012 will be equally successful. Our Economic Development Director, Frank LaRose has done an excellent job and has become one of the City's greatest assets. All of these economic development additions are non-retail commercial and office development. In the next issue of the Bulletin, I will address the retail development over the past few years.

As the Veteran's Administration Hospital, Brecksville unit, closes totally this winter and spring, these new companies become so vitally important to our local economy and its tax revenue. We certainly appreciate their investment in our city and we will do all we can to accommodate their needs with the intent that their presence in Brecksville will be long and successful.

Old Man Winter

With winter now upon us, we ask that you adjust your speed when driving on snow and ice covered roads. Adjust your drive time and don't drive unless absolutely necessary during major winter storms. Please comply with our snow removal code and parking ban. By doing so you can help us help you have a safe winter driving season.

“Conversation With The Mayor”

Brecksville Mayor Jerry Hruby extends an invitation to City residents to his “Conversation with the Mayor” at the Human Services Center on Tuesday, February 21 at 2 pm.

The event will be hosted by the Department of Human Services.

A Conversation with the Mayor is an opportunity for residents, especially older and physically challenged residents, to hear directly from Mayor Hruby about current and future issues facing the City as well as current and future City projects. It's also a chance to get on the spot answers to citizen questions.

The Department of Human Services will provide transportation for older and physically challenged residents. The Department asks that residents call in advance for transportation to and from the Human Services Center. Call 526-2499.

Happy New Year and a wish for good health and prosperity for you all. May you also enjoy Valentines Day with those special people in your life. Continue to pray for our Troops. And thank you for allowing me to serve you again as Mayor in this new term in office. I continue to dedicate this Administration to a cooperative effort between City Council, our staff, and all boards and commissions in order to serve our citizens in a professional manner addressing the needs of our residents and business community.

Jerry N. Hruby
Mayor



On January 2, City Council held their annual organizational meeting in which Mayor Hruby took his oath of office to begin his seventh term as Mayor. In addition, re-elected City Councilmen Lou Carouse, Gerry Broski and Mike Harwood took their oaths of office. Council's newly elected member, Laura Redinger, began her term of office as well. In addition, my fellow peers elected me to serve as City Council's President for 2012. I am grateful and honored to accept this leadership position and I look forward to continuing the collaborative work environment that has been established between the Mayor, Administration, City Council and our residents. Mike Harwood was then elected by City Council to serve as Vice President. Mike's effort, passion and dedication during his first two years on City Council have been exemplary and I look forward to serving in a leadership position alongside him.

At the organizational meeting, many resident volunteers were sworn in to begin their terms on our various City boards and commissions. These volunteers graciously offer their time and knowledge for the betterment of our community and I thank them for doing so.

2011 included many Bicentennial events throughout the year for our residents to enjoy. On behalf of City Council, I would like to thank all of the volunteers and sponsors who helped organize these events and make our Bicentennial celebration one for the ages.

During City Council's last meeting in December, the 2012 budget was approved. This approval followed lengthy discussions throughout November and December regarding the budget proposal. Once again, Council has approved a very conservative budget knowing that the current economic environment is still tenuous at best.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank former Councilman and President, Larry Potla, for his outstanding service to our community during his 14 years in office. His dedication to our residents and community, calm demeanor and professionalism are qualities that were admired and respected by all who have had the pleasure to work alongside him.

Sincerely,

Greg Skaljac, City Council President

finance REX MACK



As was budgeted for in 2011, the Committee approved the final quarterly transfer resolution. In addition to the transfer ordinance, the Committee and City Council approved two appropriation ordinance requests. With the recent changes in our Law Department and the ongoing North East Ohio Regional Sewer Case, there were several expense adjustments included for legal for both salary and professional services

In the fourth quarter of 2011, the Finance Committee recommended and City Council approved Purchase Requisitions for the following: \$5,400 to Color Bar Printing for the 2012 City Calendar, \$17,750 to Proforma Park Place for the printing and mailing of the 2012 Brecksville Bulletin, \$20,000 to Mattes Landscaping for supplementary snowplowing, \$35,012.48 to Sunguard Public Sector Pentamation for software maintenance through 10/31/2012, various amounts to Vermont Systems for annual software maintenance of RecTrac (\$4,636.40), WebTrac (\$1,747.60), and FinTrac (6,384), and \$3,150 to Polygraph Consultants for polygraph testing for 18 police officer candidates. The expenditure of \$6,500 to be paid to Western Reserve Psychological Associates for the psychological exams of 13 police department candidates was also approved. To provide for necessary replacements needed to upgrade our Police computers, \$8,570.65 was paid to Dell Computer for the purchase of five computer systems.

The professional services bills for the fourth quarter totaled \$142,966.45. These bills included services for legal, architectural, building, and engineering. With an increase in natural gas billings, it was also approved that the City allowance for natural gas be increased from \$200,400 to \$213,580. In addition, the allowance for water and sewer expense was increased from \$95,275 to \$99,150. For annual maintenance of our City's phone systems, \$9,745.92 was approved to be paid to Black Box Network Services.

Renewal of the City's contract with Medical Mutual of Ohio for medical care administrative services at the rate of \$58.54 per employee per month for 2012, renewal of the City's dental coverage with Assurant at a rate of \$27.76 per single and \$86.02 per family per month for 2012, and renewal of the second year of the life insurance contract with Assurant at a rate of \$138 per person annually for 2012 were approved. In addition, Medical Mutual of Ohio's proposal for the City's stop loss protection portion of our self-funded hospital health benefit plan for the cost of \$47.23 per month per single coverage and \$105.82 per month per family coverage was considered and authorized and accepted for 2012.

In concurrence with the Administration's recommendation, Council passed a Resolution to amend Resolution 2116 to increase the allocation to the City's Road Repavement Fund by \$10,000 per month. This annual increase of \$120,000 will help the City to better keep up with needed maintenance and improvement of our roads.

