

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

May 02, 2025



Yesterday was the first day of National Physical Education and Sport Week, which goes from May 1st to May 7th. The purpose of this seven-day event is to encourage all of us to not only focus more on promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles, but it's also to acknowledge and thank all of the coaches, trainers, and educators who help us to set goals and achieve lifelong healthy habits and activities, whether it be in our personal lives or through athletics.

Back when I was in school, we went to "gym" class, but as our society has gained greater understanding about the importance of nutrition and physical activity, especially from a young age, we have appropriately changed the name to "physical education" class. As I think about the PE teachers my children have had through the years, some very special people come to mind from their days at Chippewa Elementary School and Central School... names that many in our community will recognize... Debbie Bonezzi, Larry Doyle, and Stacey Profitt. All three of these distinguished educators taught my children so much more than just the rules of the different activities they did in class. They promoted the importance of eating well, taking care of their body, and exercising to keep them healthy. And throughout the various physical activities they performed when in class, each student, including my own children, were encouraged to set personal goals that were achievable, which would then help them move on to whatever was the next level on their own path.

This is what educators do. They take students from where they are today and they help them see where they can be tomorrow, and the day after, and into the future. Debbie, Larry, and Stacey motivated each child in their classes to reach their personal best every time they interacted with them, and they showed them that challenges are normal, but it's how we tackle them that really matters. Sometimes things are done in leaps, but it's also OK if we need baby steps. Life really is a marathon, not a sprint, and so many of the things each of these esteemed educators taught our children have been carried over into their lives as they've grown up and gone out on their own. I thank all three of them for teaching our kids these important life skills.

At the end of this month, Stacey will be joining Debbie and Larry in retirement. Terry and I wish her the very best as she enters the next exciting chapter in her life. Just like her predecessors, she is passing the torch to colleagues who will continue to positively impact our youth, and I look forward to watching my grandchildren be that next generation of students who realize the importance of a healthy lifestyle, wherever their journey takes them as they grow up.

I'd also like to recognize the incalculable number of coaches who have volunteered their time throughout the years to work with our community's children. Our sports programs cannot exist without all the parents, grandparents, siblings, etc. who give so much of their time, patience, and kindness to teach our kids the importance of teamwork, good sportsmanship, and doing your best ARE the things that really make you a competitor. Those values encouraged and inspired all of my children as they played on the BVH courts and fields ever since our family of eight moved here nearly thirty years ago. Now my wife and I get to see a new generation of coaches who are setting positive examples during practices and games, recognizing that our children's development goes far beyond whether or not they won the game. It's how they supported their teammates, how they treated the other team, and how hard they worked before, during, and after they put on their team's uniform. On behalf of our Parks & Recreation Dept. and myself, THANK YOU to the coaches who make each season possible, to the referees and umpires who make the games both fair and fun, and to the families who come out and support the children. You are all part of the bigger team that supports our players!

And finally, this week's quote from my daughter's classroom- "The best way out is always through" (Robert Frost). The quote encourages us to confront challenges head-on, rather than trying to find ways to avoid them. Easy to do? Not always. Necessary? For sure. As your mayor, issues sometimes come up that require difficult and unpopular decisions. It's not hard to imagine that in a city of about 20,000 people, everybody has an opinion and they are, not surprisingly, never all the same. But I knew that when I first ran for mayor in 2007, after being on Council since 2003, so I took this job with my eyes wide open.

Being a leader means having really broad shoulders and pretty thick skin. I guess that's really why this week's quote spoke to me. When this community elected me nearly two decades ago to be their mayor, I hope that it was partly due to my work ethic, my positions on the issues we face in Broadview Heights, my educational accomplishments, and my love of Broadview Heights. But most of all, I hope that you elected me for my character because, without that foundation, nothing else really matters. Am I perfect? No way? Do I have flaws? Sure do...just ask my wife! But all kidding aside, being the leader of this vibrant city is one of my greatest joys, but it is often also one of my greatest challenges, and sometimes I have to do exactly what Robert Frost wrote and go through whatever storm is brewing, rather than avoiding it or going around it. I know that we may not always agree about the latest tough decision I may have to make, but I hope that you all recognize that it is done with a genuine dedication to this beautiful community and all the people in it. As always, my door is open to hear your thoughts and to help me continue to make Broadview Heights a great place to live, work, and raise a family!

