#### **HELPFUL LINKS**

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- Broadview Heights Website Home Page
  - City Meetings and Agendas
  - Recreation Website and Brochure
    - Local Events
- Visit us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>



The past few weeks we have been working hard to keep everyone updated as information comes in. Please take a moment to view the main page of <u>website</u>, there is a lot of information that may be helpful to residents and employers. We hope you find this information useful.

During this challenging time we would like to do our part in supporting our local businesses by posting the status of all restaurants and businesses located in Broadview Heights. Remember, it only takes one person to make a difference, let's all work together to make this 'one community'.

Stay safe and stay healthy, Mayor Sam 440-526-4357 Salai@broadview-heights.org

# The City of Broadview Heights will also like to provide the following updates:

Coronavirus Update from the Ohio Department of Health 041620

Centers for Disease Control: <a href="www.cdc.gov">www.cdc.gov</a> Cuyahoga County Board of Health: <a href="www.ccbh.net">www.ccbh.net</a>

Ohio Department of Health: <a href="https://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov">www.coronavirus.ohio.gov</a>

Ohio Stay at Home Order: AMENDED OHIO STAY AT WORK ORDER (PDF)

**CITY MEETING ATTENDANCE:** The next Work Session/Council Meeting is being held on April 20, 2020 beginning at 7:30 p.m. While it is still open to the public, in lieu of attending the meeting, feel free to email any questions and/or comments to Council Clerk, Helen Dunlap at <a href="https://hdunlap@broadview-heights.org">hdunlap@broadview-heights.org</a>. All questions and comments submitted will be announced and addressed during the meeting, additionally will be recorded and entered into the minutes.

## NOTICE REGARDING THE QUARTERLY BROADVIEW HEIGHTS UTILITY BILL:

Due to the pandemic, THE CITY WILL <u>NOT</u> BE ISSUING THE 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2020 BILLS. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2020 Broadview Heights Utility Bills <u>WILL BE COMBINED TO ONE BILL</u>. The next bill will be issued as of 6/30/2020 and the due date will be 7/31/2020. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter portion will appear as "PREVIOUS BALANCE".

**NO 1**<sup>SI</sup> **QUARTER PENALTY WILL BE ASSESSED**. Should you have any questions, please call the Finance Department at 440-717-4025 or email <u>utilitybilling@broadview-heights.org</u>.

# PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL BROADVIEW HTS. BUSINESSES

**OPEN TO SERVE YOU.** The City of Broadview Heights has compiled a master list of local restaurants and retailers remaining open in our community to serve you. **PLEASE ACCESS IT HERE** and consider shopping only within this local list when possible to help support our community during this difficult time.

RITA NOTICE: The Ohio Tax Commissioner extended the due date for filing and payment of state income tax, which in turn has extended municipal income tax filings and payments. Municipal income returns and payments for tax year 2019 with a due date of April 15, 2020 have been extended to July 15, 2020. Estimated payments for the first and second quarters of tax year 2020 have also been extended to July 15, 2020. If you have any questions please contact the Regional Income Tax Agency at 440-526-0900 or 1-800-860-7482.

## SAFETY TOWN REGISTRATION HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

**STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE for May 9 has been postponed**. New date to be determined at a later time.

### PLEASE REMEMBER TO PROPERLY DISPOSE YOUR HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD

**WASTE!** There has been an increase in hazardous household waste being improperly dropped off at the Broadview Heights Service Garage. Please note that certain items cannot be left at the Service Garage for disposal. Please go to the below links for more information on how to properly dispose of many of these hazardous items. For questions, please call the Service Department at 440-717-4022.

https://cuyahogarecycles.org/RecyclableDetail.aspx

https://oh-broadviewheights2.civicplus.com/1027/Garbage-Recycling

THE BROADVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD BANK is in need of non-expired/non-perishable food items. Specific items that are needed: pasta, pasta sauce, boxed potatoes, rice or rice mixes, canned meat, oatmeal, cereal/breakfast bars, nuts, shelf stable milk and milk substitutes, canned stews, peanut butter and jelly, and canned fruit. Please bring the items to the City of Broadview Hts. Community Building, 9543 Broadview Rd.. There is a labeled bin by the front entrance. Your generosity is appreciated by all who are served.

CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS CLOSINGS: The Senior Center, Recreation Center and City playgrounds will remain closed until further notice. No Mayor's Open Hours until further notice, as well.

CITY MEETING CANCELATIONS: Please Note: Planning Commission Meetings, GPZ Meetings and BZA Meetings have been canceled until further notice.

**DON'T LET THIEVES SNATCH YOUR COVID-19 STIMULUS MONEY**: Important information from Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost regarding COVID-19 stimulus payments from the federal government.

A MESSAGE REGARDING SCAMS TO BE AWARE OF: Warnings regarding an outbreak of scams related to the Coronavirus.

