



Brookville Community Park Cleanup Day!

Brookville Park Board has set Saturday, March 24, 2012 as the Annual Community Park Cleanup Day for Golden Gate Park, Westbrook Soccer Complex and Ward Park. Cleanup will begin at 10:00 a.m. Trash bags and equipment will be provided at Golden Gate Park, Shelter #3. Park Board and the City of Brookville will serve hot dogs, chips and refreshments at noon in Shelter #3 at Golden Gate Park following cleanup. In case of inclement weather, Cleanup Day will be held on Saturday, March 31 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Join us for a little work, a little food, and a lot of community pride! Help keep your parks a clean and safe place to play and enjoy.

Adult Summer Softball Leagues

Summer softball league begins April 29th under the direction of Ball Diamond Manager Ron Chandler. League fees are \$360 and must be paid in full before the first game. Sign up begins Monday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. in Shelter #2 in Golden Gate Park. Registration will take place April 22-26, 2012 in Shelter #2. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Ball Diamond Manager Ron Chandler at 937-833-0247.

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FOND MEMORIES OF A RETIRING FIRE CHIEF

By Bob Batz, BFD Public Information Officer

It was late afternoon on a sun-splashed Saturday last September and Brookville Fire Chief James Nickel was directing a training exercise called a "burn" on the outskirts of town. The five-hour training session was winding down and weary firefighters were preparing to take the low-slung, ranch-style structure to the ground. Then, as the first curlicues of smoke began to rise from the gutted and empty structure, Nickel turned to his fellow firefighters and said "This is my last burn" and when he said it there were tears in his eyes.

On March 30, 2012, Brookville's Fire Chief – a firefighter since 1975 - will pull off his boots and hang up his white helmet for the last time. Nickel has no regrets. "I learned firefighting in the Navy," he recalled. "I was aboard a busy ship that had lots of fires."

After stints as a Firefighter and District Captain in West Carrollton, Nickel was named Brookville's Fire Chief on Feb. 23, 1987. "I knew going in that firefighting is a young man's game," he said. "I'll miss the job and the people. There's no better place to be than the firehouse after a fire. It's a special place with special people."

Brookville Fire Captain Ed Ullery has served under Nickel for 25 years. "Before I get into who or what James Nickel is let's travel back a few years to the first time I met him." Ullery said. "It was 1987 and I was president of the Brookville Fire Department Association and the department was in a transition period. We had an Assistant Chief acting as Interim Chief and we had received word from the city offices that they intended to hire a full time chief. This news wasn't received as well as maybe it could have been by the department but the city pressed on.

"The list of chief candidates was narrowed to four or five and interviews were scheduled. I was asked to be one of the members to sit on the hiring committee. I met Jim during the interviews with the candidates. When it came Jim's turn, the questions were asked and as he answered them I began to feel a connection with this candidate. The thing I remember best was the passion in his voice as he talked about the job."

Ullery paused then added "Who is Jim Nickel? He is a grandparent, father, husband, and friend. He is a firefighter, a captain, a chief, a brother and a mentor."

Nickel, whose full-time job was working for the Dayton Power & Light Company prior to coming here, said Brookville is a smaller town than West Carrollton and he described the Brookville Fire Department as a close-knit organization. He already has plans for the future. "I am going to spend time with family, and, of course, do a lot of fishing," he said. And when he uttered those words the Fire Chief was smiling.



The City of Brookville is hosting a Retirement Open House in honor of Fire Chief Nickel on March 30, 2012 at the Christena Leiber Center in Golden Gate Park, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Keeping Our Business First!



The current economic climate makes our Business First! Program one of the most important initiatives within the City. Managed by City Staff with the assistance of the Montgomery County Economic Development Department, the program provides more than 80 Resource Partners ready and willing to assist your company with any business needs. The Business First! Program has helped retain over 750 jobs and created another 675 new jobs within Brookville alone.

The Business First! Program is designated to assist all types of businesses – large or small, industrial to retail and professional services. If you would like to schedule a visit or want more information on how the program could benefit your business, please contact us at 833-2135.

Neighborhood Watch Program Continues

Our Neighborhood Watch Program underwent some changes last year with Officer Kyle Sewert taking charge and including crime prevention initiatives as part of the program. Listed below are some of the details Officer Sewert completed in 2011.

1. McGruff at the Elementary School for opening day
2. Neighborhood Watch meeting with Terrace Park Plat
3. McGruff at Fire Prevention Parade
4. Ident-i-kid program at Elementary School
5. Second meeting with Terrace Park Plat residents
6. Crime prevention meeting w/Market St. business area
7. McGruff out on Halloween for trick or treat night
8. Operation Show Our Love – participated in making care packages for duty troops overseas.
9. Veterans Day – participated in sponsoring a luncheon at Robs Restaurant for veterans.

