

CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

MESSAGE SENT THROUGH CIVICPLUS 10/23/20

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#### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Sat., October 24 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM** - On National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, residents can drop off unused, unwanted, or expired medications on Saturday, October 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Brecksville Horticultural Building. The Horticultural Building is located at 6916 Stadium Drive Brecksville, OH 44141. The drop off of medications will remain contactless and residents will remain in the vehicles upon arrival to the Brecksville Horticultural Building. Please see the flyer [HERE](#) for more information.

**HUMAN SERVICES ACTIVITIES ALERT** - When Cuyahoga County enters a Level 3 or 4 status with the Ohio Public Health Advisory System, all Broadview Heights Human Services programming will be offered virtually. Please contact the office at 440-526-4074 for an updated list of virtual programming or visit the website [HERE](#) for protocols.

**TRICK-OR-TREAT** will take place in the City of Broadview Heights on Halloween Night, Saturday, October 31, from 6-8pm. Please follow the link to review the Safety Guidelines for all Halloween Festivities. [How to Celebrate Halloween Safely](#)

**LEAF COLLECTION HAS BEGUN** – Please review the following link for leaf collection guidelines and schedule: [Leaf collection guidelines and schedule](#)

**CAMPAIGN SIGN RECYCLING PROGRAM** - The election will be over soon (yes, really) and the City is here to help you clean up. We will be holding our CAMPAIGN SIGN RECYCLING PROGRAM from November 4 - November 20. Political signs can be dropped off by the service garage entrance (off of Oakes Rd.). This is for corrugated yard signs with metal stakes, we cannot take anything larger. Thank you for your cooperation.

**SEWER MAINTENANCE FEE INCREASE** – The quarterly Broadview Heights Utility Bill just received in the mail reflects a Sewer Maintenance Fee increase per an Ordinance passed in 2016. For questions regarding your bill, please email [utilitybilling@broadview-heights.org](mailto:utilitybilling@broadview-heights.org) or call 440-717-4025.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AARP TAX AIDE** – AARP Foundation offers free tax preparation assistance for low income tax payers. Sign up to help neighbors in need get the credits and deductions they deserve. Whatever your skillset, there's a role for you. Please read the article below for more information. [AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Press Release \(PDF\)](#)

## **HUMAN SERVICES**

### **PANDEMIC SURVEY**

The Broadview Heights Human Services Department is working with the City of Brecksville Human Services Department and CAPA (Community Awareness Prevention Association) on conducting a survey engaging older adults 50+ during a pandemic. If you agree to help with the survey, you will answer a 15-minute survey that asks about your experiences during the pandemic and about the services you have used or you have been unable to receive. Your answers will be anonymous; please do not write your name on the survey. A link to this survey will also be available to take on Survey Monkey.

Your answers will be used to improve current services and to develop new services. The group report will be provided to the City of Broadview Heights and Mayor Alai. There is no risk for you to participate. If you need help now or if you have any questions about this survey, you can call Amy Washabaugh or Wade Cramer at 440-526-4074. Please complete the survey by Friday, November 20, 2020.

The survey can be found by [following this link](#). Hard copies will also be available in the Human Services Office.

### **SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS**

One of the many Christmas traditions is seeing volunteers ringing the Salvation Army Bell beside the familiar red kettle. Yet, it takes a lot of people to make that bell ring. The money that drop in the Salvation Army kettle stationed outside the Broadview Heights Giant Eagle ne Rt. 82 and I-77 helps people in need in Brecksville, Broadview Heights, Independence and Seven Hills. Your donations prevents electricity and natural gas shut offs to homes whose residents just can't afford to the lights on

and the furnace running. Covid-19, has made many difficulties for some this year. Please call City of Broadview Heights Human Services at 440-526-4074

### VETERN'S DAY LUNCH

Please take a Moment and Honor Our Veterans of the United States Armed Forces and then join Broadview Heights Human Services for a Grab and Go Lunch on November 11, 2020 from 11:30am – 12:30pm. The Grab and Go Lunch is sponsored by Faulhaber Funeral Home. Please call City of Broadview Heights Human Services at 440-526-4074 reserve your lunch.

### OSHIIP Medicare Open Enrollment Counseling

OSHIIP (Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program) is a program run by the Ohio Department of Insurance. Jim Langan is a volunteer OSHIIP counselor in Broadview Heights and will be offering individual Medicare counseling sessions during Medicare Open Enrollment, which is from October 15 until December 7. During Medicare Open Enrollment, people can switch Medicare Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans. This is a good time to review your plan. This year the counseling sessions will be by phone or Zoom. To make an appointment call the Broadview Heights Senior Center at 440-526-4074

### NEW VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

- Caregiver/Family Dementia Support Group - Every Month on the 2nd Tuesday @ 10am Join Zoom Meeting - [CLICK HERE](#)
- Brainercise - Every Month on the 3rd Tuesday @ 10am - Join Zoom Meeting - [CLICK HERE](#)
- BINGOCIZE® is a 10-week program that combines the game of bingo with fall prevention exercises (seated or standing). From the comfort of your home, play bingo and meet new people while learning techniques to reduce falls and increase cognition. **We are offering Bingocize on ZOOM, so you can have fun, stay healthy and participate safely from home during COVID-19. Bingocize will meet 2x per week for one hour per session.** NOTE: Participants need internet access, a computer, laptop, or tablet - with camera and microphone, and basic computer skills. We will help you get set up on Zoom! **Bingocize is proven to get results! Free smiles & prizes. Please see the flyer HERE for dates and registration information and great recipes to try!**

**PHONE SCAMS** - Cuyahoga Job and Family Services issues warning of phone scams targeting SNAP recipients!!

Please see the flyer Cuyahoga County Phone Scam Warning (pdf) for more information regarding protecting yourself from phone scams!