From Dave Yost, Attorney General: <u>Scam Warning from Dave Yost</u> From Sherrod Brown, Ohio Senator: Scam Warning from Sherrod Brown Coronavirus: Common Scams to Watch Out For

<u>CORONAVIRUS</u>: <u>RESOURCES FOR PROPERTY OWNERS</u>: Resource to provide property owners with assistance during the COVID-19 crisis.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES on how to file for Coronavirus & Unemployment Insurance Benefits: Ohio Department of Health Coronavirus and Unemployment Insurance Benefits

AVAILABLE JOB OPENINGS: This is a hard time for many who have suddenly been laid off or will be soon. Multiple area businesses are still open and are hiring now. Below are some resources lists developed by some of our partners that might help during this time:

- \* Amazon openings start at \$17.00/hr for thousands of positions in Northeast Ohio. Find out more at Amazon Jobs.
- \* Ohio Covid-19 Job Search Database
- \* Greater Cleveland Partnership INGEAR Employers Now Hiring
- \* Greater Akron Partners Resource Guide
- \* Apply online with Ohio Means Jobs

A MESSAGE FROM NORTH ROYALTON CITY SCHOOLS: The health, safety and well-being of the students and staff at North Royalton City Schools is a priority and we are closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to update this page with updates and resources for our school families as it is released. Please check this page regularly as it will change: NR Schools Coronavirus Update.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!**

- GREENE ACRES COMMUNITY GARDEN GENERAL MEETING TBD Sat., May 9 from 10:00AM-12:00PM at Broadview Heights City Hall
- <u>SENIOR TRIP "JAWS WITH PAWS, VINEYARDS AND HORSEIN" AROUND"</u> Tentative date set for Fri., May 15 (Please contact Human Services if you are interested)

#### **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

<u>Virtual Arbor Day -</u> Cuyahoga SWCD is a member of the Cleveland Tree Coalition and we have been creating videos, blogs etc. to join in the week long activities. The annual Arbor Day celebration is going online this year due to the #Covid19 pandemic. We will have a whole host of virtual Arbor Day activities planned for next week (April 19-25). Please like the <u>Cleveland Tree Coalition Facebook page</u>, where we will be sharing events, and share own photos, videos, and posts using the hashtag #ArborDayCLE

<u>Individual Acts of Conservation -</u> We may be keeping away from each other, but TOGETHER we can still make a difference for our local soil, water, wildlife and neighborhoods. See our <u>Individual Acts of Conservation page</u> for how you can report back on all the good you are doing for our environment. This is also a part of a virtual Earth Day celebration we are joining with other agencies.

<u>Teachers Workshop</u> - We are hosting a <u>virtual teachers workshop</u> from April 24 – May 8. It will cover 13 hours of training and we are offering 1 graduate credit. Subjects include Project WET, Project Learning Tree, and Climate Change.

<u>Let the Flare See the Air!</u> We need YOU to help us save trees. Ever since the practice of volcano mulching came on the scene, we are losing hundreds of trees a year. We want to identify locations where this is happening and assist them in fixing the problem and make better choices in the future. This officially launches next Thursday during Arbor Day week, <u>but take a look now!</u>

### **HUMAN SERVICES**

The Human Services Department has the ability to contact members via telephone with the specific information through My Senior Center. Due to COVID-19, we are now using this system to reach out to interested members to provide updates through a phone call, which also serves as a wellness check. Please do not confuse this with the City's Code Red system. Code Red is used by the city of Broadview Heights to communicate to all registered residents - My Senior Center is only for people registered with the Human Services Department. If you would like to be added to our Human Services database system, please contact the office at 440-526-4074.

The Human Services Department is working with We Thrive Together and other organizations across Northeast Ohio to create some great online programming for anyone who wishes to participate. A variety of programming is being offered, including support groups, bingo, exercise classes, cooking and baking classes, trivia, presentations, and much more. You'll find a full list of programming on <a href="WetherLogether.org">WetherLogether.org</a>. After registering for an event, you'll receive instructions to join the online program either by telephone or any internet-ready device. To RSVP for any event, email Alyssa - <a href="alyssa@WetherLogether.org">alyssa@WetherLogether.org</a> or call (440) 478-5640 | (216) 339-2005

Stimulus Checks - Checks will be direct deposit using 2018 and 2019 tax returns and will be issued mid-April on. Those without direct deposit will be issued paper checks beginning May 4. Anticipated to be issuing 5 million checks per week and could take up to 20 weeks. Checks will be issued in reverse order with those with lowest incomes receiving first. Those who haven't filed a tax return will have to submit a simple tax form (name, SS#, dependents) to the IRS. Ohio legislators and others appealed the original plan that it would include those receiving Social Security and SSI that was removed - they will receive a stimulus check without taking any action. Payments are not taxable with no plans for paying back and are being called "rebates". The IRS will develop a portal by end of April/May to check on status of check.