If your neighborhood is interested in starting a neighborhood watch, please call the Police Department at 833-2001 and Officer Sewert will be glad to work with you and your group.

City Constructs Sign Shop at City Garage

Our Service Department has recently completed construction of a new facility that will enable the city to make our own street signs. This was prompted by state mandated regulations that include requiring the signs have certain degree of reflection and are not all capital letters. To meet these requirements, we will replace all signs within the city, including street name signs, over the next several years. In addition to the sign shop, equipment was purchased that will perform computerized design, layout and actual production of the sign faces. The initial investment of approximately \$10,000 will easily pay for itself within the next few years. A significant amount of money was saved by constructing the sign room in house with city forces. Hopefully, you can look forward to seeing some of the new signs beginning in April or May.

Brookville Police Department Annual Crime Statistics

The following information reflects only crimes that are categorized as Part I Crimes by the FBI's Uniform Crime Report. By the FBI's definition, Part I Crimes include homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson. The numbers reported here reflect the official Part I Crime numbers reported to the FBI and exclude cases that have been unfounded.

Crime	2008	2009	2010	2011	Diff.
Murder	0	0	0	0	
Rape	3	0	0	0	
Robbery	1	2	1	0	
Agg Assault	1	3	0	0	
Burglary	7	10	7	6	
B & E	4	10	3	8	
Grand Theft	22	24	31	27	
Auto Theft	2	4	0	6	
AutoRecovery	0	0	0	0	
Arson	0	0	2	0	
Totals	40	53	43	47	9.3%

The following information reflects crimes that are categorized as Part 2 Crimes by the FBI's Uniform Crime Report. By the FBI's definition, Part 2 Crimes include Petit Larceny, Assault, Checks/Forgery and Vandalism. The numbers reported here reflect the official Part 2 Crime numbers reported to the FBI and exclude cases that have been unfounded. Also included are all other crimes not categorized by the FBI and are listed simply as "other crimes".

Crime	2008	2009	2010	2011	Diff.
Petit Larceny	46	58	55	51	
Assault	10	10	15	10	
Checks/Forgery	32	10	6	7	
Vandalism	34	53	38	29	
Totals	122	131	114	96	-15.7
Other Crimes	509	430	449	518	11.3
Part 2 combined	631	561	563	614	9



City Offers Local Tax Assistance Free of Charge

The City of Vandalia will have representatives at the Brookville City Building on Friday, March 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday, March 24 from 8:00 a.m. to noon to assist residents with the preparation of their local income tax return at no charge.

All residents of Brookville that are 18 or over, whether or not any income was earned or any tax is due, is required to file. This includes students, even if they are still claimed on their parents' federal return. Those living in the city for any part of the year are also required to file a return. Others required to file are all resident business entities including trusts, corporations, S-Corporations, partnerships and other unincorporated businesses and anyone receiving a taxpayer letter, as those accounts remain in an active status until a "final" return is filed.



Brookville tax returns are due on or before April 17, 2012. Extensions are not granted on an automatic basis. Extension requests must be filed with the City of Vandalia Tax Department on or before the due date of the return. An extension of time to file does not extend the time to pay the tax. Extensions shall be conditioned upon receipt of payment of the tax estimated to be due and the account not being held in a delinquent status.

Taxpayers are urged to file their returns electronically through the Online Tax Filing Tool on the City of Vandalia's website, which can be accessed through our website, www.brookvilleohio.com. City taxes may be paid by cash, personal check, money order, credit card, or electronic check. Cash, personal check or money order payments may be paid in person at the Vandalia Income Tax Office, or mailed to the tax office. Credit card or electronic payments are to be remitted through the Online Payment Center, which can be accessed from the City of Vandalia's website, www.vandaliaohio.org.

2012 Utility Discount Guidelines for Seniors/Disabled

The City of Brookville allows a 10% discount on the quarterly water, sewer and refuse billing for senior citizens or permanently and totally disabled citizens who apply and qualify for the discount.

Applicants shall meet all of the following guidelines:

- (1) Be 65 years old or older, or permanently and totally disabled at the time of application; and
- (2) Have a total household income that does not exceed \$28,000; and
- (3) Own or rent your residence in the City of Brookville at the time of application for the discount and reside in that residence.

Applications can be picked up at the City Office, or downloaded online at www.brookvilleohio.com. An application for this discount shall be completed annually and the applicant must provide evidence of income, such as a tax return, or Social Security 1099, or other evidence of income deemed appropriate by the Finance Director to establish that the applicant qualifies for this discount. Upon approval of the application, the discount shall apply to the next quarterly utility billing. The 10% discount shall continue for a period of one (1) year from the date of application, and then the applicant must reapply to continue to receive the discount if eligible.

