



**Happy Holidays
from the
City of Brookville!**

Our 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. Utility payments can be deposited in our night drop located at the front entrance. After hours water and sewer related emergencies can be reported to our dispatch center which is open 24/7. The dispatch center can be reached by calling 833-4357.



Pictured is a 2003 truck that was recently acquired to replace one of our older plow trucks. The truck has only 15,000 miles on it and was purchased at approximately a third of the cost of a new truck.

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City of **BROOKVILLE**

"A Proud and Progressive Community."

Winter Issue 2013

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Winter is Here!

It's mid-December and snow and ice can be upon us at any time. Our Service Department employees have been busy for several months preparing for Old Man Winter. We have four dump trucks equipped with snow plows and salt spreaders, four trucks with plows only and three front end loaders to move snow, if needed. Our crew is ready at a moment's notice and will work until the job is complete.

We do however, ask for some assistance from our residents. First and foremost, we ask that you limit on street parking during snowfalls of three inches or more. We can do a much more efficient and effective job when this occurs. In addition, remember that we must make multiple passes on streets during our plowing operation, even after the snow stops falling. Therefore, when shoveling the street-end of your driveway, pile the snow away from the direction that the plow will be coming from, so you will not have to handle the same snow twice.

When blowing sidewalks and driveways, we ask that you please do not blow snow into the street. Our goal is to keep the streets as clean as possible for your safe travel. The front yard seems like a perfect place to put that snow.

As always, if you have any questions or issues, feel free to call our office at any time. Have a safe winter!

Water Tower Maintenance

Our water tower literally got a bath in November. Noticeable signs of mildew could be seen on the bottom and north side of the tank in the form of black stains.

Those stains can damage paint and lead to other maintenance issues.

The process is quick and simple. First, the tank is pre-soaked with a biodegradable agent to dissolve the mildew and dirt. Next, it is pressure washed at a low pressure (800 psi) to avoid paint damage, and finally the tank is sprayed with a mildew inhibitor that helps keep stains away for 3-5 years.

At a cost of less than \$5,000, this is a relatively inexpensive way to enhance not only the appearance of the tank but also the longevity of the paint system. The work was performed by Midwest Mobile Washers from Morrison, Illinois.



The Mayor's 11th Annual Prayer Breakfast will be held on January 9, 2014 at K's Banquet Center. Led by local clergy, the event is open to the public. If you have not attended in the past, Mayor Seagraves encourages you to attend. It promises to be a great morning of food and fellowship. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. and the cost is \$6.00 per person. To attend, please RSVP to the City Office at 833-2135 by December 20, 2013. The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Ladies, Learn to Defend Yourself!

The Brookville Police Department is busy making plans to resume their Female Self Defense Program. Police Officer Cherish Isaacs and Officer Steve Whiteaker are teaming up to revamp the program to meet the needs of our female citizens.

Officer Isaacs, an eleven year law enforcement veteran, has instructed female self-defense courses for over six years. Officer Whiteaker is a twelve year law enforcement veteran and was a Defensive Tactics Instructor in the U.S. Marine Corps prior to coming to Brookville in 2007.

The new course will include crime prevention and situational awareness, hands on self-defense techniques, and instruction on personal protection devices. The course is set to be conducted on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Classes will be limited to 25 to ensure that participants receive quality personal instruction. Ladies under the age of 18 need to be accompanied by a legal female guardian. The course will also be offered to groups such as churches or businesses with a minimum class size of twelve.

Please contact the Police Department beginning in January or find the details on our Brookville Police Department Facebook Page.



- Crime and Fire Fighting tips
- Upcoming events
- Activity of our Police and Fire Departments

www.facebook.com/BrookvilleFireDepartment

www.facebook.com/pages/Brookville-Police-Department/406703199347867



Arrive Safe!

A special cab service is underway to help you stay safe on the roads. The Montgomery County Prosecutor's office is once again sponsoring the

“Arrive Safe Program” which is intended to keep drunk drivers off the road. The program, which began in 2007, has provided more than 2,700 free cab rides home. Rides will be available from 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24 until 6 a.m. on Thursday, December 26, 2013 and begin again on Tuesday, December 31, 2013 beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. on January 2, 2014. Call 449-9999 to request a free ride home.

Local Income Tax Information

Brookville has a local income tax of 1.75% applicable to all residents of the city, to non-residents working within the city and to all businesses located or performing services within the City of Brookville. Every resident 18 years and older and businesses located or performing services within the city are required to file an annual return whether or not 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. 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, 2014.**

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 the assessment of penalties and interest.**

If you need assistance in preparing your local income tax return, Vandalia tax representatives will be at the Brookville City Building on Friday, March 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday, March 22 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. There is no charge for this service.