In December, City Council worked together with the City Administration and the budget for 2012 was passed. With the overall revenues projected to be lower in 2012 and expenses continuing to increase, planning for next year's budget was challenging. Income tax collection is expected to be 1.43 million dollars less than our 2011 budgeted revenues by roughly 13.1 million dollars. As advised by the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission, property tax collection is expected to be slightly less than 2011. It is expected to be under 5 million dollars. Estimated to be 1.6 million dollars, medical expenses are projected to be 33% higher in 2012. While there are no other changes to

for your information

If your organization participates in Home Days, or you just want to fill in your calendar, Brecksville Home Days this year is June 29, 30 and July 1.

benefit levels, a 2% salary increase is budgeted for 2012. General Fund expenditures are budgeted at \$17,550,386 and it is actually a reduction of 2.6% (\$476, 825) from the 2011 budget. Most of the reduction comes from trimming down operating expenses.

Your City Council has worked over the years to maintain a conservative budget and to safeguard our City's financial integrity. With the City now spending roughly 4 million dollars less per year than it once did, the City administration should be commended for continuing to provide the high quality city services and protection that we all enjoy. Thank you to Mayor Hruby, to all our department heads, and to all our City workforce for all the hard work and extra efforts to provide our outstanding city services.

safety-service

NORA MURPHY



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

Replacement of receivers and reprogram radios for compliance with FCC Narrowbanding Mandate for the Police, Fire and Service Department. The cost is \$14,565.00 for the Police Department, \$7,427.50 for the Fire Department and \$2,680.00 for the Service Department.

An expenditure of \$6,103.50 for repairs and replacement parts for Fire Department Truck 141.

An Ordinance accepting the bid of Best Equipment Co., Inc for a rear loading rubbish packer for use by the Service Department was approved.

Legislation was passed by City Council authorizing the purchase of two Bobcat Skid-Steer Loaders in the amount of \$35,626.19. The equipment is necessary for the Service Department operation.

An Ordinance has been approved to purchase a Hyster Lift Truck for the Service Department.

A motion was approved for an expenditure of \$5,684.00 for the purchase of trees for Fall planting.

An Ordinance accepting the bid of Triad Staffing for temporary general labor staffing for the Service Department was approved.

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of various grades of gasoline and diesel fuel for the City of Brecksville through a Joint Municipal Improvement Consortium was passed.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County regarding FY10 State Homeland Security Program Community Emergency Response Team Buildout was approved.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services was passed.

An expenditure of \$6,425.00 to Cleveland Vicon Company for the replacement of the south side door leading into the Police Department was approved.

The Safety-Service Committee continues to be very active. I look forward to continuing to chair the Committee this coming year. And may I wish as we begin 2012 that all Brecksville residents be blessed with good health and great happiness.

streets & sidewalks

GERALD F. BROSKI



City Council adopted Ordinance No. 4663 at the December 20, 2011 regular meeting to accept the following bids for the Service Department 2012 Road Maintenance

Program, as listed and in accordance with the specifications on file in the office of the Director of Purchasing:

- Crossroads Asphalt Recycling for partial depth joint repairs, crackfilling, partial planning, and for certain equipment rental for various amounts.
- J. D. Striping & Services, Inc. for paint striping of various City streets in an amount not to exceed \$39,138.80, and for auxiliary markings in an amount not to exceed \$39,895.70.
- Specialized Construction, Inc. for pulv mixing, partial depth joint repairs, asphalt utility repairs, asphalt placement, single pass pavement treatment, and for certain equipment rental in various amounts.
- Pavement Technology, Inc. for reclamation treatment of various City streets in the amount of \$0.78 per square yard.
- Konstruction King, Inc. for various types of concrete repairs, in various amounts.
- TC Construction Co., Inc. for concrete utility repairs, in various amounts.
- PS Construction Fabrics, Inc. in various amounts.

City officials toured City streets in November 2011 to establish priorities for the 2012 Road Maintenance Program. Another tour will be conducted early in 2012 to determine if there have been any damages to City streets over the winter months that would require a change in the 2012 Road Program, as proposed.

utilities

MICHAEL HARWOOD



As we complete the 2011 construction season, we would like to take this time to thank you the residents for your understanding, patience, and the everyday adjustments you make to

allow for these projects to be successful. The administration continues to take a proactive approach in applying for any and all potential

buildings & grounds

LOUIS N. CAROUSE, JR.



City Council accepted the recommendations of the Buildings and Grounds Committee on many projects that will be continued into 2012. At

Blossom, authorization to seek bids for the bases to the synthetic field lighting was granted. Also at Blossom, a purchase requisition to repair a deteriorated portion of the electrical system at the main school building in the amount of \$10,450.00 was approved.

The back-up battery system for the lighting in the Human Services Therapy Pool was approved for replacement in the amount of \$3,069.44 to United Power Service Co. New chairs for the Human Services dining room were purchased to replace the existing 190 chairs for \$31,920. At the Community Center, two new AERCO boilers were authorized for purchase from R.L. Deppmann Co. in addition to \$28,950.00 for installation materials and services. The new boilers will provide a back-up system in the event of a failure to provide hot water to the building.

Legislation was proposed and passed to accept the bid of Hess Corporation for the purchase of natural gas for the 2012 calendar year with the option of renewing in the next two years.

The Committee continues to work on many projects that have been reported on previously with the anticipation of making recommendations later in 2012.

outside funding and available grants for our current and future identified projects.

Each reporting period we have tried to identify the status of projects, whether completed or in various stages of design, bidding, and construction. At this time we would like to provide a year end summary of our completion, as well as those projects scheduled for the 2012 construction season.

Projects completed in 2011:

- Old Royalton Road storm sewer replacement project, Snowville Road sanitary sewer improvements project (the main line gravity sewer, force main, and service lines are complete).
- Storm outfall projects; Meadow Lane, North Court, and Chippewa locations,
- Miscellaneous storm sewer and slope repair projects; Old Royalton Road, Glen Forest, Timber Trail, and Gatewood locations,
- Valleybrook Storm outfall repair project.

