



Community Park Cleanup Day!

Brookville Park Board has set Saturday, March 22, 2014 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. Volunteers will meet back at the shelter to enjoy hot dogs, chips and refreshments following the cleanup. 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 27th under the direction of Ball Diamond Manager Ron Chandler. League fees are \$380 and must be paid in full by the first game. Registration will take place April 6-11, 2014 in Shelter #2 in Golden Gate Park. To sign up or for more information, please contact Ron at 937-833-0247.

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Spring Severe Weather Awareness

As the severe weather season approaches, take some time to make a safety plan for your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Planning ahead will lower the chance of injury or death in the event severe weather strikes. Tornadoes develop from severe thunderstorms. They are usually preceded by very heavy rain and/or large hail. A thunderstorm accompanied by hail indicates that the storm has large amounts of energy and may be severe. In general, the larger the hailstones, the more potential there is for damaging winds and/or tornadoes.

Practice the Duck Technique

The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness encourages Ohioans to **DUCK!**

- D** - Go **DOWN** to the lowest level
- U** - Get **UNDER** something
- C** - **COVER** your head
- K** - **KEEP** in shelter until the storm has passed

The most violent tornadoes are capable of tremendous destruction with wind speeds of 250 mph or more. Damage paths have exceeded the width of one mile and 50 miles long. Tornadoes generally move from southwest to northeast, but have been recorded traveling in any direction. The forward speed of a tornado varies from 30 mph to 70 mph.

Peak tornado season in Ohio is generally April through July, and they usually occur between 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. Last year, though, an EF1 tornado occurred in Fairfield County at 6 in the morning - which proves that tornadoes can happen at any time, during any season.

Take responsibility for your safety and be prepared before a watch or warning is issued. Meet with household members to develop a disaster plan to respond to tornado watches and warnings. Conduct regular tornado drills. When a tornado watch is issued, review your plan - don't wait for the watch to become a warning. Learn how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at the main switches.

Despite Doppler radar, tornadoes can sometimes occur without any warning, allowing very little time to act. It is important to know the basics of tornado safety. Know the difference between tornado watches and tornado warnings. Tune in to one of the following for weather information: NOAA Weather Radio, local/cable television (Ohio News Network or the Weather Channel), or local radio station. (See page 4)

The safest place to be during a tornado is a basement. If the building has no basement or cellar, go to a small room (a bathroom or closet) on the lowest level of the structure, away from windows and as close to the center of the building as possible.

Be aware of emergency shelter plans in stores, offices and schools. If no specific shelter has been identified, move to the building's lowest level. Try to avoid areas with large glass windows, large rooms and wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways or shopping malls.

If you're outside or in a mobile home, find shelter immediately by going to the lowest level of a nearby sturdy building. Sturdy buildings are the safest structures to be in when tornadoes threaten. Winds from tornadoes can blow large objects, including cars and mobile homes, hundreds of feet away.

If you cannot quickly get to a shelter, get into your vehicle, buckle your seatbelt and try to drive to the nearest sturdy shelter. If you experience flying debris while driving, pull over and park. Choose to either stay in your vehicle, stay buckled up, duck down below the windows and cover your head with your hands, or find a depression or ditch, exit your vehicle and use your arms and hands to protect your head. Never seek shelter under highway overpasses and bridges.

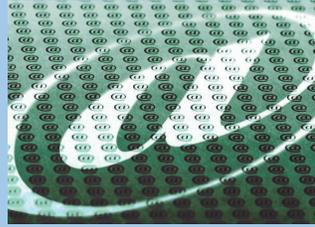
For more information on tornado safety, visit www.ready.gov.

Police Department Launches New Website

The City of Brookville Police Department is proud to announce the launch of a new website. "While our Facebook page brought us into the social networking arena, we felt that a website with user friendly resources and educational links was essential to our overall mission of "Excellence in Service" advised Police Chief Doug Jerome.

The goal in designing the website was not only to promote the Police Department, but to provide the community with useful resources at their fingertips, such as a crime prevention page, Chaplain's page, citizen satisfaction survey, fingerprinting services, women's assault survival program (W.A.S.P.), area Veteran posts, legal and educational links, links to local area police departments, schools districts, Montgomery County offices, and much more. Users can also submit a crime tip or request a vacation house check.