Sam 

# Community News



## SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

Who is ready for warm summer nights filled with music, family and friends? We have released our “Nights in the Heights & Thrills in the Hills” summer concert schedule, and there is something coming for everyone! Click [HERE](#) to see the schedule for this year, and check out our Facebook events page for details like what food trucks will be at the shows! We cannot wait to see you there!!!

## BHHM PRESENTS: THE HISTORY OF BREWERIES

Presented by Rebecca McFarland, The Broadview Heights Historical Society & Museum is pleased to announce an upcoming FREE event exploring the fascinating history of Cleveland's early breweries. The event will delve into the lives of the men and women behind some of Cleveland's most iconic breweries, shedding light on their charitable contributions to the arts, social welfare, and much more. The History of Breweries will take place on May 7, 2025, at 6:30 pm in The Willow Room at the City of Broadview Heights Community Center, located at 9543 Broadview Road. This event is a must-attend for history buffs and beer enthusiasts. Seating is limited, and reservations are encouraged. Please contact Louise Fiszler at [Lfiszler1@gmail.com](mailto:Lfiszler1@gmail.com) or 440-829-4812 to reserve your spot.

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Our Memorial Day Parade will take place this year on Monday, May 26th stepping off from The Church of the Assumption at 9:00AM. The parade serves as the gathering ceremony for the memorial service, which honors our fallen soldiers.

To ensure that our remembrance is well attended, we invite everyone to participate in the parade – scouts, public officials, clubs, marching bands, sports teams, unique vehicles, businesses, etc. – but most especially Veterans and military families. If you would like to be a part of this year's parade please fill out [THIS FORM](#). For more information please click [HERE](#).

# SPRING PHOTO CONTEST



The Shade Tree Commission is proud to sponsor this year's Spring Color Palette Photo Contest starting March 1st! Are you an amateur photographer longing for Spring, and finding beauty in nature? This might be the contest for you! Open to anyone living in Broadview Heights, this contest is for photos taken within the city of Broadview Heights. There is a three photo limit, and all submissions MUST be in their original state and cannot be altered in any way. Contest will be judged in two categories, kids up to 8th grade and adults. By entering the contest, entrants agree that photos submitted will be published on the city website and social media. Submission deadline is May 30th, and the Shade Tree Commission will judge the entries. There will be a first and second place winner in both categories. All decisions are final.

[Click here for rules](#)

*Spring Color Palette*

**Adults & Kids PHOTO CONTEST**

SPONSORED BY  
**THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

**CONTEST RULES**

- The photo must be in its original state and cannot be altered in any way, including but not limited to removing, adding, reversing, or distorting subjects within the frame.
- All Photos must be taken within the city of Broadview Heights.
- The contest is open to anyone living in the city of Broadview Heights.
- A maximum of 3 photographs can be submitted.
- The Shade Tree Commission will judge entries. All decisions are final.
- By entering this contest, entrants agree that photos submitted will be published on the city website and social media

**1ST & 2ND PLACE IN BOTH CATEGORIES:**

- Kids up to 8th grade
- Adults

**MARCH 1ST-MAY 30TH**

Submit your photos online: [www.broadview-heights.org](http://www.broadview-heights.org)  
For information call: 440-717-4022



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**Let's Get Social**



# Important Reminders

IN THE KNOW

## BROADVIEW HEIGHTS HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Starting May 4<sup>th</sup> the museum will be open to the public on the first Sunday of the month from 2:00PM – 4:00PM until November. If you would like to schedule a private or group tour contact [Lfiszer1@gmail.com](mailto:Lfiszer1@gmail.com). The Historical Society is located at 9543 Broadview Rd on the city campus near the Police Station.