Projects for the 2012 Construction Season, continued and new projects:

- Riverview Road sanitary sewer improvements project; the main line sewer excavation and installation is complete, the installation of the lateral lines is in progress, final restoration, and pavement repairs will follow. A time extension request was submitted by the contractor, and was approved by City Council at the December 20 Council Meeting for the complete project completion.
- The Snowville Road Pump Station is approximately 75% complete, with the next final systems connections to follow. The system testing will be done by the County, with final signoff pending.
- Meadow Lane, and North Court storm outfall and slope repair projects; final design and project bid will be completed once all easement acquisitions are obtained. The project's construction is anticipated for the 2012 construction season.
- Old Quarry Lane Pump Station Replacement Project; the project is the early stages of design, and requires easement acquisitions as well. The project's construction is anticipated for 2012.
- Route 82 Culvert Repair/Replacement Project; the project's construction is anticipated for 2012. It is in design, and ODOT Funding will be submitted in mid-January 2012. The project is anticipated for the 2012 construction season.
- Chippewa Creek Utility Line Abandonment Project; the temporary support system design has been completed, project will be bid in

next two months, and final design plans have been authorized to commence. The temporary installation is anticipated for a 2012 installation, the final system installation is scheduled for a 2013 project.

- Chippewa Creek Spoils Study; the outside consult report has been provided; the Army Corp's permit requirements have been submitted. Pending approval of the Army Core the projects scope of work will be completed. The 2012 construction season has been targeted for work's completion.
- Wiese Road Retaining Wall Replacement Project; the project's design has been completed and the site preparation is underway for the relocation of power poles. The main construction will begin in the summer of 2012. Partial funding of this project is through the Ohio Department of Public Works, a grant applied for in 2011.
- Miscellaneous Culvert Replacement/Repair Projects; Highland Road (South of Edgerton), and on lower Snowville. Projects are in conceptual stages, for submission and approval by City Council for a 2012 installation.
- Miscellaneous Drainage Studies; for portions of Cambridge Village, Farview Road, and Timber Trail. Concept design studies will begin in the next couple of months.

Again, we thank you the residents for your continued support, and your understanding of the difficult circumstances that can arise during a project. In cases where easement acquisitions are required we look for your support and spirit of cooperation.

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



LAURA REDINGER

When proposed legislation is being considered to revise our city codes and regulations, it is the responsibility of the Legislation Committee to make recommendations to City Council regarding amendments and/or supplements.

Preserving Brecksville's heritage has been an important undertaking throughout the Bicentennial Celebration. Consistent with that theme, a few years ago, City Council

accepted the recommendation of the Legislation Committee to preserve original City Council Minutes, Ordinances and Resolutions dating back to 1921, and other historic records dating back to the 1800s. \$15,000.00 has been budgeted annually for this purpose. Brown's River Marotti Co. of Essex, Vermont has performed the records preservation services and they have done an outstanding job of restoring and preserving original historic documents. The historical records are available for the public's review by contacting City Council Clerk Mary Scullin.

Should you ever wish to review legislation, the computerized version of the Brecksville Code of Ordinances is available for you for reference at the Brecksville Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library. The code of ordinances is also available for reference at Brecksville City Hall by contacting City Council Clerk Mary Scullin at 526-2609 or mscullin@brecksville.oh.us.

2012 city appointments

Board of Zoning Appeals

Laura C. Redinger—Council Representative for a 2 year term.

Neil F. Brennan – Citizen Member to fill the unexpired term of Laura C. Redinger.

Kathleen Roberts – Citizen Member for a 5 year term.

Human Services Advisory Board

Louis N. Carouse, Jr.—Council Representative for a 2 year term.

Larry J. Potla—Citizen Member to fill the unexpired term of Benjamin Jeremiah.

Reverend Walter F. Jenne to the Human Services Advisory Board for a 5 year term.

Benjamin Jeremiah—Honorary Member to the Human Services Advisory Board.

Income Tax Board of Review

Gerald F. Broski—Council Representative for a two year term.

Daniel M. Prendergast—Citizen Member for a two year term.

Tax Administrator

Daniel H. Andre—Income Tax Administrator for the City of Brecksville for a 2 year term.

around town

BLT presents... Li'l Abner

March 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31

Musical based on Al Capp's comic strip characters

Trouble begins in backwoods Dog Patch when the government, looking for somewhere to do atomic testing, decides the town is the most unnecessary place in the country. Before the townsfolk are to be evacuated there is a frantic attempt to find some reason for the town to be necessary and save the annual "Sadie Hawkins Day."

BTOTS presents... August: Osage County

February 3-5 & 10-12

The story of the Weston family of Oklahoma...a pill-popping mother, a vanished father, and three unique sisters harboring secrets who gather at the family home when Dad disappears. Directed by Terrence Kelly. Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 7:30, with Sunday matinees at 2:00. Tickets are \$14 for adults, and \$12 for seniors and students through college.

All performances will be held at the historic Old Town Hall.

An Evening at the Races

The Brecksville Firefighters Association presents "An Evening at the Races" at St. Sava, 2151 W. Wallings Road in Broadview Hts. on Friday, February 3. The doors open at 7:00 pm. A buffet dinner will be served before the Races, post time 8:00 pm. The event is BYOB, beer and soda will be provided. The "races" will be shown on video and are for entertainment purposes only. There will be trophy winning horse owners.

Tickets are \$20 per person (adults only) and can be purchased in advance at the Fire Department. For more information contact the Brecksville Fire Department at 526-2640.

Brecksville City Hall Closed

City Hall, the Service Department and the Human Services Center will be closed in observance of Presidents Day on Monday, February 20. The Community Center will be open from 10 am to 5 pm.

Rubbish and recycling pickups will be on Tuesday, February 21. Whenever there is a City holiday rubbish pickup will be the next business day.

Father Grandfather/Granddaughter Daughter Granddaughter Dance
Saturday, February 11
from 7 to 9 pm at the Community Center
This will be a very special evening that fathers, daughters, grandfathers and granddaughters will remember for a very long time! There will be a DJ for music and dancing and each couple will receive a digital photograph that will be taken and email them the evening of the dance. Pizza, pop, punch and cookies will be served. This is the perfect way to show your loved one how much you care. Ages 3-12. Register in advance at the Community Center. Call for details 546-2300.
\$5 discount for Community Center members

\$25 per couple
\$5 ea. additional person



Have You Received Your 2012 Calendar?