Also included in the website are "Helpful Links" which provide answers to frequently asked questions, such as: domestic violence resources, CCW laws and information, Ohio Revised Code, public record links, seat belt and booster seat laws, texting laws, teenage driving laws, cyber bullying information, and much more. Please take some time to check out this useful resource at: www.brookvillepoliceohio.com.



Women's Assault Survival

The Police Department is offering a once in a lifetime opportunity for mothers and daughters to spend a day together having fun and learning life saving techniques which could provide a lifetime of safety. This self defense class is FREE but it is limited to the first 25 registrations. Participants must sign a liability waiver and those under the age of 18 will need the permission of a parent or legal guardian. Due to course content, those under the age of 13 will need direct permission from the Chief of Police. Registrations will be accepted at the Police Department. For more information, contact Officer Steve Whiteaker at swhiteaker@brookvillepoliceohio.com or Chief Douglas Jerome at djerome@brookvillepoliceohio.com.

W.A.S.P.
Saturday May 3rd
9:00 a.m-5:00 p.m.

City Tax Help Available

The City of Vandalia will have representatives 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 to assist residents with the preparation of their city income tax return. There is no charge for this service.



All Brookville residents 18 or over, whether or not any income was earned or any tax is due, are required to file. 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 15, 2014. 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 payment 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 on the City of Vandalia's website, which can be accessed through our website, www.brookvilleohio.com.

Parking and RV Rules

The City of Brookville has an ordinance that regulates parking and storage of recreational vehicles, camping and recreational equipment and trailers in residential districts. Within residential districts, it shall be unlawful to park these vehicles between the front setback line and the front sidewalk. Recreational vehicles, camping and recreational equipment and trailers may be parked behind the front setback line on a hard surface (asphalt, concrete or weed-free compacted gravel surface), no less than three feet from the side or back property line. All recreational vehicles, camping and recreational equipment and trailers must maintain a valid license and be in good working condition. Recreational vehicles, camping and recreational equipment, and trailers may be parked in a driveway for loading and unloading purposes for a period of not more than seventy-two (72) hours in any seven-day period. The City of Brookville also has an ordinance that regulates off-street vehicle parking. Parking for automobiles, trucks or vans for single or two-family properties in the city limits shall be on pavement, asphalt or pavers. Vehicles parked in the grass area of a property, front or rear yard warrants a violation.



City wide Community 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 5, 6, 7

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

June 19, 20, 21

W. McKinley St.	Karrland Dr.
Osage Alley	Leisure Dr.
Western Ave.	Ankara Ave.
Hill St.	Brookside Dr.
Clay St.	Durwell Dr.
March Ave.	Antwerp Ave.
Simmons St.	June Pl.
Plymouth Circle	25-730 W. Westbrook Rd.
Plymouth Ave.	Madrid Ave.
Vienna Ct.	Terrace Park Blvd.
Oslo Ct.	Bayview Ave.
Harshman St.	Beechwood Ave.
Foothill Dr.	30-250 Mound St.
Ostend Dr.	Orchard St.
Crosswell Ave.	Villa Dr.
Woodfield Dr.	Villa Circle
Hull Ct.	Church St.
Deger Ct.	Cherry St.
Pryor Ct.	Rock St.
Brookmoor Dr.	Doyle Ave.
Charlie Ct.	Brookville-Pyrmont Rd.
Blue Pride Dr.	Johnsville-Brookville Rd.
100-464 N. Wolf Creek St.	

June 12, 13, 14

Arlington Rd.	Jessica Ct.
Arlington Woods Dr.	Sterling Meadows Pl.
Kimmel Tr.	Edgebrook Ave.
Flanders Ave.	Carter Ct.
Shaney Ln.	Sunrise Ave.
Randy Sue Ct.	Studebaker Ct.
Ashmark Ct.	Coronado Dr.
300 - 815 Mound St.	Rona Pkwy.
Meadow Glen Ave.	Pleasant Ct.
Terri Dr.	Adrian Ct.
Callie Ct.	Ramblewood Ct.
Caleb Dr.	Ridge Rd.
Bruns Dr.	

June 26, 27, 28

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

- Each garage sale shall not exceed four calendar days in length.
- Admittance fees may not be charged to attend the sale.
- Each address is permitted three garage sales per year with at least a one month lapse between each garage sale..
- Each property is allowed one 2 x 2 sign- no more than 3 feet off ground- displayed on property and two 2 x 2 off-premise directional signs-no more than 3 feet off ground.