## THE MAY 6, 2025 PRIMARY ELECTION

The May 6, 2025 Primary Election is a countywide election as voters will decide State Issue 2. In addition, there will be municipal issues on the ballot. There have been many voting location changes in Cuyahoga County. All voters are advised to check their voting information prior to casting their ballots. Voters may Vote-by-Mail, Vote Early In-Person or on vote on Election Day. Vote-by-Mail Ballot Applications, and Early In-Person Voting hours are on the Board of Elections website: [boe.cuyahogacounty.gov](http://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov). You may also call the Board of Elections to request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot Application: 216-443-VOTE (8683).

The Board of Elections is hiring poll workers, full-time temporary staff and people who would like to work on Election Night. Visit the Board of Elections website to apply.



## City Meetings and Agendas

### City Calendar

#### **NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON CITY STREETS**

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON CITY STREETS [Codified Ordinance](#) section 452.05(c) (1) prohibits parking on city streets between the hours of 3:00AM and 6:00AM. Per Codified Ordinance section 452.20 (a), signs are posted at city limits.

For a list of all city ordinances, please visit

[https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/broadviewhts/latest/broadview\\_oh/0-0-0-1](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/broadviewhts/latest/broadview_oh/0-0-0-1)

## FULL TIME POSITIONS

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

**AQUATICS SUPERVISOR** Assists Aquatics Manager with planning, organizing, implementing, and evaluating programs, trainings, services, and staff for the aquatics facilities (natatorium and splash park) and concessions operations. Performs administrative and customer service duties, pool maintenance responsibilities and Lifeguarding/Water Instruction duties as required. Must have at least 2 years' experience in Aquatics Management, general computer skills, and certifications/or ability to obtain for Lifeguarding, Water Safety Instructor, and Certified Pool Operator or Aquatic Facility Operator.

## PART TIME POSITIONS

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

**RESIDENT SERVICES ATTENDANT** Performs a variety of customer service and support tasks, including assisting with City events such as Home Days and summer concerts. Works 12 – 16 hours/week, including Sunday afternoons and 1 – 2 evenings/week.

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**SUMMER LIFEGUARD** Work approximately 15-25 hours/week, guarding our indoor pools, lazy river and play feature, and at our outdoor Splash Park. If interested, may be able to keep working at our indoor facility year-round. Must be at least 15 years of age and with certification as a Lifeguard.

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**SPLASH PARK ATTENDANT** Work part time during afternoons, evenings and weekends, 15 – 25 hours/week at our Splash Park and/or Indoor Pool Slide to make sure patrons use the facilities safely. Must be at least 15 years old, have good communications skills and ability to earn CPR/AED certification (we provide CPR/AED training).

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**SUMMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT WORKERS** Assist the Service Department in landscaping, grounds keeping and related duties for City projects and Parks maintenance. Duties include general labor, cleaning, cutting grass, sweeping, raking, shoveling, planting flowers, spreading mulch, grooming baseball fields, and related tasks.

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The City celebrated Arbor Day by planting three Jeffers Red maple trees near the skate park on the city's campus. Jim Kraus the president of the Shade Tree Commission read a Proclamation where Mayor Sam Alai proclaimed Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> as Arbor Day in the City of Broadview Heights. Members of the Shade Tree Commission and councilman Tom Pavlicia joined to help plant the trees with the service department.

## LARGE METAL ITEMS

The city offers a large metal item pickup for items such as appliances, lawnmowers, treadmills, etc. To request a pickup please call the Service Department at 440-717-4022 by noon on Wednesday. After you have called metal items must be placed by 7:00AM Thursday.

For Storm or Sewer Back-Ups call:  
Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm  
440-717-4022  
After Regular Business Hours: 440-526-5400

## ON SITE DROP OFF

Did you know that some household items can be dropped off with the city for proper disposal? These items include vehicle batteries, computers/printers, hazardous household waste, oil, and oil based paints. Items can be dropped off at the Service Garage (Building 10) off Oakes Road weekdays from 7:00AM - 3:00PM. For questions call 440-717-4022.



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## MEET RICHIE BROWN



We are thrilled to welcome Richie Brown as the new Parks and Athletics Manager. Richie joins us with a wealth of experience in the field having previously served the cities of Westlake, North Ridgeville, Brecksville, and a brief stint with Broadview Heights from 2018-2020.