The City calendar has been delivered to residents. If you did not receive your copy, you may pick up one at the front desk at

Human Services or the Community Center or City Hall. Please let them know what street you live on, so we can find out why you are not receiving your calendar in the mail.

We are considering the 2012 calendar to be the last annual printed edition of the Brecksville City Calendar.

Perhaps you will want to save this calendar at the end of the year as a keepsake because it reviews the Bicentennial.

Beginning in 2013 the calendar will be available on the City's website, www.brecksville.oh.us and bi monthly in the Brecksville Bulletin.

If you wish to comment, please call City Hall at 526-4351.

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° to prevent hypothermia.

Inexpensive plastic sheeting over windows will help insulate the home. These window-covering kits are available at "big box stores" 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.

Seniors should take advantage of the hot nutritious meals at the Human Services Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Winter Driving Tips

Be Prepared

- * Make sure your vehicle is in good repair
- * Replace worn tires
- * Check all fluids
- * Never let your gas tank get below 1/4 full
- * Keep some extra supplies in your vehicle in the event of an emergency (see Winter Auto Supply Check List)

Driving

- * Allow extra time
- * Always completely clear your windshield and all windows before moving your vehicle
- * Increase the distance you would normally follow another vehicle
- * Remember the roads may be slippery or icy – Slow Down
- * Turning and stopping will be greatly affected

Winter Auto Supply Check List

- ✓ Blanket
- ✓ Extra gloves and hats
- ✓ Small shovel
- ✓ Bottle of water
- ✓ Granola bars
- ✓ First-aid kit
- ✓ Extra windshield washer fluid
- ✓ Flashlight

- * Remember, bridges and overpasses will freeze before the roadway
- * Although 4 wheel drive vehicles have better traction in slippery conditions, it doesn't mean they won't slide on ice or snow when braking
- * Use your low beam headlights during snow storms or other inclement weather
- * If visibility becomes poor, find a safe place to pull over until conditions improve. Driving at a crawl often causes chain reaction crashes
- * If your vehicle becomes stuck or disabled, wait inside until help arrives. Use a cell phone to call for help. If you're in the City of Brecksville, call 526-8900 on your cell phone, not 911.

Natural Gas and Electricity Update

GAS

We have been blessed by some of the lowest prices in years, and they continue to go down! So low in fact that it is recommended that you have a variable rate. No one should be on a fixed rate. If you are, you're paying too much.

Check your December bill. If your rate is higher than \$4.52 you're paying too much. Your January bill should be no higher than \$4.36.

Those are Dominion East Ohio's monthly variable rates and they are the bench mark.

Many people have IGS Energy's variable rate. It's time to cancel because their rate has been going up instead of down. They are now more than a dollar higher than Dominion. If you have IGS call and cancel but be sure they will not charge you an early termination fee. You will automatically be switched back to Dominion.

If you are with NOPEC call them at 888-848-7914 and tell them you want to be sure you are on their variable rate, not their fixed rate.

If you have any other supplier call them and ask them to cancel your service which will send you back to the original gas company, Dominion East Ohio and then you are eligible to go with NOPEC. If you do cancel make sure there is no early termination fee. It will take one to two billing periods to return to Dominion and then you are eligible to go to NOPEC. In fact, call NOPEC AT 888-848-7914 right now and ask if you are eligible to be put on their variable rate.

If you are a customer of Direct Energy it is very important to check your rate. They are charging some customers a variable rate that has been as high as \$8.99!!!!!! If your rate is that high call them immediately and cancel.

WARNING: Whenever you request any sort of company or rate change check with your current supplier to be sure you will not incur an early termination fee. They can be as high as \$100!

Other facts to be aware of:

If you are on budget billing check how much credit you have. Many people have more than \$1,000 in credit built up! Typical consumers don't need that much for the winter. It's your money and you may request all or a part of it.

ELECTRICITY

You are getting a small discount if the first page of your bill has a line that reads, "NOPEC – First Energy Solutions" or just "First Energy Solutions." If your bill does not mention either of the above call NOPEC at 800-292-9284 to enroll. Sorry, but the Illuminating Company does not permit budget billing if you buy your electricity from an Energy Choice provider.

Regarding the Duke Energy offer sometime back for all electric homes, we do not have an opinion because the amount of savings from Duke is disputed. The Duke plan does have a \$50 early termination fee. Any early termination fee, be it gas or electric should be avoided.



Meeting Dates

All meetings are at 7pm, in the Human Services Gathering Room

Thursday January 19	Wednesday September 19
Wednesday February 15	Thursday October 18
Thursday March 22	Wednesday November 28
Saturday May 19 - Drill	

what's on the city calendar

january

- 15** Brecksville Community Center open to all residents for Free! See Page 10 for details
- 16** MLK Day City office open
- 17** City Council 8 pm
- 18** Telecommunications Commission 7 pm
- 21** 2012 Inaugural Ball 6 pm
- 23** Recreation Commission 7:30 pm
- 26** Planning Commission 7 pm

february

- 7** City Council 8 pm
- 8** Advisory Board to the Department of Human Services 3 pm Human Services Center
- 9** Planning Commission 7 pm
- 11** Father/Daughter Dance, Community Center 7-9 pm
- 13** Board of Zoning Appeals
- 15** Telecommunications Commission 7 pm

- 20** President's Day, All City Offices Closed, Community Center Open 10 am-5 pm
- 21** Conversation with the Mayor 2 pm Human Services Center City Council 8 pm
- 22** Mayor Hruby's State of the City Address 6 pm Human Services Center
- 23** Human Services Volunteer Tea Noon, Human Services Center Planning Commission 7 pm
- 27** Recreation Commission 7:30 pm

All meetings are at City Hall unless noted otherwise.

Generosity Evident in Four Local Communities

The 29th Annual Yuletide Hunger Program and its companion program, Adopt-A-Family, distributed food and gifts to a record 146 families totaling 459 people in need in Brecksville, Broadview Hts., Seven Hills and Independence.

Of the 146 families, 71 participated in the Adopt – A – Family program.