- No signs permitted on utility poles or traffic/sign posts. No signs permitted in public right of way.
- Signs shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours following the conclusion of the garage sale.
- No balloons, streamers, special lighting, noise making devices, or similar advertising displays shall be used to call attention to the garage sale.

City of Brookville Sewer Backup Policy

A sewer backup creates a stressful and emotional situation for the homeowner/renter. In some cases it may cause health and safety concerns as well as significant property loss. The proper response to a sewer backup can greatly minimize property damage and diminish the threat of illness.

The City of Brookville makes every effort to be responsive to a resident's needs and concerns when a sewer backup occurs. As with many other municipalities, the City cannot assume full financial responsibility for damages resulting from sewage backups or water damage. The City has a sewer crew whose duty is to inspect, clean and maintain sewers. They are available on a 7-day a week, 24-hour a day basis to minimize the possibility of sewer problems. Unfortunately, because a sewer is not a closed secured system, many things put into the sewer can clog the system.

Many homeowners' insurance policies exclude damage resulting from sewer backups. However, some insurance companies do provide sewer backup coverage. In the majority of cases, a special rider will need to be added to your homeowner or renter insurance policy to cover damages related to sewage backups or water damage. If you are concerned about the possibility of a sewer backup and want to insure that you are covered, the City urges you to check with your home insurer regarding the availability of sewer backup insurance.

If you experience a sewer problem, please call the City of Brookville at 937-833-2135. For emergencies or after hours, please call the Englewood Dispatch Center at 937-833-4357 and state that you are reporting a sewer emergency or water line leak. Backed up sewer lines, water line breaks, sewage odors and overflowing manholes are considered an emergency.

If the problem is in the sewer lateral, the homeowner or business is responsible for correcting the problem. The owner of the property is responsible for maintaining and cleaning the sewer lateral from the building (or home) to the City's sewer main, including the connection on the sewer main. Locating the lateral is also the responsibility of the property owner. Plumbing companies have special locating equipment, which will be helpful.

If the problem is in the sewer lateral, whom do you call for help? You will need to call a plumber or a sewer/drain cleaning service. Check your Yellow Pages or Business White Pages for the qualified businesses that specialize in this type of cleanup. The City of Brookville does not make recommendations. However, it may be in your best interest to obtain several estimates. To minimize damage and negative health effects, the owner/renter should arrange for cleanup of the property as soon as possible.

REMEMBER TO CALL THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE FIRST before calling a plumber. We will check the sewer main and inform you of our findings. If the problem is not in the City main, you will be advised to contact a plumber or a sewer/drain cleaning service.

Take Care of Your Sewers

The City of Brookville Service Department is asking residents to not flush baby wipes, disinfecting wipes, disposable mop refills, paper towel, and similar items down their toilets because they cause problems in the City's sewer system.

The Service Department advises residents to throw the wipes and similar items into the trash. Wipes, disposal mop refills, paper towels and other items such as cloth towels, rags and diapers are also found in our sewer system. These items disrupt the sewer system, negatively affecting our pumping stations and damaging personal properties.

Sewer pipes are smaller than you might think. The pipe from your home is normally 4" in diameter while most main lines are 8" in diameter. Obviously, large items that will not flow in a small amount of water will cause problems.

In addition, food service businesses should control the amount of grease put into the sewer system through proper methods of disposal and required maintenance of grease traps. Grease is another major contributor to sewer problems and stoppages in the City. If major contributors are verified, they will be reported to the proper authorities.

If you have any questions concerning your sewer system, please feel free to call the City Office at 833-2135.

Time for Spring Cleaning

The advent of spring brings the opportunity to spend time outdoors and enjoy the warmer temperatures. Its also the time to tackle chores and projects that have accumulated during the winter months.

The City would like to remind residents that spring cleaning should be extended to their personal property. In most cases this simply means disposing of any trash, debris or litter that has collected over the winter, as well as keeping lawns properly mowed. This can also include hauling away junked or abandoned vehicles and the removal of construction materials and other items of unsightly or unsanitary nature.

Property owners are also asked to keep their lawns mowed and free of noxious weeds and overgrown vegetation. In addition, property maintenance applies to land adjoining an alley where weed trimming may be needed. The height standard for lawns and noxious weeds is set at an eight inch limit.

“We encourage residents to be conscientious in keeping their property well maintained to ensure that Brookville remains an attractive community for both residents and visitors.” advised Brookville Zoning Officer Jim Snedeker.

Spring is also a good time to start building projects. However, many people don't realize that projects such as decks, pools or sheds require a permit. Contact the City office at 833-2135 before starting your project to see if a permit is required.