E-Waste Collection Day to be Held in the City of Brookville

The City of Brookville in partnership with the Access Project will be holding an E-Waste Collection Day on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at Golden Gate Park from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This date coincides with Earth Day the following day.

We will be accepting old obsolete and unwanted computers, peripherals and other e-waste. Access Project's mission is to help bridge the digital divide between the general population and people with challenges. They provide a service to the community by recycling or reusing unwanted electronic equipment in safe and responsible ways that are compatible with EPA Universal Waste Rules. Access Project operates in a 50,000 square foot facility which houses their work groups and repair and de-manufacturing facilities.

Their goal is to turn your liability (e-waste) into an asset for the environment through proper disposal or reuse. Equipment that is still functional, easily upgraded or repaired is reused. Obsolete equipment is demanufactured and the components sent to certified vendors for the end life recycling process. Batteries, circuit boards, CRT's, and mercury switches are sent to authorized hazardous material recycling facilities. For more information on what to donate, contact Access Project at 937-837-5481.



What is E-Waste?

- Computers
- Peripherals
- Computer parts
- Other electronic waste

City Wide Garage Sale Dates have been set for Brookville residents during the month of June. The City has been divided into four sections. Each section is designated for Community Garage Sales on a specific weekend in June. We encourage you to participate. Garage sales are a great way to de-clutter your home while making a little cash to stash away for a rainy day!

June 28, 29, 30

Arlington Road	Sterling Meadows Place
Arlington Woods Drive	Edgebrook Avenue
Kimmel Trail	Carter Court
Flanders Avenue	Sunrise Avenue
Shaney Lane	Studebaker Court
Randy Sue Court	Coronado Drive
Ashmark Court	Rona Parkway
300-815 Mound Street	Pleasant Court
Meadow Glen Avenue	Adrian Court
Terri Drive	Ramblewood Court
Callie Court	Ridge Road
Caleb Drive	
Bruns Drive	
Jessica Court	

June 14,15,16

Baker Street	Lisa Court
106-866 Salem Street	32-248 E. Westbrook
Main Street	5-325 S. Wolf Creek
Walnut Street	15-25 N. Wolf Creek
Mulberry Street	
Market Street	
Hay Avenue	
Vine Street	
Jefferson Street	
Columbia Street	
Wall Street	
Urban Lane	
Joanna Street	
Cusick Avenue	
Sycamore Street	
E. McKinley Street	
Oak Street	
Maple Street	
Gaines Street	
Poplar Street	

June 7, 8, 9

100-464 N. Wolf Creek	Clay Street
Karrland Drive	March Avenue
Leisure Drive	Simmons Street
Ankara Avenue	25-730 W. Westbrook
Brookside Drive	Blue Pride Drive
Durwell Drive	213 Brk. Pymont Rd.
Antwerp Avenue	11-278 Johnsville Brk. Rd.
Plymouth Avenue	Charlie Court
Plymouth Circle	Terrace Park Blvd.
Madrid Avenue	Bayview Avenue
Vienna Court	June Place
Oslo Court	Foothill Drive
Harshman Street	Ostend Drive
Beechwood Avenue	Crosswell Avenue
30-250 Mound	Woodfield Drive
Orchard Street	Hull Court
Villa Drive	Deger Court
Villa Circle	Pryor Court
Church Street	Doyle Avenue
Cherry Street	Brookmoor Drive
Rock Street	
Osage Alley	
Western Avenue	
W. McKinley Street	
Hill Street	

June 21,22,23

Golden Maple Avenue	Glenna Court
Golden Beech Drive	Leiber Lane
Patricia Faye Court	Marilyn Way
Golden Meadows Avenue	Larry Court
Calmer Ernst Blvd.	Hunterfield Drive
Dorothy Lane	Wilderness Cove
Hunters Run Drive	Timberwolf Way
Mallard Court	401-670 S. Wolf Creek
Quail Hollow	300-455 E. Westbrook
Moose Court	Brooke Park Avenue
Elk Court	Poplar Run Place
E. Upper Lewisburg Salem Rd.	Meadow Brooke Avenue
903-950 Salem Street	Brooke Woode Drive
Albert Road	Heckathorn Road
Brookhaven Estates Lane	
Estates Lane	
Vinnie Court	
Ruth Ann Court	
Marshall Lane	

Do I Need a Permit to Hold a Garage Sale?