The Yuletide Hunger Program was founded by Brecksville resident Dave Mansbery, a lifetime honorary member and past president of the Advisory Board to the Brecksville Department of Human Services.

The two programs are indebted to individuals, organizations and companies for their donations and to the countless people who give their time and energy to make this immense task happen, especially Yuletide Week Coordinator, Ken Orchard.

The committee would also like to thank the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools. The schools are the primary collection points for the food, and the students, faculty and administrators donate a tremendous amount of money to the program. This year the schools donated more than \$3,500!!! (Please remember that at levy time!!!!!!)

Thank you everyone very much!!!!!!



New Year, New

Brecksville Residents – Free

Sunday, January 15, 2012 | 10 a.m.-2

Brecksville Community Center, One Community Drive

Admission: **FREE** all day with a canned/ non-perishable food item per person

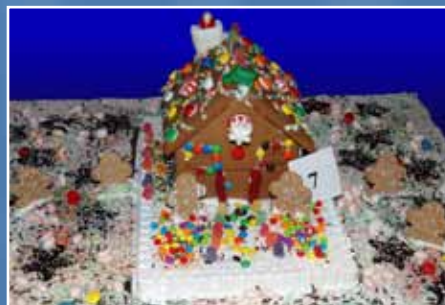
Free fitness demonstrations, screenings, nutrition information, massage therapy, and access to the swimming pool. Bring swimsuit, towel and lock.

Open to all Brecksville residents.

Community Creativity Sparkles Like a Sugar

Every Christmas season, the Community Center holds a Gingerbread contest. As you can see, contestants come up with some pretty great ideas. The houses can be your own creation or from a kit. Judging is done by Community Center members who wish to participate. The first place winner this year is the Angry Birds house (top left), created by the Popielski family. Second place goes to Sarah Mutch for her Brecksville City Hall (top middle). Last year Sarah created the Old Town Hall in honor of the

Bicentennial year. Third place goes to the Gerbino house. The bottom row shows more of the houses entered, entered did a fantastic job. Congratulations to all. If you enter a house next year, it is open to all ages and the third place winners take home a prize. Your creation is featured in the *Bulletin!* Look for information around Thanksgiving at brecksville.oh.us and at the Community Center.



Oath of Office for City Council and City Appointees

Continued from Page 6

Municipal Facility Registration and Use Review Board

- Nora L. Murphy—Council Representative for a 2 year term.
- Laura C. Redinger—Council Representative for a 2 year term.
- Louis N. Carouse, Jr.—Human Services Representative for a 2 year term.
- Rex E. Mack—Recreation Commission Representative for a 2 year term.
- John Adams—Citizen Member for a 2 year term.
- Larry J. Potla—Citizen Member for a 2 year term.

Planning Commission

- Michael T. Harwood—Council Representative for a 2 year term.
- Kirk Roman—Citizen Member for a 5 year term.

Recreation Commission

- Rex E. Mack—Council Representative for a 2 year term.
- Brian Stucky—Citizen Member for a 4 year term.

Telecommunications Commission

- Gerald F. Broski—Council Representative for a 2 year term.
- John S. Shott—Citizen Member for a 3 year term.
- James Steiger—Mayor's Designate for a 3 year term.

Volunteer Firemen's Dependents Board

- Gerald F. Broski—Council Representative for a 1 year term.
- Nora L. Murphy—Council Representative for a 1 year term.

City Engineer

- Ordinance No. 4550—provide a new rate schedule for the services of Donald G. Bohning & Associates as Consulting Engineers
- Gerald M. Wise—City Engineer.



Mayor Hruby administers the Oath of Office to Council President Greg Skaljac



and the Oath of Office to Council Vice-President Michael Harwood



Judge Pamela Barker administers the Oath of Office to council members Louis Carouse, Jr., Michael Harwood, Laura Redinger and Gerald Broski

Playing Cards Still Available

The cards feature 54 historic photos and educational facts about the City of Brecksville and were sponsored by community members.

The decks sell for \$10 a piece at the Human Services Center, the Community Center and online at www.brecksville.oh.us.



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Health Event

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Brecksville

BROUGHT TO YOU BY
Cleveland Clinic
Family Health Center, Independence
Marymount Hospital



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Brecksville to be Site for Sight Center Traveling Store

The Cleveland Sight Center is beginning a traveling EYE-dea shop that will stop at the Brecksville Human Services Center every three months. The shop will be in the lobby of the Human Services Center on Thursday, January 26 from 10 to 2.

People who are visually impaired will be able to shop for products and get information right where they live, solving two major issues; the need for transportation and learning about products to best meet their needs.

Arts & Crafts

BRECKSVILLE 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.

WATERCOLOR WITH JUDI ROSZAK

Mondays from 10:00 to Noon – 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.

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.

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. No class February 20.

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 DAGA MOROZ

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:45 to 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.

Cards and Games

Free for registered members

Canasta – Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30

Dominoes – Thursdays from 1:15 to 4:30

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

Intermediate Bridge group on Tuesdays from 12:30 – 3:30.

Thursday Night Bridge from 7 to 9:50. Bridge lesson from 6:15 to 7:00.

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

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

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

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!

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.

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 Giant Eagle and Heinen's to buy fresh meat and produce. We especially need canned tuna, canned pasta, canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter and jelly, boxed cereal and paper products and bar soap. Please bring your donations to the Human Services Center at 2 Community Drive.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

Need a ride? Transportation is available for residents 60 and over, Monday through Friday from 9 to 4. 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.



Technology

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.

GENERAL COMPUTER USE

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

Human Services Needs Drivers

The Human Services Department's award winning volunteer driving program for seniors is experiencing depleted ranks. More drivers are needed, especially during the winter when some drivers go south.

Typically drivers volunteer a day a month driving from 8:30 am to 4 pm. Some drivers are so committed that they drive once or more a week.

We use City cars to transport seniors to medical appointments Monday through Friday throughout Cuyahoga County. On Tuesday and Thursday our mini van takes seniors on errands such as the grocery store and drug store.

Most importantly we need drivers for our 14 passenger bus which transports seniors and wheel chair users to medical appointments and to our Wednesday restaurant trips and Friday mall trips.