The City is offering opportunities for high school students to perform the **community service hours** they need to fulfill graduation requirements. Students will clean streets, parks and neighborhoods and possibly help senior citizens maintain their curbs. Adult volunteers are needed to help lead, coordinate and monitor this new program.

An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. in Golden Gate Park Shelter #2. For more information, contact volunteer Kathy Hubley at 479-0189.

Water & Sewer Rates Increase

Water and sewer rates will increase slightly beginning with the March 1 quarter. This quarter ends on June 1st, so you will not see the increase until you receive your bill in July.

Water rates will increase 1.9%. For the average family, this will result in an approximate increase of \$2.25 per quarter, or \$0.75 per month. Sewer rates will increase 6.5%. For the average family, this will be an approximate increase of \$4.95 per quarter, or \$1.65 per month. These rate adjustments were necessary to offset increasing operating costs and debt

obligations. The City did not increase water or sewer rates in 2013. Out of 65 southwest Ohio communities in 2013, Brookville ranked 48th lowest on water rates and 5th lowest on sewer rates.

Tornado Safety Tips for Special Needs Individuals

If you are a person with special needs, you should register your name and address with your local emergency management agency, police and fire departments before any natural or man-made disaster.

NOAA Weather Radio has available an alerting tool for people who are deaf or have hearing impairments. Some weather radio receivers can be connected to an existing home security system, much the same as a doorbell, smoke detector or other sensor. For additional information, visit: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/special_need.htm.

Fire Department Gets New Equipment for Medics

The Fire Department has purchased coolers for both of our medics. Studies have shown that cooled fluids given in the Intra-Arrest Therapeutic Hypothermia (IATH) protocol can help with recovery and minimize damage

to a patient who is in cardiac arrest. We are also purchasing a Drug called Etomidate which is a medication that is used to sedate a patient in order to secure the airway in a patient that is unable to protect their airway on their own.

In order to give a medication like Etomidate, each individual will spend hours studying

and training procedures and protocols. To take away a patient's ability to breathe on their own is a process we do not take lightly. Proficiency in medication delivery, dose amount, and airway skills are vital to a patient's survival. In order to ensure proper intubation and securing an airway, the EMS professionals are taught and tested on traditional intubation techniques, the use of airway devices such as the KING Airway and CPAP, and proper airway monitoring techniques and equipment such as Pulse Oximetry and End Tidal Carbon Dioxide detectors. The Brookville Fire Department is also purchasing small cameras (King Vision) that will assist in intubating a patient by watching the tube through a small screen. There is cost to all these procedures and testing, but we are dedicated to providing the best possible service to our community. If you have a question about the services we provide, please contact us. We are always willing to help and inform.



Paramedics Chad Ferguson and Nick Temple check equipment aboard Medic 76.

Council Members

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Keeping Our Businesses First!

The current economic climate makes our Business First! Program one of the most important initiatives within the City. Managed by 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 650 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 our office at 833-2135.

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The City office will be closed on Good Friday, April 18, 2014. Refuse and recycling will be picked up on Thursday, April 17, 2014.

Utility Bills to Get New Look

Your next utility (water, sewer and refuse) bill, which will be mailed out the second week of April, will have a totally new look! The new bill will be printed on an 8½" x 11" paper and include a return tear-off at the bottom of the bill. Bills will now be mailed to you in a standard envelope and include a return envelope. The new utility bills will provide you with a one-year history of your water usage, water saving tips and other helpful information.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

Saturday, June 21, 2014

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

ENGLEWOOD GOVERNMENT CENTER

For questions, please contact:

The City of Clayton
(937) 836-3500

The City of Englewood
(937) 836-5106

The City of Union
(937) 836-8624

The City of Brookville
(937) 833-2135



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www.gesmv.org

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Monitors	Scanners
Hard Drives	Mice
Printers	Speakers
Toner Cartridges	Cords & Cables
Keyboards	Software
Servers	

Televisions will only be accepted up to 24"

Donations benefit Goodwill
Easter Seals Miami Valley

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Fluorescent light bulbs can be recycled by taking them to a participating Lowes or Home Depot, or to the Montgomery County Solid Waste District's Public Recycling Canopy at the South Transfer Station on Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. or the North Transfer Station on Tuesdays between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. A driver's license showing Montgomery County residency is required. Please call the Recycle Hotline at 937-225-4999 for more information.