

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT GOLDEN GATE PARK!



New fountains were recently installed in the pond thanks to a generous donation made by the Delta Theta Tau Sorority. Fishing in the pond is permitted for all ages under a catch and release program.



The Castle Playground has been repaired, re-sealed and re-mulched with recycled rubber mulch purchased with grant funds received from the Montgomery County Solid Waste District.



The next "Movies in the Park" event put on by our Police Department is scheduled for September 22nd. The featured movie is Dr. Seuss' The Lorax. The event is free and showtime is at dusk. Don't forget your lawn chair!

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Police & Fire Departments Look Toward the Future

Replacing two Chiefs with a combined total 56 years of service to the City of Brookville was not easy, but Brookville Council feels certain they have chosen two men who will lead our Police and Fire Departments ahead with confidence.

"The Police Department is truly excited about the past 90 days and we can't wait to explore the future!" exclaimed Brookville Police Chief Doug Jerome.

Jerome, who was sworn in as Police Chief in June, began his career with Brookville as a part time police officer in 1993, moving to a full time slot a few years later. In 2000, Jerome played a major role in implementing the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program and served as the first SRO for three years. During this time, he introduced the third grade seatbelt program and the Eddie Eagle program. Jerome was later promoted to Operations Sergeant and served in that capacity through May of 2012.

In addition to adding a state of the art camera and surveillance system, redesigning the police department's logo and restructuring the chain of command, Police Chief Jerome is busy focusing his new administration on increasing public relations with the citizens of our community and building partnerships with our businesses, churches, schools, service clubs and surrounding police agencies.

Fire Chief Ron Fletcher is also no stranger to Brookville. Fletcher, who began his fire career with the Phillipsburg Fire Department, was one of our fire department's first paid part time Firefighter/EMTs in 1995. During his tenure as a Fire Officer and the Chief of Phillipsburg Fire Department, Fletcher and his department frequently worked hand in hand with Brookville on many mutual aid calls.

Fletcher has also served as the Battalion Chief for the City of Riverside Fire Department, and currently serves as the Assistant Fire Chief for the City of Englewood and the Interim Fire Chief for the Township of Greenville.

What's in store for Brookville Fire Department under Fire Chief Fletcher? "As a department, we will be looking at all aspects of what we do and how we do it. Some things as simple as tools and equipment carried on apparatus, or more significant things such as how we staff and respond to emergencies and everything in between will be reviewed." states Fletcher. "With a huge commitment to training and preparedness, my goal is to take the BFD to the next level in all that we do."

Both Chiefs are committed to working together whenever possible. They are aware that in some communities the relationships between the Police and Fire Departments are competitive, even adversarial. Both men agree that this does not benefit the citizens they serve. "Our teamwork approach to public safety will not only demonstrate our high levels of professionalism, but will provide our citizens with the best public safety services possible." advised Police Chief Jerome.



Voter Registration Information

Polls are open on Election Day, November 6, 2012 from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Voter registration deadline for this General Election is October 9, 2012. To qualify to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years old on or before the next General Election, a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days prior to Election Day and be registered to vote 30 days before Election Day. Voter registration forms are available at the Brookville City Office located at 301 Sycamore Street, the Brookville Public Library located at 425 Rona Parkway, or online at http://www.mcoho.org/boe/voter_information/registration.html. Voter registration forms must be received or postmarked 30 days before an election in which you intend to vote. You will be notified by the Montgomery County Board of Elections of the location where you vote; if you do not receive a notice prior to Election Day, call the Montgomery County Board of Elections at 937-225-5656.

If you are registered and move within the state or same county or change your name, you must report the change to the Montgomery County Board of Elections by completing a voter registration form at the Montgomery County Board of Elections or any branch registration agency or by mail as stated above.

Absentee voting allows you to vote at any time up to 35 days before the General Election. A qualified Ohio voter does not have to state a reason to vote by an absentee ballot, although the ballot must be applied for in writing. If you are properly registered to vote, you must submit your written request to the Montgomery County Board of Elections. Absentee voter applications can also be completed online at http://www.mcoho.org/boe/voter_information/absentee_voting/absenteeform.cfm. If requesting a ballot by mail, your written request must be received at the Montgomery County Board of Elections by noon on Saturday, November 3, 2012. All voted absentee ballots must be returned by mail, or hand delivered to the Montgomery County Board of Elections office by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted.

Exception-Ballots mailed from out of the country will be counted if received by the Board of Elections up to 10 days following the election if post-marked by Election Day. (In the case of a Presidential Primary Election, ballots will be counted if received by the Board of Elections up to 20 days following the election if post-marked by Election Day).

Brookville Precinct Voting Locations

Brookville Precinct A: Villas of Brookhaven, 1 Country Lane

Brookville Precinct B: Golden Gate Park, Christena Leiber Center, 545 E. Upper Lewisburg-Salem Road

Brookville Precinct C: Brookville High School, 1 Blue Pride Drive

Brookville Precinct D: Brookville High School, 1 Blue Pride Drive

City Earns Auditor of State Award

A recent financial audit of the City of Brookville by the Auditor of State Dave Yost's office has returned a clean audit report. The City of Brookville's excellent record keeping has earned it the *Auditor of State Award*.

"This recognition is a result of the meticulous work of the Finance Department and represents the team's commitment to excellence," said Mayor Seagraves.