No special license is required including the bus. We do ask that the bus drivers be physically able to strap in the wheel chairs on the bus and we ask that all drivers are comfortable traveling on the freeways and in inclement weather.

For more information please call the Human Services Center at 526-2499.

Grow Your Family Tree

We've all thought about tracing the roots of our family tree and now you've got a chance to finally do it. Genealogist and Brecksville resident, Wally Huskonen has created a program to help residents trace their family heritage.

Two-hour sessions will start Wednesday, January 25 and run every Wednesday through May from 6 to 8 at the Brecksville Human Services Center. You'll work with Wally on creating your own ancestor chart and family group sheet. Each session is limited to six people to enable hands-on instruction employing the Center's three public computers. And it's free!

Register by calling the Human Services Center at 526-2499. Bring any basic family tree information that you possess especially names of relatives who were probably counted in the 1930 or 1940 census.



Seniors of the Year

It's time for nominations for the Senior Volunteer Man and Woman of the Year sponsored by the Department of Human Services and the Brecksville Kiwanis Club. Pick up a nomination form at the Human Services Center. Deadline for nominations is

March 16. The annual Volunteer of the Year luncheon is Tuesday, May 15 at noon at the Human Services Center.

The 2011 Senior Volunteers of the Year were Sylvia Fowler and Bob Petrushka.

Play Poker!

Learn how to and play Texas Hold 'Em on Fridays from 10:00 to Noon. Costs just a can of tuna or a box of spaghetti for Brecksville Pantry to play. Person with most chips wins a free lunch.

Drug Discount Card

Cuyahoga County is providing a free Prescription Drug Discount Card available at the Human Services Center.

This is a 15% to 30% savings and cannot be used in conjunction with any insurance plan to increase savings.

World War II Memories

WW II aviators Ben Jeremiah and Homer Farr lead a monthly storytelling of memories and experiences from War II. We share stories from the front and the home front remembering the support given toward national defense and personal reflections on travel, experiences and knowledge of other cultures.

The sessions are free and open to anyone of any age.

Meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month starting at 10:30 am at the Human Services Center in the Gathering Room.

Free coffee and goodies!

Next meetings are January 18 with Florence Roseman, guest speaker and February 15 with G. Peter Ertel, guest speaker

Rembrandt in America: Cleveland Museum of Art Tuesday, February 21

9:15 am Bus Departs Brecksville Muni lot returns to Brecksville at 3 pm. Rembrandt in America will be the first major exhibition to explore in depth the collecting of Rembrandt paintings in America. Consisting of approximately fifty works, many autographed by the artist. This is a unique and rare opportunity to examine the evolving opinions and methods of scholars as to what constituted an autographed Rembrandt painting.

Cost \$13 for residents.

Call Human Services at 526-2944 for more information.

Registration in progress.

Jump in, the Water's Fine

That's good advice. A study suggests that working out in 90-degree water for three hours a week for eight months may help ease fibromyalgia symptoms. Aquatic therapy is less stressful on the body and heated water may help relax muscles.

Where can you do this? In the warm water therapy pool at the Human Services Center of course. Pick up a detailed pool schedule at the front desk.

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	Self-Directed Therapy
7:30-7:50	

tuesday

8:30-6:00	Self-Directed Therapy
6:00-7:00	AQUAfit
7:00-7:50	Self-Directed Therapy

wednesday

8:30-9:00	Self-Directed Therapy
9:00-10:00	Liquid Strength
10:00-11:00	Arthritis Class
11:00-11:30	Self-Directed Therapy
11:30-12:30	Learn to Swim (Pool Closed)
6:30-7:30	Nora's Water Exercise
12:30-6:30	Self-Directed Therapy
7:30-7:50	

thursday

8:30-6:00	Self-Directed Therapy
6:00-7:00	Learn to Swim (Pool Closed)
7:00-7:50	Self-Directed Therapy

friday

8:30-9:00	Self-Directed Therapy
9:00-10:00	Liquid Strength
10:00-11:00	Arthritis Class
11-Noon	AQUAfit
Noon-4:50	Self-Directed Therapy

saturday

9:00-10:00	AQUAfit
10:00-1:00	Self-Directed Therapy

sunday (pool is closed)

Tuesday Brunch Bunch

Brunch is served in the Human Services Gathering Room on Tuesday's from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$3.00 and all ages are welcome. Meals include coffee, decaf coffee, hot tea, main entree, fruit and juice.

January

17 Sausage gravy over biscuit, sausage patty, scrambled eggs, lettuce and tomato.

24 French toast casserole, bacon, fruit.

31 Ham and eggs, red skin potatoes, muffin, fruit.

February

7 Breakfast quiche, bacon, potatoes, fruit.

14 Strawberry stuffed French toast, bacon, smiley potatoes.

21 Egg-Canadian bacon-cheese muffin, hash brown potatoes, fruit.

28 Egg Frittata, potatoes, sausage, lettuce and tomato.

Every **FEAST & Flick** Thursday

What's On The Menu!

january

19 Spaghetti and meatballs, romaine salad, ciabatta bread, cookie and lemon ice.

26 Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, dinner roll, cheesecake.

february

2 Cole slaw, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, peanut butter pie.

9 Valentine's Day Celebration! Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, vegetable, dinner roll, salad, Lovely dessert.

16 Salad, chicken Parmesan, penne pasta, Italian green beans, garlic bread, Surprise dessert.

23 Applesauce, roast pork with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, rye bread, spiced apple ring, peach pie.

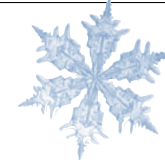
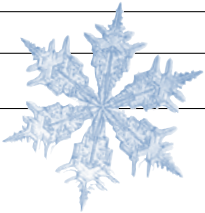
Cost is \$5 for residents and \$7 non-resident guests.