Permits are not required to hold a garage sale but the City does have rules and restrictions. Each garage sale shall not exceed 4 days in length and at least one month must lapse before you can have another garage sale. Each address is allowed 3 garage sales in a calendar year. No food or beverages can be sold for on premise consumption. Owners are allowed one sign 2ft X 2ft on the property of the sale for display along with 2 directional signs the same size. These signs are to be no higher than 3ft off the ground and must be taken down 24 hours after the closing of your last date of sale. Signs cannot be posted on utility poles traffic/sign posts, or in public right-of-way. Balloons, streamers, special lighting on signs cannot be used to attract attention from motorists. Please contact Zoning Officer Jim Snedeker or snedeker@brookvilleohio.com.

Smoke Signals... We Can't Help If We Can't Find You

It likely goes without saying, if a huge column of smoke is rising from your home, it will be easy to see where our assistance is needed. However, most of the time, when you need Fire or Police Department services, you don't send up smoke signals.

Your public safety departments (Fire & Police) wish to take this opportunity to stress to you the importance of us being able to find you in an emergency. Some homes in town are well marked and leave little chance for confusion. Others need some attention.

Here are some things to consider when making your home or business more identifiable.

1. Consider large numbers with a contrasting background. Locate these near the front entry door or over top of the garage door (these are the locations first responders will look to first). Even if your address is on your mailbox at the street, placing the number on the building always helps.

2. Don't solely rely on address numbers painted on your curb. These become difficult to read over time, and are easily covered by snow, leaves, or vehicles parked at the curb.

3. Multiple family dwellings can be challenging for first responders. We can see where your mail goes, but which door is "Apartment C" may not be obvious. You are encouraged to identify entry doors – we don't want to waste precious time at the wrong door.

4. Reflective "street sign" address numbers are certainly visible to first responders, but not always the most attractive addition to the exterior of a home or business. As long as your choice is easy to see, your area first responders have no preference.

5. Businesses are required by the Ohio Fire Code to prominently display their address using numbers at least four inches in size or larger. The further your building is from the roadway, the larger the number needs to be. Businesses must also identify rear doors – this is especially important when more than one business shares a building.

The public safety departments stand ready to help you at a moment's notice. Please do your part and make your home or business readily identifiable so we can find you. If you need assistance with this, please contact the City Offices – we may be able to help!



This home features a large number near the front door– its color contrasts the background making it easy to see. If the home's exterior lighting illuminates this area of the home, first responders will quickly determine the address day and night.



House number painted on the curb.



Reflective "street sign" Address.



Businesses need to display their address with numbers 4" or larger.



Multi-family dwellings are often confusing if doors are not identified.



Check your address periodically– missing numbers may cause an unnecessary delay.

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www.brookvilleohio.com

3rd Annual Wolf Creek

Run Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show



The 3rd^d Annual Wolf Creek Run Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 in Golden Gate Park. Registration of vehicles will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon with awards presented at 3:30 p.m. Last years inaugural show was a huge success! If you are interested in registering your vehicle or becoming a sponsor for the event, please contact Shawn Landis at 833-1946. Additional information will be provided in the summer-edition of our Newsletter, so stay tuned.



The Annual Optimist Easter Egg Hunt will be

held at Golden Gate Park on April 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. sharp!

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Fire Department Recognizes Two Members

Brookville Fire Chief Jim Nickel recognized two fire department members during the February 7, 2012 City Council meeting. Jim Hart was awarded "Firefighter of the Year" and Chad Ferguson was honored as the "EMS Provider of the Year" for 2011.

Hart, a part-time Firefighter/Paramedic, has been with the department almost six years. In addition to typical duties, Jim coordinates all information technology work for the Fire Department, managing the computer network and keeping the electronics utilized by the BFD in good working order. Jim is a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic with the City of Riverside and resides in Huber Heights with his wife, son, and two daughters.

Ferguson, a part-time Firefighter/EMT, had his first exposure to the members of the Brookville Fire Department as a child in elementary school. "During Fire Prevention Weeks visits, Chad was always one of those kids sitting in the front row" recalled Chief Nickel. "He began serving us as a Cadet and is part of a group of 'home-grown' personnel – he's a fine example of the personnel we have protecting the citizens." Ferguson has been with the department almost five years and lives in Brookville with his wife Brittany, an EMT with the department.



Jim Hart- 2011 Firefighter of the Year



Chad Ferguson- 2011 EMS Provider of the Year

Chamber to Host Downtown Block Party

The Brookville Chamber of Commerce will host the 9th Annual Downtown Block Party on June 9, 2012. The party begins at 6 p.m. with blues and rock & roll music by the Doug Hart Band beginning at 7:00 p.m. There will be plenty of good food and drink and fun inflatables for kids. Bring the family for what is sure to be a great kick-off to summer!

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The City Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 6, 2012. Refuse will be picked up on Thursday, April 5, 2012.