A graduate of Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, Richie holds a Bachelor's in Sport Management from Ashland University and a Master's in Sport Administration from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He is excited to give back to the community that helped shape him, having participated in local youth and adult recreation programs.

Outside of work, Richie enjoys woodworking, spending time with his wife and two sons, and watching Cleveland sports.

## NEW OUTDOOR AED MACHINES

For the safety of all of our residents, visitors, and program participants, we have installed three AED units outdoors at the Splash Park Concession Stand, The Amphitheater Restroom, and at The Fields Complex on the maintenance building. Updated maps have been posted on the website and easy to use directions are listed on the AED cabinets.



## ADULT DANCE CLASSES

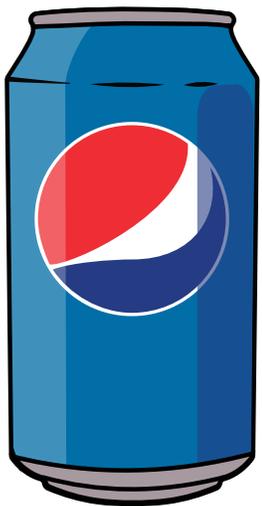
Have you ever wanted to learn to dance? We have just the thing to get you started. Fridays May 9<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup> we will have two classes to choose from. The Bachata 101, originating in the Dominican Republic the Bachata is a very intimate and partner-centric dance. You will learn to roll and stroll on the floor with a 3 step march finished with a wicked Cuban hip hitch. Or the Hustle 101 where you will be teleported back to the Disco days with this funky and fun dance style. Hustle is fast-paced, upbeat, high-tempo, and well-suited for nightclubs and live bands. To see more information about these classes or to register click [HERE](#).



# Bachata



# Hustle



## WELCOMING PEPSI

We are asking for your patience as we transition from Coca Cola machines to Pepsi in the coming weeks. Coke will be removing their machines from the building on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and Pepsi will be moving their machines in on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please note this and plan to bring your water bottle or other beverages from home during that period.

## CHALLENGER INTERNATIONAL SOCCER CAMPS

Challenger International is registering now for their Creative Skills Half-Day Camp and their Challenger International Soccer Camp. These camps will run this summer at our Recreation Center and offer something for every skill level. For more information and to register click [HERE](#).



## OUTDOOR TENNIS

Come play tennis with Over the Net! This 4-week outdoor session with our trained instructors will provide fundamental skill development emphasizing gameplay and athletic skills each week. Equipment is available if needed. This class is sized appropriately for young players to excel and maximize their confidence. **Tuesdays: May 6th - May 27th, Ages 4-6: 5:00 – 5:30pm or 5:40 – 6:10pm, Fee: Member \$45, Non-Member \$60, Ages 7-11: 6:20 – 7:05pm, Fee: Member \$50, Non-Member \$65.**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

CHECK US OUT ON  
[FACEBOOK](#) AND  
[INSTAGRAM!](#)

### RECREATION CENTER

#### OPERATING HOURS:

Monday - Friday

5:00AM – 9:00PM

**Pool closes at 8:30PM**

Saturday 7:30AM – 6:00PM

**Pool closes at 5:45PM**

Sunday 7:30AM - 6:00PM

**Pool closes at 4PM**



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To find commercial and residential applications, land use applications, regulation references, forms and more click [HERE](#).

## COMMON QUESTIONS, PROBLEMS, OR ISSUES HOMEOWNERS HAVE

The Building Department wants to answer some of the most common issues and problems concerning homeowners.

- Make sure all tree limbs are cut away from sidewalks
- All sidewalks shall be maintained to prevent trip hazards of more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch or greater
- Make sure grass is cut in a timely manner. Must not exceed 6 inches
- Weeds in beds and throughout yard must be maintained
- Garbage must not be put at the street until evening of the day before pick up
- All Garbage and trash containers should be kept behind the front of the house
- Boats, trailers and campers must be parked behind the front building lot line
- Trip Hazards: Check sidewalks and driveways to make sure they are not more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch higher or lower than adjacent sidewalks/driveways.
- Clean moss growing on roofs and siding
- If installing a portable pool follow city guidelines
- If installing a gas line to your pool heater, outdoor fireplace, or grill it must be pressure tested and installed to all codes
- Grass may be cut, and yardwork done by homeowners from 8:00AM to 8:00PM
- Contractors may work from 7:00AM to 7:00PM Monday thru Saturday
- Check with Building Department to make sure your contractors are registered and permitted properly.

