



The Mayor's 10th Annual Prayer Breakfast will be held on January 3, 2013 at K's Restaurant.

Led by local clergy, the event is open to the public. If you have not attended in the past, Mayor Seagraves encourages you to come. It promises to be a great morning of food and fellowship. Breakfast begins at 7:30 AM and the cost is \$6.00 per person. To attend, please RSVP by December 21, 2012 to the City Office at 833-2135. The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The City Offices will close at noon on December 24th for the holiday and remain closed until December 26th.

We will also close at noon on December 31st and reopen on January 2nd.

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# City of BROOKVILLE

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## City of Brookville Plans Move to Englewood Dispatch Center

Effective in mid-February 2013, residents of Brookville will see a change in who answers and dispatches their police and fire emergency calls. The City will cease operations with the Montgomery County Regional Dispatch Center and contract with the City of Englewood, also a regional center for all dispatching services.

Several issues were considered and factored in, prior to this decision being made, not the least of which was cost. Brookville City Council did not take this decision lightly. We cut our annual costs almost in half. In addition, it is felt we will receive somewhat more of a personal service due to the size of the center and geographical location. There is also a good possibility response times will improve.

"Brookville has always been a strong proponent and player in regionalism", states City Manager John Wright. "That has not changed. We simply went from one regional center to another because it made good sense financially and operationally."

Englewood has a top-notch, high-tech Communications Center staffed with skilled and dedicated people. "We are very excited about the transition and hope that it will be a seamless change," said Wright.

## Reserve Shelters at Golden Gate Park

Do you have an occasion such as a birthday party, family reunion, graduation, or anniversary party coming up? Are you looking for a special place to gather with family and friends? We have got the place for you!

Golden Gate Park is located at 545 East Upper Lewisburg Salem Road, just east of the Arlington and Triggs Road intersection.

There are four various size shelters available for rent in the park. Our largest shelter, the Christena Leiber Center, has two sides that can be rented. The large side accommodates 150 people and the smaller side, with a full kitchen, accommodates 35 people.

Both sides can be rented individually, or as a whole building. Shelter #2, next to the pond, is heated and air conditioned and accommodates 75 people. Shelter #4, near the basketball courts is heated and holds 81 people. Shelter #3, which accommodates 99 people, has ceiling fans but is not heated. It is the only shelter that is closed during the colder months. The rest of our shelters can be rented year round.

Reservations must be made in person at the Municipal Offices, located at 301 Sycamore Street, or by telephone at 937-833-2135, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. We are currently taking reservations for 2012 and 2013.

**Community Park Cleanup Day** will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Volunteers should meet at Golden Gate Park, Shelter #3, where trash bags and equipment will be distributed.

Volunteers will also cleanup Westbrook Soccer Complex and Ward Park. Afterwards, volunteers can enjoy hot dogs, chips and refreshments served at Golden Gate Park.

Join us to help keep your parks a clean and safe place to play and enjoy.



## COURSE TO FOCUS ON DISASTER READINESS

CERT training is a great opportunity to learn how to help your family, friends and neighbors during a time of crisis.

Coordinators of the Brookville Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) are offering a training course to give area residents the knowledge and training to assist our Fire Department in the event of a community-wide disaster. C.E.R.T. members are volunteers and operate under the direction of the local fire department.

The training course begins January 15, 2013 and will meet once a week through March 26th. Training will conclude with a simulated disaster situation to give the class an opportunity to practice their new skills.

There is no charge to take the course, but registration is required. Please contact Jim Caporini at 837-7398 for more information.

### *Fire Department Working To Develop Leadership Skills*

The winter months will involve some extra opportunities for Brookville Firefighters. Plans are in place for training specific to Crew Leaders during the first few months of 2013. "Like any "team sport", our Crew Leaders are the key to a manageable span of control" says Fire Chief Ron Fletcher. "It's not enough that our personnel understand the firefighting part of the job. Four firefighters going in different directions doing different things can be inefficient and put others at risk. Practicing the skills that help our Crew Leaders maintain control is extremely important".

**Managing Company Tactical Operations** is a three course National Fire Academy program designed to develop attitude, knowledge, skills and abilities to effectively provide initial command. Students will develop the knowledge, skills and abilities to effectively implement and manage tactical operations. The other training opportunity for Crew Leaders is a custom course based on the **Fire Officer's Handbook of Tactics**, and blends specific lessons to be learned with real life experiences of veteran fire officers.

