

CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

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ZOOMING WITH ZANTA will take place on select weekends in December, 2020 (see www.broadview-heights-spotlights.org for availability). The child in your life will enjoy a one-on-one, five minute individualized chat with Santa, and be entertained by other holiday characters prior to and after the visit. In addition, all children will receive a personalized ornament and letter in the mail from Santa. Tickets are \$15 per child. Purchase tickets and schedule a time slot at <https://ticketpeak.co/spotlights/events>. This activity is great for non-local children, so share the link with out-of-town family and friends. Note that a device with a webcam, microphone and reliable internet access are necessary. For additional information, email kskuza@aol.com.

NATURE WEBCAM - Bring the outdoors indoors with explore.org Nature Webcam available on the [Human Services webpage](#). Check out what is happening right now by using

your computer to watch penguins, bears, sharks, birds, puffins and many more animals in their natural habitat.

YULETIDE HUNGER PROGRAM This is the 38th year for the Yuletide Hunger Program which provides food for low income families in Brecksville, Broadview Heights, Independence and Seven Hills. Because of the virus, *we will not be collecting food this year* to cut back on many hands handling the food. Instead the committee is asking for **monetary donations payable to City of Brecksville / Yuletide Hunger Program** which will be used to buy gift cards so that recipients may purchase their own food. Please contact the Human Services Center at 440-526-4685 for further information.

FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Oatmeal, canned stews, canned meat, soups, toilet tissue, peanut butter and jelly, pasta, pasta sauce and shelf-stable milk.

AARP TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

We are still waiting to hear if AARP will be providing tax assistance at the Leo H. Bender Community Building. We will keep you posted, please stay tuned.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

Volunteers are needed to ring the Salvation Army Bell stationed outside the Broadview Heights Giant Eagle near Rt. 82 and I-77. Your donations help people in need in Brecksville, Broadview Heights, Independence and Seven Hills by preventing electricity and natural gas shut offs to their homes. **Help is needed 12/17 in one hour increments from 10-6pm. Please call City of Broadview Heights Human Services at 440-526-4074.**

NOW HIRING - Panera Bread is now hiring! For openings in your area follow this link: <https://careers.panerabread.com> [Panera Hiring Flyer](#)

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

at the [Broadview Heights Community and Recreation Center](#). Please visit the [Red Cross](#) website for more information and to register for a time.

BE A RECYCLING AMBASSADOR! Applications Now Being Accepted for District's New Adult Education Program

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District is now accepting applications for the new Cuyahoga County Recycling Ambassador Program. Cuyahoga County's Recycling Ambassador course is an advanced learning, recycling education and training opportunity for adults. The program offers participants an in-depth study of waste reduction, composting, and recycling. Recycling

Ambassadors are trained to work in their communities and help improve recycling by serving as their neighborhood's "subject matter expert" on recycling. The course is offered 3 or 4 times per year and consists of four 2-hour classes, held virtually through online meetings. Classes, held in the evening on Wednesdays or Thursdays, are taught by Solid Waste District staff members. Virtual or in-person tours of recycling facilities, businesses and organizations are held quarterly as a continuing education component.

Upcoming Sessions

Session #2 Winter 2021: Thursdays -- January 7, 14, 21 and 28 (6:00 - 8:00 PM)

Session #3 Winter 2021: Thursdays -- February 4, 11, 18 and 25 (6:00 - 8:00 PM)

The Recycling Ambassador Program is being held in lieu of our annual Master Recycler training program. The first session of the Recycling Ambassador Program was held in October. To learn more about joining the Recycling Ambassador Program or to view the application, visit www.cuyahogarecycles.org/master_recycler_program

PURPLE ALERT LEVEL NOTICE

To ensure the safety of our residents, employees, and patrons, please be advised that if the County Alert Level gets changed to purple status, the Community building will be temporarily closed to the public. Ohio and County updates can be found on the COVID Ohio website at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards>

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.

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

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS!

If your finances have been affected by COVID-19, you may qualify for utility bill assistance. Money is available to help residents affected by COVID-19 with utility bills like water, sewer, gas and electric. If you are a renter having difficulty making payments due to COVID-19, apply for rent help at neorenthelp.org or call us with questions at 833-377-7368 (RENT).

Relief is only available until December 31, 2020! Funding provided by Cuyahoga County.

[Who Qualifies? \(link\)](#)

[Online Application \(link\)](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW The City of Broadview Heights has recently had a rash of car break-ins and vehicle thefts. If a vehicle is found unlocked, they rummage through it for any type of valuable. Please see the below tips to help avoid this from happening:

- Lock your vehicles
- Don't leave car keys or valuables in your vehicles
- Close your garage doors at night
- Lastly, if you have outdoor lighting on your garage or post, leave them on at night

9-VOLT BATTERY SAFETY 9-volt batteries power our smoke alarms, household items and toys. They can be found in most homes, but, these batteries can be a fire hazard if not stored safely or disposed of with care. Please see the attached flyer [HERE](#) for more information.

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS The City of Broadview Heights intends to provide updates regarding the status of current construction projects in a commitment to be as transparent as possible within our community.

[CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS](#)

ROUTE 82 WIDENING - Construction has demobilized for the winter and will return to complete the project in spring 2021. If there is any work taking place over the winter, an update will be posted on our website and the Mayor's Message!

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.

HUMAN SERVICES

REDUCE ISOLATION AND DEPRESSION BY JOINING US IN WEEKLY VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES

We Thrive Together (City of Broadview Hts.) – a virtual program designed to reduce social isolation and loneliness of older adults by engaging them in classes, social events and other activities; contact Amy Washabaugh for more information: www.wethrivetogether.org.

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!**

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Community and Recreation Center is open!

****PLEASE NOTE: Masks are required at all times and in all areas – see mask policy online at www.bhrec.org.****

****PLEASE NOTE: The lower level fitness areas (Multipurpose Room A and Group Exercise B) are closed due to lack of use and availability of cleaning staff. Thank you for your understanding!****

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 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 DAYTIME lifeguard/WSI's. Email Amanda at 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

HOLIDAY HOURS:

Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve – Open 5:30am to 11:30am

Christmas Day & New Year's Day - Closed

PROGRAMS: Please visit us at 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 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.

SHOWERS AVAILABLE: Showers are currently available in the 4 cabanas.

RECREATION CENTER CHANGES DURING ALERT LEVEL CHANGES

BASED ON THE CURRENT WARNING LEVEL WITHIN THE OHIO PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY SYSTEM

Please review the information [HERE](#) regarding the changes that will take place at the Community and Recreation Center when Cuyahoga County is in each of the warning levels (1-4) within the Ohio Public Health Advisory System. The explanation of levels and the guidelines for each level are listed in the chart at the link above. The City's mask/facial covering policies will remain in effect at all 4 levels. COMPLETE AND CURRENT FACILITY PROTOCOLS/GUIDELINES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: www.bhrec.org.

PLEASE NOTE: If we go up a level, the action is immediate, if we move down a level, there will be a 5-day period until action is taken. For example, if the level is red and moves up to purple than immediate action must be taken to follow the guidelines under the purple level. If for example the level is purple and changes down to red, we must remain in the purple zone protocols for 5 consecutive days before we can change our protocol to the red level guideline.

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.

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