## Who Owns What? Ownership Guidelines for Your Home's Utilities

1. [THE ILLUMINATING COPDF](#)
2. [CLEVELAND WATERPDF](#)
3. [DOMINION GAS](#)



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# ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



## WALLINGS ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

The Wallings Road Bridge has closed and will remain closed for 365 days. The project is expected to reach completion October of 2026. Message boards will be placed on-site 2 weeks in advance of the closure. Please reach out to the Engineering Department at 440-838-4705 if you have any questions or concerns.

## ENBRIDGE GAS PIPELINE MAINTENANCE WORK

Enbridge Gas Ohio will be performing work throughout the City to maintain corrosion protection on gas pipelines. Please reach out to the Engineering Department with any concerns.

## VERY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Engineering Department is in the process of designing a project to improve the section of Avery Road between East Royalton Road and Oakes Road. Residents should expect there to be survey crews in the area with minimal to no traffic interference.

## POINT OF SALE INSPECTION OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Please see the ordinance regarding the Point of Sale Inspection for residents with septic systems. [1048.01](#)  
[ORDINANCE POINT OF SALE INSPECTIONS OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS.](#)

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# DEPARTMENT

# HUMAN SERVICES



[OUR NEWSLETTER](#)

## REMINDER



The Department of Human Services provides information, resources and support to ALL residents of Broadview Heights, regardless of age. If you have questions about benefits, need help with accessing services or completing applications or just have an idea about a community program that would benefit our residents, please call us. We are here to help!

## MAY BOOK CLUB

Join the Book Club as they gather for some discussion on the book “Table For Two” by Amor Towles which includes six short stories and a novella set in New York and Los Angeles mostly taking place around the turn of the Millennium. May 15th at 1:00 PM

## HOW TO REACH US

### Human Services Dept.

Main Floor

9543 Broadview Road

Broadview Heights, Oh. 44147

Phone: 440-526-4074

Fax: 440-717-1256

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

## MOVIES



Human Services is closed for activities due to voting on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The office will be open!



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## JUNE REGISTRATION

Don't forget June registration opens May 13th through May 15th for residents and opens on May 16th for non-residents.

## SENIOR MEETING

Hospice of the Western Reserve will be here for a presentation on their services on Wednesday, May 21st at 11:30 AM. A light lunch will follow the presentation.

## 2025 MIND CHALLENGE COMPETITION

Monday, April 21st marks the beginning of year 7 of the Mind Challenge for the New Majority competition, the trivia game for seniors modeled after the popular NCAAA basketball tournament. Each year, teams compete for a chance to advance to each of the 6 rounds of play for an opportunity to play in the finals and compete for cash prizes. The Broadview Heights team has taken 1st place three years in a row and they are back to try to regain their title in 2025. This year, Broadview Heights is once again happy to host the first several rounds of competition. Please join us on: May 13th at 1:00PM.

## CLEVELAND METROPARKS TRAIL CHALLENGE

Join the Walking Club as we travel to different locations and enjoy nature with friends while getting in some exercise. All walking days will take place on alternating Mondays at 9:30 AM (weather permitting). We meet at City Hall and a bus will transport us to each location. April locations include: Hinkley  
Reservation on May 19th

## WELCOME TO THE TREASURE TRAIL

This is your trail for hard-to-finds and one-of-a-kinds. If you're into vintage, antique or retro bargains, this Summit County resale shopping experience is for you. Visit 16 out of 20 official shops with your "passport" and receive an official tote and the chance to win a \$250 Treasure Trail gift package. Our trail, spanning 5 monthly trips, takes us to the cities of Copley, Twinsburg, Richfield, Cuyahoga Falls, Tallmadge, Barberton and Akron. This month's trip will be on May 8<sup>th</sup>, and the bus leaves at 10:00AM