Chief Fletcher is an adjunct instructor for the Ohio Fire Academy and the Ohio Fire Chief's Association and teaches Officer Development Courses. "Hosting these types of classes work out well for all involved", says Fletcher. "Our personnel have the convenience of classes being held locally and we can typically meet the scheduling needs of our personnel."



## FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTES THREE OFFICERS

Mayor Dave Seagraves recently administered the Oath of Office to three newly promoted officers of the Brookville Fire Department. Effective October 1, Fire Chief Ron Fletcher promoted Lieutenant Shon Smith (not pictured) to the rank of Captain, and firefighters Kyle Ullery and Jim Hart (pictured above) to the rank of Lieutenant. "There are a handful of truly enjoyable responsibilities I have as Fire Chief – getting an opportunity to recognize the positive achievements and advancements of our personnel is one of them" said Fletcher.

Shon Smith, a 1996 graduate of Brookville High School, is currently a career Lieutenant / Paramedic for the City of Riverside Fire Department. Over the past 14 years Shon has worked at several area fire departments, and began working for Brookville in February of 2004. He was promoted to Lieutenant just a year later. Shon was recognized by the Brookville Fire Department as the EMS Provider of the Year in 2010.

Kyle Ullery, a 2001 graduate of Brookville High School, is currently a sprinkler pipefitter and construction crew foreman. Kyle comes from a firefighting family to say the least. Kyle's father, Ed Ullery, is a Brookville Fire Department Captain; brother Tyler Ullery, is a Brookville Fire Department Lieutenant; and uncle Todd Shiverdecker is a Lieutenant with the Dayton Fire Department. Kyle has served over nine years as a Brookville Firefighter and Advanced Emergency Medical Technician. Kyle was recognized by the Brookville Fire Department as the EMS Provider of the Year in 2006.

Jim Hart, a graduate of Stebbins High School, is currently a career Firefighter / Paramedic for the City of Riverside Fire Department, serving in that capacity since June, 1999. Jim has served as a Firefighter / Paramedic for the Brookville Fire Department since June 2005. Jim was recognized as the Brookville Fire Department Firefighter of the Year in 2011.

## Police Department Moves Forward

The men and women of the Brookville Police Department are excited about 2013. We will continue to expand on our successful 2012 programs, which focus on crime prevention, neighborhood watch, community outreach, education, traffic enforcement, drug enforcement and all activities related to reducing criminal activity within the City.

We are in the planning stages of our department's first Citizens Police Academy (adult related event) to be held in early spring and we are teaming up with the Ohio Center for Law Related Education for a Law and Citizenship Camp (student related event) to be held in the summer of 2013.

Plans are also underway to form the department's first Honor Guard Unit. The Honor Guard will be used for police and military community events. Officer John Hanson has been selected to lead this new unit, which will be a joint effort with the City of Germantown Police Department. Both departments will select three officers each to form the six person Honor Guard Unit.

## Cold Brings on Water Main Breaks

Unfortunately, water main breaks are a common occurrence this time of year as changes in the ground temperature cause the ground to shift. The resulting pressures on a cast-iron water main can cause the main to break.

When a water main break occurs, water in the immediate area must be temporarily shut off. The water main at the location of the break is uncovered and a stainless steel repair sleeve is installed around it. In most instances, the repair sleeve is all that is needed to repair the break. There are times that a water main break is so severe that a portion of the pipe must be replaced. Our service department does its best to make all water main repairs as quickly as possible to keep the inconvenience to residents at a minimum.

Signs of a water main break are water bubbling up from the street, or rusty colored water in your home. If you think there may be a break in your area, please call the city office at 833-2135 during regular office hours. After hours, contact the Regional Dispatch Center at 225-4357.

## Local Income Tax Information



Brookville has a local income tax of 1.75% applicable to all residents of the city, non-residents working within the city and all businesses located or performing services within the city. Every resident 18 years and older and any business located or performing services within the city is required to file an annual

return, regardless of whether any income was earned or any tax is due.