Human Services has received a few calls this week that older adults are receiving many scam phone calls. Please read the following websites for the most recent scams and how to report them.

[Federal Communications Commission \(link\)](#)

[Ohio Consumers Counsel \(link\)](#)

[Ohio Attorney General \(link\)](#)

Do you like helping others? Are you a former tobacco user? If YES..... Become a mentor and help your friends, family, and neighbors quit tobacco! Sign up today to participate in a virtual 30 minute training! To register or to ask questions, call 440-740-4750. All training participants will receive a \$50.00 Visa gift card. \*\*Must be at least 18 years old to participate. \*\* Please visit [CAPA'S Website](#) for more information.

### **IMPORTANT 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.

[STATE ROUTE 82 WIDENING PROJECT \(PDF\)](#)

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT HOURS** are available on Wednesdays from 3:00PM-4:30PM. Please call 440-526-3651 for an appointment to meet with Mayor Alai. Thank you!

### **MASK COMPLIANCE IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

Explore this [INTERACTIVE MAP](#) of reports made throughout Cuyahoga County, which details public reports of compliance / violations in businesses throughout the County.

### **SERVICE DEPARTMENT**

**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>

**SANITARY SEWER ISSUES – FLUSHABLE WIPES:** Over the past few years we have experienced escalating issues in our sanitary sewer system caused by unsuitable materials being flushed

down toilets. The increased use of “flushable” wipes has caused major clogging issues in the pump stations and, in some cases, house lateral lines. Even though the box states that they are flushable, they do not degrade quickly enough and accumulate to clog the pumps and pipes. Please do not flush anything except toilet paper! Thank you for your cooperation.

**REMINDER:** Disposal of pet waste into catch basins is not an acceptable method of disposal. Pet waste can contain bacteria that threaten the health of animals and people, especially children. Pet waste also contains nutrients that encourage excess weed and algae growth. This water then becomes cloudy and green — unattractive for swimming, boating and fishing. Excess nutrients are a major cause of water quality decline. When pet waste is washed into lakes and streams, the waste decays, using up oxygen and sometimes releasing ammonia. Low oxygen levels and ammonia combined with warm temperatures can kill fish and other aquatic life. Please dispose of pet waste properly by carrying disposable bags while walking your dog to pick up and dispose of the waste.

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### The Community and Recreation Center is open!

The Community and Recreation is currently open to members and program participants. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, limited facilities are currently available and there are new policies and procedures in place to maintain compliance with the current guidelines. **Please review the updated protocols and procedures online at [www.bhrec.org](http://www.bhrec.org) prior to visiting.** We will continue to monitor all information and guidelines and will adjust protocols as required as well as adjust the open/closed status of our various facilities as mandated. In addition to operating within all of the required guidelines, our highest priority will be to offer a safe and enjoyable experience for our patrons.

**NOW HIRING:** We are currently hiring lifeguard/WSI's. Email Amanda at [Ahutcheson@broadview-heights.org](mailto:Ahutcheson@broadview-heights.org) if interested.

**The City is also hiring for additional positions. Please visit the employment page on the website to view all openings: <https://broadview-heights.org/jobs.aspx>**

#### CURRENT OPERATING HOURS:

**Monday through Friday: 5:30am – 8:00pm**

**Saturday and Sunday: 7:30am – 3:00pm**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT BEGINNING MONDAY 11/16/2020 OPERATING HOURS WILL CHANGE TO:**

**Monday through Friday: 5:30am – 9pm**

**Saturday: 8:00am – 8:00pm**

**Sunday: 8:00am – 3:00pm**

**HOLIDAY HOURS: Thanksgiving Day – Closed, Christmas Eve & New Year’s Eve – Open 5am to Noon**

**Christmas Day & New Year’s Day - Closed**

**PROGRAMS:** Please visit us at [www.bhrec.org](http://www.bhrec.org) for information on current programs and activities!

**MEMBERSHIPS:** For information on joining or renewing your membership, please visit our website at [www.bhrec.org](http://www.bhrec.org) or call 440-838-4522.

**Membership Benefits include:**

- State-of-the-art fitness center and track access during all operating hours.
- Use of the pool/natatorium and gymnasium during scheduled “open” hours (reservation currently required).
- Use of the massage chair studio during all operating hours, members ages 18+ only. Now available first come, first serve and no additional membership is required.
- Discounts on select programs and activities.
- Use of the game room and casual activity spaces within the facility (game room equipment currently unavailable).
- Discounts on facility rentals and birthday parties (once rentals resume).
- All Annual Family Membership come with 100 hours of free Child Watch (Child Watch is expected to be available soon).
- All members are entitled to a free health and fitness assessment from Prescription Fitness Personal Training. Call for Prescription for more information on these free assessments at 440-552-6729.

**PLEASE NOTE: Masks are required unless at an exercise station – see mask policy online at [www.bhrec.org](http://www.bhrec.org).**

**RETURNING SOON:** We are currently in the process of coordinating the return of Child Watch and Group Exercise programming (including group cycling)!

**ADDITIONAL SHOWERS OPENING:** Showers are currently available in the 4 cabanas and beginning Monday 10/26/2020, the showers in the locker rooms adjacent to the pool will be available for use.

**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.

SAMUEL J. ALAI, MAYOR

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440-526-3651