Please Note: There are no meals served during the week of a City holiday. Remember to reserve your seat by calling Human Services the Monday before the lunch.

restaurant and mall trips

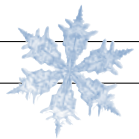
january

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	10	11	12	13
	Brecksville Errands	Memories-Richfield	Brecksville Errands	Macedonia Commons
	17	18	19	20
	Brecksville Errands	Winking Lizard-Independence	Brecksville Errands	Crocker Park
	24	25	26	27
	Brecksville Errands	Pipers 3	Brecksville Errands	Summit Mall



february

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3
		Joe's Deli and Restaurant-Rocky River	Brecksville Errands	Southpark Mall
	7	8	9	10
	Brecksville Errands	Salmon Dave's Pacific Grille-Rocky River	Brecksville Errands	Great Northern Mall
	14	15	16	17
	Brecksville Errands	Miss Molly's Tea Room-Medina	Brecksville Errands	Pleasant Valley
	21	22	23	24
	Brecksville Errands	Pizzeria Cerino-Seven Hills	Brecksville Errands	Beachwood Mall
	28	29		
	Brecksville Errands	Melt-Independence		



cheers for our drivers!

Irene and Mike Steffas, Frank Tomaro and Ed Verderber are four of our loyal drivers who take seniors to appointments.

Gail and Dr. Don Barich, Sharon and Paul Buterbaugh and Lisa Caroniti are faithful Meals on Wheels drivers.

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

If you would like the good and important feeling that comes with delivering Meals on Wheels we need you!

Call 526-2499 for more information

Meals On Wheels Needs Drivers

The Meals On Wheels program is in search of volunteer drivers willing to deliver meals one day a week. Must provide your vehicle and gas. Meals on Wheels serves shut ins in Brecksville and Broadview Hts. Please call 526-2499.

did you know...

The Red Brick Store at Routes 21 and 82, now the home of Burns Financial Advisors, was built in 1857. The McCreery family has owned the building for 115 years!!

Need a Massage?
The Community Center offers wonderful massages by Restoring Touch. Contact Lisa M. Cooper, LMT at 216-233-3670

Don't forget Registration for Summer Camp and Baseball begins March 1

Fitness Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:05 am	Spinning®	Spinning® Boot Camp	Spinning®	Spinning®	Spinning®		
8:05 am						Spinning® Group Training	
8:15 am			Yoga Pilates Blend				
8:30 am		Spinning®		Spinning®			
9:00 am	Body Toning Circuit						
9:15 am						jazzercise.	
9:30 am	Spinning® Straight to the Core	Yoga Cardio/Strength	Spinning® Straight to the Core	Yoga Pilates Blend Cardio/Strength	Spinning® Power Tone	Spinning®	
10:15 am							Power Tone & Stretch Spinning®
10:45 am	FREE Armchair Yoga	FREE Armchair Exercise		FREE Armchair Exercise	FREE Armchair Yoga		
11:00 am			FREE Tai Chi			Spinning®	
4:30 pm	Spinning®	Reps and Sets	Spinning®	Reps and Sets			
5:00 pm							
5:45 pm	Power Tone & Stretch	Group Training	Power Tone & Stretch	Group Training			
6:00 pm	Yoga						
6:30 pm	Spinning®	Spinning®	Spinning®	Spinning®			
6:45 pm		jazzercise.		jazzercise.			
7:00 pm	jazzercise. Zumba		jazzercise.	Zumba			

Arm Chair Exercise (FREE) Combination of stretching and chair exercises put to music. This class is designed as a free class for those in the senior population.

Arm Chair Yoga (FREE) A relaxing class concentrating on alignment of poses creating strength, flexibility and tone. Designed for the senior population.

Body-Toning Circuit-Intervals of weights targeting all the major muscle groups to sculpt your body. Simple cardio drills to burn maximum calories. Finish class with ab work and yoga stretches.

Boot Camp Wake up to a 60 minute strength and cardio workout to start your day

Cardio/Strength

Combination of aerobic and weight lifting to improve overall fitness.

Group Training

Combine 2-3 exercises for each muscle group in an effective, fun 45 minute strength session.

Jazzercise When you love your workout, the results come easy. That's why Jazzercise blends aerobics, yoga, pilates, and kickboxing movements into fun dance routines set to fresh music. All fitness levels welcome! Jazzercise is not included in a Community Center fee schedule.

Power Tone & Stretch A high intensity resistance training workout combined with traditional stretching using yoga poses designed to increase flexibility and decrease stress.

Reps and Sets Join in and strengthen and tone your upper /lower body with a great hour of sculpting. Late afternoon workout that shapes the muscles and leaves you toned!

SPINNING® Spinning is a group cycling exercise that simulates an outdoor bike ride. You control

the amount of resistance and speed with an instructor guiding you through a 1 hour session with 40 to 45 minutes of cycling.

Straight to the Core Strengthen and tone the core with a 45 minute abdominal workout. New moves and good results!

Yoga A challenging yet relaxing class concentrating on alignment of poses (asanas) creating strength, flexibility and tone. Based on the principles of Iyengar yoga.

Yoga Pilates Blend A flowing, unique feel good workout combining yoga and pilates exercises focusing on the core. Develop a strong, flexible back and abdominal wall.

Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music. Zumba is a mixture of body toning movements with easy to follow dance steps. Available for all ages.

**Red Cross Babysitting Course Friday, January 20
8:30 am - 4:00 pm Brecksville Community Center
BCC members \$55 and residents \$65.**

Kids n Company I

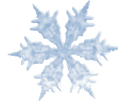
This class is designed for children 6 months to 2 years of age. A responsible adult participant who is comfortable in the water must accompany each child during all class sessions.

Location Human Services Therapy Pool

Meeting Day Wednesday
Class Times 12:00P - 12:30P
Class Dates 03/14 - 05/09
No Class 04/11

Meeting Day Thursday
Class Times 6:45P - 7:15P
Class Dates 03/15-05/10
No Class 04/12

Meeting Day Saturday
Class Times 12:00P - 12:30P
Class Dates 03/10 - 05/12
No Class 04/07 or 04/14



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

Meeting Day Wednesday
Class Times 11:30A - 12:00P
Class Dates 03/14- 05/09
No Class 04/11

Meeting Day Thursday
Class Times 7:15P - 7:45P
Class Dates 03/15-05/10
No Class 04/12

Meeting Day Saturday
Class Times 12:30P - 1:00P
Class Dates 03/10-05/12
No Class 04/07 or 04/14

Registration for Kids n Company I & II Residents begin February 1, until 2 days before the first class.