#### Stimulus Check amounts:

\$1,200 per individual with adjusted gross income under \$75,000 \$2,400 for couples with adjusted gross incomes under \$150,000 \$500 per child up to age 17 (no provisions for dependent college students over 17)

Those taxpayers who haven't yet filed their 2018 or 2019 tax forms should do so now to receive the stimulus check. Time estimates are fluid as the process is unfolded and best estimates.

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT COVID-19 UPDATE AS OF 4/3/2020

The majority of the Parks and Recreation Department employees are currently out of the office due to Governor DeWine's orders to stay at home. The employees will be back in the office when these orders are lifted. For Parks and Recreation related issues, you may call the main Parks and Recreation Department phone number, 440-838-4522. You may need to leave a voicemail and a staff member will return your call. You can also email the Parks and Recreation Director at <a href="majority-phone-webroadview-heights.org">phone-webroadview-heights.org</a>. The Parks and Recreation Director will respond to emails and voicemails on Wednesdays. For immediate assistance with urgent issues, you may call the main City Hall phone number, 440-526-4357. City Hall remains open 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. Thank you and stay healthy.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- o The Community & Recreation Center will remain closed until further notice.
- o City playgrounds are closed until further notice. Additional outdoor facilities may be closed as needed.

- o All programs and events have been postponed until notice.
- o The Youth Spring Soccer season has been cancelled. Full refunds will be issued to those who signed up for the spring season only. We will be issuing a percentage of the fees paid back as a household credit to all participants who registered for in the fall for the combined fall/spring soccer season.
- o Youth Baseball, Softball and Tee Ball are currently being postponed.
- o The spring/summer Adult Softball season has been postponed until further notice.
- o If you registered for swim lessons that were to take place in April or May, you have received a household credit to be used in the future. If you would like to request a refund instead of a household credit, you can download the refund request form and email it to <a href="mailto:cskuza@broadview-heights.org">cskuza@broadview-heights.org</a>.
- o Summer Camp has not been cancelled or postponed yet at this time.

Please check <u>www.bhrec.org</u> for updates which will be posted as soon as the information is available.

#### REFUNDS/CREDITS/EXTENSIONS – WHILE THE FACILITY IS CLOSED

- PROGRAMS: Household Credits will be issued for all cancelled programs.
- GROUP EXERCISE PASSES: Refunds will not be given. Pass expirations will be extended by the amount of time we are closed.
- FACILITY RENTALS: Renters will be notified and will have the ability to select a household credit or refund.
- MONTHLY MEMBERSHIPS: Refunds will not be given. Pass expirations will be extended by the amount
  of time we are closed.
- ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS: Refunds will not be given. Pass expirations will be extended by the amount
  of time we are closed.

## WHILE VISITING OUR OUTDOOR FACILITIES, PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Per an order issued by the Ohio Department of Health, ALL PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS ARE CLOSED.
- The ODH is requiring that individuals must at all times or as much as reasonably possible, maintain social distancing of 6 feet from any other person with the exception of family or household members.
- All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, with the exception of household or family members.
- Any gatherings of 10 people or more is prohibited.
- Stay home if you are sick and practice good hygiene. Wash your hands after touching surfaces. Avoid touching your face. Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow. Place garbage in trash receptacles.

### **BROADVIEW HEIGHTS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM:**

We will utilize the Parks and Recreation Department Website <a href="https://www.bhrec.org">www.bhrec.org</a> and the Facebook page <a href="https://www.bhrec.org">www.bhrec.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Economic Development has established a compilation of resources that may assist your business, you and your family on a wide range of topics from disease control, workforce issues, best practices, unemployment, financial resources and more. Please go to <u>our COVID-19 Resources page on the City website by clicking here to view</u>.

Please note, that disinfectant wipes (for example Clorox, Lysol...) are not to be flushed down toilets. These wipes are not made to breakdown. Please dispose of in your garbage. Thank you!

**WEEKLY UPDATE ON THE S.R. 82-WIDENING PROJECT**: The City of Broadview Heights intends to provide updates on a weekly basis regarding the status of the Route 82 Widening Project in a commitment to be as transparent as possible within our community.

Current details: State Route 82 Widening Project (PDF)

**REMINDER 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.

### MILITARY DISPLAY

The Broadview Heights Community and Recreation Center is proud to house a military display, recognizing Broadview Heights residents who have served or are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces. We are truly proud of our residents and their selfless dedication, bravery, and sacrifice to our nation. If you are a veteran and would like your military information to be included, please advise your Rank, Name, Branch of Service, Years of Service, and if you are a War Veteran, please indicate the war you served in. You can provide your information to <a href="mailto:cityhall@broadview-heights.org">cityhall@broadview-heights.org</a>.

NO MAYOR'S OPEN HOURS until further notice. Thank you!

SAMUEL J. ALAI, MAYOR CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS 440-526-3651