The *Auditor of State Award* is presented to local governments and school districts upon completion of a financial audit. Entities that receive the award meet the following criteria of a "clean" audit report:

Must be a GAAP entity without a CAFR (Certified Annual Financial Report) that timely files their financial reports with the Auditor of State;

The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or questioned costs;

The entity's management letter contains no comments related to:

Ethics referrals

Questioned costs less than \$10,000

Lack of timely report submission

Reconciliation

Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit

Findings for recovery less than \$100

Public Meetings or public records



The City is proud to report we have received a clean audit report each year since Sonja Keaton began her tenure as the Director of Finance in 1999.

Shelters Available for Rent at Golden Gate Park

The City of Brookville has four various sized enclosed shelters available for rent at Golden Gate Park. Shelters can be rented from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to midnight. Shelters may also be rented for the entire day. With the exception of Shelter #3, the shelters are heated so they can be rented year-round.

Reservations can be made at the Municipal Offices, which are located at 301 Sycamore Street, or by calling 937-833-2135. Reservations are taken Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Reservations are currently being accepted for 2012 and 2013. Reservations for 2014 will be accepted beginning January 2, 2013.

BFD Festival & Parade Set for October 6th

On Saturday, October 6, Brookville's 65th Fire Prevention Festival & Parade will once again occupy Downtown Brookville. The festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. with a parade from Fire Station 77 on Albert Road through the city to Fire Station 76 on Mulberry Street. An open house and chicken BBQ dinner will start at noon at Fire Station 76. The day will end with an Extrication Demonstration and Care Flight display at 2pm.

"Sharing with the public what we do and why we do it is very important," Brookville Fire Chief Ron Fletcher said. "The Brookville community has a long and wonderful tradition of recognizing the importance of Fire Safety every fall. The current members of the Fire Department look forward to carrying on the tradition."

Annual favorite Jim Bucher, the versatile reporter/photographer at Dayton's WDTN-TV (Channel 2), will announce the parade from downtown at Market and Mulberry Streets.

Other events and activities on festival day will include:

- Guided tours of Fire and EMS and CERT Apparatus
- EMS and Fire Equipment Demonstrations
- Fire and Injury Prevention Information

For more information, please contact Susan at the Brookville Fire Department on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays in September: 833-2345.

October is Fire Prevention Month

The Fire Department encourages you to change the battery in your smoke detector when you set your clocks back for Daylight Savings on November 4. A working smoke detector more than doubles your chances of surviving a fire in your home. Remember, change your clock—change your batteries!



New Faces in the Police Department

Officer Brian Lyons was promoted to full-time status in June after serving as one of our part-time officers since November of 2010. Officer Lyons also served as a part time officer for the Perry Township Police Department.



Officer Jessi Mitrisin was hired full-time after serving the Englewood Police Department as a part-time officer for two years as well as the Germantown Police Department. Officer Mitrisin graduated from Brookville High School in 2005.



Officer Zachary Snell, hired as a part-time officer, currently works full-time for the Good Samaritan Hospital Police Department. Officer Snell has also worked at the Montgomery County Jail and the Camden Police Department. He graduated from Brookville High School in 2007.



Cruising in Style

The Police Department is excited about their new 2013 Ford Interceptor, which replaced one of the Ford Crown Victoria model cruisers.

This new cruiser is AWD (all-wheel drive) has a 3.5 liter flex fuel, Ti VCT V-6 engine, which is more fuel efficient than the current V-8 engines and displays the new paint scheme.

The Police Department will be transitioning to the new "black and white" color scheme, which by the annual replacement program will phase out the all-white color scheme presently used over the next three years.

The new cruiser also displays the new department motto of "Excellence in Service."



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FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 22– Movies in the Park

October 6- Fire Prevention Parade & Festival

October 13– Challenge for the Cure 5K Walk

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October 30- Beggars' Night

November 3– Optimist Pumpkin Walk

November 4– Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 22– Thanksgiving, City Office Closed

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CHECK FOR UNWANTED GUESTS

Now is a good time to check the foundation area of your shed, deck or detached garage for possible nesting areas for small animals. Feral cats, raccoons, possums and skunks will find the smallest hole in a shed or under a deck to crawl in and start a family. Detached garages are another safe haven for such varmints if unattended and unsecured.

Check these structures for broken or missing boards close to the ground. Be sure the exterior siding goes past the surface dirt by several inches so they cannot start burrowing underneath. Check for areas that look like something has already started digging and fill back in.

If you suspect that you already have a skunk, possum, or raccoon nesting in these areas you will need to call an exterminator to trap and dispose of them.

City crews will soon resume our annual curbside leaf pickup. Leaves are picked up daily, beginning at one end of the city and working completely through all of the streets before starting the route over again. Please follow these guidelines to ensure your leaves are picked up:

- Use your blower to get them to the streets, but consolidate them as close to the curb as possible.
- Allow 6" from gutters to allow rain to flow to catch basins.
- Make sure leaves are not under, between or around parked vehicles.
- Please do not mix yard waste with the leaves. Grass, sticks, brush or spent flowers will clog the vacuum.
- Don't blow leaves out into street for them to become your neighbor's problem.
- Rake leaves at your convenience, but be patient. One crew can usually make the route in a week or less, and at times two crews may be used.



Brookville's **Challenge for the Cure** team is holding their 3rd Annual 5k walk to raise breast cancer awareness on Saturday, October 13th. The walk begins at the Community Theatre located at 770 Arlington Road at 9:00 a.m. Last year, the team raised over \$7,000 to benefit the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Registration forms can be picked up at the City office, the Colston residence at 205 N. Wolf Creek Street, and by calling 833-5457. This year's \$20.00 registration includes an event sweatshirt. Please register before September 24th to guarantee your sweatshirt.

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Beggars' Night is set for Tuesday, October 30, 2012 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Brookville Police ask parents to instruct their children to stop only at homes that are well lit and to never enter a stranger's home.