Cost Community Center Member 40.00 and Resident 50.00

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.

Please Note: A discount will be given when 3 or more children are registered for the same type of program. The net cost will be \$20 (plus certification fees where applicable) for the third child and after.



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.

Location BCC--Brecksville Community Center

Meeting Day Tuesday
Class Times 5:30P - 6:05P
Class Dates 03/13-05/08
No Class 04/10

Meeting Day Thursday
Class Times 4:30P - 5:05P
Class Dates 03/15- 05/10
No Class 04/12

Meeting Day Saturday
Class Times 10:00A - 10:35A
Class Dates 03/10-05/12
No Class 04/07 or 04/14

Preschool II

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.

Location BCC--Brecksville Community Center

Meeting Day Tuesday
Class Times 5:30P - 6:05P
Class Dates 03/13- 05/08
No Class 04/10

Meeting Day Thursday
Class Times 4:30P - 5:05P
Class Dates 03/15 - 05/10
No Class 04/12

Meeting Day Saturday
Class Times 10:00A - 10:35A
Class Dates 03/10-05/12
No Class 04/07 or 04/14

Registration for Preschool I & II Residents begin February 1, until 2 days before the first class.

Cost Community Center Member 40.00 and Resident 50.00

Spaces Still Available for Winter Learn to Swim beginning January 10 Contact the Community Center for more info!

Learn to Swim

Level 1 and 2

Meeting Day Tuesday
Class Times 4:30P - 5:20P
Class Dates 03/13- 05/08
No Class 04/10

Level 3 through 5

Meeting Day Tuesday
Class Times 4:30P - 5:20P
Class Dates 03/13 - 05/08
No Class 04/10

Level 6.1

Meeting Day Tuesday
Class Times 4:30P - 5:20P
Class Dates 03/13- 05/08
No Class 04/10

Level 6.2

Meeting Day Saturday
Class Times 10:00A - 10:50A
Class Dates 03/10 - 05/12
No Class 04/07 or 04/14

Meeting Day Thursday
Class Times 5:30P - 6:20P
Class Dates 03/15 -05/10
No Class 04/12

Meeting Day Thursday
Class Times 4:30P - 5:20P
 5:30P - 6:20P
Class Dates 03/15 -05/10
No Class 04/12

Meeting Day Thursday
Class Times 4:30P - 5:20P
 5:30P - 6:20P
Class Dates 03/15-05/10
No Class 04/12

Registration Residents begin February 1, until 2 days before the first class.

Meeting Day Saturday
Class Times 11:00-11:50A
Class Dates 03/10 - 05/12
No Class 04/07 or 04/14

Meeting Day Saturday
Class Times 10:00A - 10:50A
 11:00A - 11:50A
Class Dates 03/10 - 05/12
No Class 04/07 or 04/14

Meeting Day Saturday
Class Times 11:00-11:50A
Class Dates 03/10- 05/12
No Class 04/07 or 04/14

Location Brecksville Community Center
Cost Community Center Member 45.00 Resident 55.00



Soccer Academy for Spring, Registration begins Feb. 1

Pee Wee Basketball Boys and Girls—Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade

Dates	Time
March 10 - April 28, 2012*	9:00 am - 4:00pm

*No games April 7 and 14

Registration In progress until 2/19.

Cost

\$50 for BCC members

\$60 for residents

Description

The Pee Wee Basketball program is a 6 week program for both boys and girls in Kindergarten through 2nd Grade. The program takes place on Saturdays between 9:00am and 4:00pm at the Brecksville Community Center. (We will know exact times once the number of teams is determined). The program is broken into three separate divisions: Kindergartners are in one division; 1st graders in another and 2nd graders are in a third division. Every Saturday each team will be paired with another team in their division to play with and against for 1 hour. The first part of the playing time focuses on skill development through practice and drills. The second part of the playing time allows for game time between the two teams. The program focus is to develop children's skills in dribbling, passing, shooting, and understanding the principles of the game (positions, offense/defense, etc.).

Location Brecksville Community Center

Start Smart Basketball Program

Ages 3-5 year olds

Days	Time
Wednesday, Mar. 7-Apr. 18	6pm and 7pm

No Class on Wednesday, April 11

Registration In progress

Cost \$35 for BCC members and \$45 for residents

The Start Smart Basketball Program is a parent-child based program designed to teach children the basic motor skills necessary to play organized basketball while they work one-on-one and spend quality time with their parents. The program focuses on teaching children and their parents basic sports mechanics without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. The Start Smart Basketball classes meet once a week for six weeks at the Brecksville Community Center.



Gym Time

9:30 am-1:30 pm

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings!

Join the fun! Bring your kids in for fun and games and let them burn off some energy. Various toys and equipment will be available for use in the fieldhouse. Bring your lunch and eat with your friends, too!

There is no Gym Time when school is cancelled due to weather conditions or scheduled school holidays.

Gym Time is FREE for members and \$2 per family for residents.

Competitive Swimming

This is a quarterly offered program for Fall, 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. The instructors or other Aquatic Staff may recommend participants continue Learn-to-Swim before advancing to this program.

Skills that will be refined throughout the program will include:

- Freestyle (Front Crawl)
- Breaststroke
- Backstroke
- Butterfly
- Starts
- Turns
- Endurance

Each time offering is considered a separate program.

Please register only for the days that participants can attend.

- Meeting Day** Monday
- Class Times** 6:00-7:30P
- Class Dates** 03/12 - 05/07
- No Class** 04/09
- Meeting Day** Wednesday
- Class Times** 6:00-7:30P
- Class Dates** 03/14- 05/09
- No Class** 04/11
- Meeting Day** Saturday
- Class Times** 12:00-1:30P
- Class Dates** 03/10 - 05/12
- No Class** 04/07 and 04/14

Registration begins February 1 until 2 days before the first class.

Cost \$20 resident members and \$25 for residents.



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