RX Drug Disposal

Residents are encouraged to bring unwanted or expired prescriptions and other medications to our Police Department for proper disposal. A representative from the Police and Fire Departments will also be at the Villas of Brookhaven on the first Tuesday of each month, from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. to collect unwanted drugs.

The Police Department, located at 301 Sycamore Street, is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.



Community Garden

Have you always wanted a vegetable or flower garden and don't have room? Local community members, leaders, school administrators, community garden coordinators, MetroParks, parents and students are exploring options on permitting garden plots on the vacant ground on S. Hill Street that formerly housed Brookville Schools.



This group, now known as the South Hill Street Community Garden, have formed three committees- Local Resources, Contracts and Communication- to research and develop this project. If you are interested in sitting on one of the committees, or would like to share your ideas, meetings are scheduled for January 8, February 5, March 5, April 9 and May 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Westbrook Conference Room, former Westbrook Elementary School. A Community Garden Workshop will be held in April with gardeners to begin growing their gardens in May.

Unemployed? New Jobs Available!

Jobs in clean, modern facilities that value safety

- Fully-funded training
- Positions pay up to \$15 per hour

Montgomery County WorkForce Development has teamed up with the Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) to offer a five-week pre-employment training program to prepare qualified job seekers for jobs in local warehouse and distributions centers.

Qualified WIA and TANF individuals as well as Veterans will earn a Manufacturing Skills Standards Certificate (MSSC) and Fork Lift certification enhancing your overall qualifications for existing jobs! Certificate training for this program will be held at MVCTC and begins January 20, 2014.

With your MSSC, you are guaranteed interviews with companies that have immediate openings for jobs here in the Dayton area. If you are interested in pursuing a career within the warehouse and distribution industry, contact The Job Center at 225-5052 or sign-up online at www.thejobcenter.org. Space is limited so call now to see if you qualify!

Public Notice: Drinking Water Warning

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During October of 2012, we did not complete all monitoring or testing for total coliform bacteria and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

This notice is to inform you that Brookville Municipality PWS did not monitor and report the results for the presence of total coliform bacteria in the public drinking water system during the October 2012 time period, as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Brookville Municipality PWS did monitor five of the six required samples.

Upon being notified of this violation, the water supply was required to have the drinking water analyzed for the above mentioned parameters. The water supplier will take steps to ensure that adequate monitoring will be performed in the future.

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 833-4357.

Council Members

Dave Seagraves, Mayor

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**We
need
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.

**We're on the web!
www.brookvilleohio.com**

Community Park Cleanup Day will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014, 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 are served hot dogs, chips and refreshments at Golden Gate Park.

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

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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.



2014 Montgomery County dog licenses are on sale now through January 31, 2014!

Owners whose dogs have been spayed or neutered will pay a \$20 license fee. Owners whose dogs have not been altered will pay \$24 per dog license. All currently licensed dogs registered as spayed or neutered will automatically pay the \$20 license fee. For newly acquired dogs, owners can provide veterinary records confirming spay or neuter status, submit a form provided by the County and completed by their veterinarian, submit a legal affidavit affirming that their dog is altered. There are exceptions made for dog breeders who have proper registration and hunters who have a valid hunting license and use their dog for hunting. In addition, dogs that are medically certified by their veterinarian as being too old or health compromised may receive the \$20 rate by providing certification with their application to the Auditor's Office.

Licenses are available online at www.mcoho.org/dogs, at Montgomery County Auditor Karl Keith's Office, the Animal Resource Center and numerous outposts. Call 937-225-4314 for more information.

2014 City of Brookville Holiday Closings

Tuesday, December 31st (close at Noon, regular refuse route)
Wednesday, January 1st (Refuse & Recycling on Thursday)
Monday, January 20th (Refuse & Recycling on Tuesday)
Monday, February 17th (Refuse & Recycling on Tuesday)
Friday, April 18th (Refuse and Recycling on Thursday)
Monday, May 26th (Refuse & Recycling on Tuesday)
Friday, July 4th (Refuse & Recycling on Thursday)
Monday, September 1st (Refuse & Recycling on Tuesday)
Thursday, November 27th (Refuse & Recycling on Friday)
Wednesday, December 24th (close at Noon, regular refuse route)
Thursday, December 25th (Refuse & Recycling on Friday)
Wednesday, December 31st (close at Noon, regular refuse route)