Brookville's income tax is administered by the Vandalia Tax Office. They can be reached by calling (937) 415-2240 or toll free (866) 898-5891 or in person at 333 James Bohanan Memorial Drive in Vandalia. Taxpayers are urged to file their returns electronically through the Online Filing Tool on the City of Vandalia's website, which can be accessed through our website at [www.brookvilleohio.com](http://www.brookvilleohio.com). Paper forms will not be mailed out this year. They will be available at the Brookville City Office, 301 Sycamore Street, for those who do not have internet access.

**Annual Tax Returns** are due by April 15 or for those that file on a fiscal year basis, within 3½ months of the end of the fiscal year. **The 2013 Income tax return is due on or before April 15, 2013.**

**Estimated Taxes** are due quarterly, one month after the end of each quarter. **At least 90% of the current year tax or 100% of the previous year tax must be paid no later than one month after the end of the year to avoid penalties and interest.**

If you need assistance with your local income tax return, Vandalia tax representatives will be at the Brookville City Building on Friday, April 5 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday, April 6 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. There is no charge for this service.



The Brookville Police Department has utilized existing space to set up a **Crime Prevention Office** on the second floor of the city building.

The office was constructed with donated items from Brookville Local Schools (old elementary furniture) and the Tri-Tech Corporation.

This will give our Crime Prevention Officer, Steve Whiteaker, adequate work space to plan some exciting and upcoming crime prevention projects for next year.

Some of the projects in our sights are a Citizens Police Academy and Law and Citizenship Camps for the middle to high school aged students to be held in the summer of 2013.

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Snow Reminders

Property owners are asked to keep the area in front of their property free of safety hazards by shoveling sidewalks so they are usable. Remember snow should not be shoveled or blown into the street after it has been plowed as this can contribute to icy road conditions.

Residents are also asked to use off street parking during snow-falls of 2" or more so that crews can clear the streets.

Our refuse crews would also appreciate it if you would consider them when you place your trash cans and recycle bins out during heavy snowfalls. Place cans either at the curb, or at the apron where you have already cleared the snow so they are easily accessible.



**2013 City of Brookville Holiday Closings**

- Monday, December 31st (close at Noon, regular refuse route)
- Tuesday, January 1st (Refuse & Recycling on Wednesday)
- Monday, January 21st (Refuse & Recycling on Tuesday)
- Monday, February 18th (Refuse & Recycling on Tuesday)
- Friday, March 29th (Refuse and Recycling on Thursday)
- Monday, May 27th (Refuse & Recycling on Tuesday)
- Thursday, July 4th (Refuse & Recycling on Friday)
- Monday, September 2nd (Refuse & Recycling on Tuesday)
- Thursday, November 28th (Refuse & Recycling on Friday)
- Tuesday, December 24th (close at Noon, regular refuse route)
- Wednesday, December 25th (Refuse & Recycling on Thursday)
- Tuesday, December 31st (close at Noon, regular refuse route)

***Prepare For Winter***

The one thing we can learn from the unfortunate circumstance of Super Storm Sandy is to better prepare ourselves. While it is doubtful that Brookville will experience a storm like Sandy, Ohio winters can be harsh and one never knows what the weather will bring. We could receive three inches of snow in the morning that melts by noon or three feet of snow that lasts for weeks.

Being truly prepared means preparing for the worst case scenario. Check the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon dioxide detectors, especially if you use other means of a heat source to help with your furnace. Keep a flashlight in your home and your vehicle, and extra batteries are always a good idea. Stock your pantry with extra canned goods and toiletries during the winter months. This is helpful just in case the snow plows are having a little trouble reaching your street. Double check your prescription drugs to see if you have enough for a week or two. In the event a large snow storm does occur, please take the time to check on your neighbors and make sure outside pets are protected from sub-zero temperatures.

**We  
recycle  
used  
oil!**



Used motor oil can be recycled by bringing it to the city garage where we will use it to heat our service and police garages. Bring your used oil to our city garage located at 700 Arlington between 8:00 am and 3:30 pm. Please call 833-2135 to make arrangements to pick up large quantities of oil.

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**POSTAL PATRON**

Christmas tree disposal will be offered again this year free of charge. Place trees – minus stands, bags and ornaments out with your regular refuse. Trees will be picked up and disposed of on a weekly basis.