

**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 937-833-4357.

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New Ordinance Prohibits Blowing Snow into Street

Brookville City Council recently passed an Ordinance establishing regulations that prohibit placing snow or debris on public streets. “The Ordinance was necessary for public safety.” stated City Manager John Wright. “Our crews work very hard to keep the streets clear during a snow event. Blowing or throwing snow into the roadway after the streets have been plowed creates hazardous conditions for drivers.”

The Ordinance also prohibits placing grass clippings or any other form of debris on the street or alley, except what is allowed by City regulations for pick-up by the City. This applies to leaves during our annual leaf pick-up program.

The Ordinance makes violators guilty of a minor misdemeanor, punishable by potential fines and court costs.

Mayor Seagraves 11th Annual Prayer Breakfast

will be held on January 8, 2015 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 22, 2014. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Open Letter to our Business Community From Fire Chief Ron Fletcher

As a business operating within our *Fire Protection Area*, I am extremely pleased to advise you that our Public Protection Classification has improved by two class ratings, and your business **may** be eligible for a decrease in your insurance premiums. Insurance providers view the value of the classification differently from company to company, so I encourage you to communicate with your agent to determine if this change could in fact save you money.

The change is a result of a recent evaluation of the Brookville Fire Department completed by the Insurance Services Office (ISO). ISO collects information on municipal fire protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. In each of those communities, ISO analyzes the relevant data using a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). They then assign a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicates that the area’s fire-suppression program doesn’t meet ISO’s minimum criteria.

Our classification has improved from a Class 6 to a Class 4. A two-class improvement is something we are very proud of, however our goal is to ultimately identify what adjustments and improvements can be made to improve to a Class 3. Currently ISO has published ratings for over 49,000 fire departments. Our Class 4 rating places us in the top 17% of all departments evaluated in the Country.

Hopefully you will find our efforts will result in a cost-savings for your business. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding our fire and emergency medical services, please feel free to contact me.



- 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

What if A Winter Storm Causes Me To Lose Power?

Notify DP&L at www.dpandl.com/outage or by calling 877-4OUTAGE (877-468-8243).

For a life-threatening emergency, call 911. If power lines are down on your property, stay at least 10 feet away and keep children and pets inside the house. Always assume that downed lines are live.

Plan now for what you will do if a winter storm is predicted. Make sure electronics, such as cell phones and laptops, are fully charged each night. Put together a storm kit for your family with the following items: Battery operated or wind-up emergency radio, water, flashlights and batteries, first aid kit and blankets. For safety, use flashlights instead of candles. If you use a generator, read instructions carefully and ensure you have proper ventilation. Do not place generators too close to your home, on a porch or in a garage, because carbon monoxide from the generator's exhaust could cause serious injury or even death. Customers who use life support equipment should have a back-up plan in case of an outage, such as moving to a medical facility. You should also alert DP&L by calling 800-433-8500 or by email at www.dpandl.com/email. This does not guarantee uninterrupted service or that your power will be restored first, but it is helpful during restoration to know where Life Support customers live.

How Can DP&L Help Me This Winter?

To pay a level bill amount each month, customers can sign up for budget billing, getting rid of winter peaks and spreading your costs throughout the year.

DP&L offers a number of payment options and there are also a number of payment assistance programs available from the State of Ohio to help customers manage their electric bills. Additional Ohio Winter Assistance Programs are available for low income customers. Visit the DP&L website for more tips on staying warm for less.

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 2014 Income tax return is due on or before April 15, 2015.**

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.**

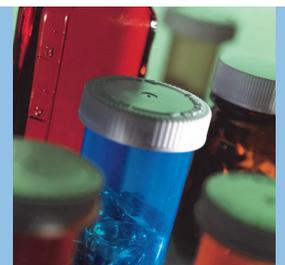
If you need assistance in preparing your local income tax return, Vandalia tax representatives will be at the Brookville City Building on Friday, March 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday, March 28 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. There is no charge for this service.



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.





The Brookville Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will offer a basic training course in disaster preparedness starting Tuesday,

January 13, 2015 and meeting weekly until March 17, 2015 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the BrookHaven Community Center. Training will conclude with a four hour simulated disaster exercise to give participants an opportunity to practice their new skills. Under the direction of the Brookville Fire Department, the course will give residents the knowledge and training they would need to assist area first responders and is a great opportunity to learn how to help yourself and your community in a disaster. Topics covered include: Disaster Preparedness Overview; Fire Safety; Disaster Medical Operations Part I & II, Light Search and Rescue Techniques; CERT Mobile and Radio Operations; and Pet First Aid. Limited physical activity is part of the course but students can participate to the level at which they feel comfortable. The free course is open to all ages 18 and over and 14 to 17 year olds with parental permission. Registration is required before December 31, 2014. To register, please contact Jim Nickel at 937-478-6014 or Jim Caporini at 937-837-7398.

Reserve Shelters at Golden Gate Park

Do you have an occasion such as a birthday party, reunion, graduation, or anniversary party coming up? Are you looking for a special place to gather with family and friends? We have 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. 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. The Christena Leiber Center has two sides that can be rented. The large side accommodates 150 people and the kitchen side, with a full kitchen, accommodates 43 people. The Christena Leiber Center can also be rented as a whole building. Shelter #2, is the shelter next to the pond, it accommodates 75 people. Both the Christena Leiber Center and Shelter #2 can be rented year round. Shelter #3, accommodates 99 people. Shelter #4, the shelter near the basketball courts, accommodates 81 people 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.

Replacing a Furnace? Permit is Required

Why a Building Permit just to replace a dilapidated furnace? Protection!

The City of Brookville has adopted the Ohio Residential Code to provide minimum standards for the protection of life, limb, health, property, environment and the safety and welfare of the consumer, general public, owners and occupants.

A permit application can be picked up at the City Office during normal business hours. Cost for a residential permit is as follows: Replacement of a furnace or air conditioner alone is \$60.60. If you are replacing a furnace and air conditioner combined, the cost is \$90.90.

Once the application is completed and fee is paid, an inspection can be scheduled within 24 hours. The inspection is the most important part of the permit process. It is up to the property owner to schedule a final inspection with the building inspector. After the inspection has been approved, the inspector will issue a Final Inspection Tag finalizing the process. Keep this information for your records as proof that the job meets the Ohio Building Code.

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 Dispatch Center at 833-4357.

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 937-833-2135 to make arrangements to pick up large quantities of oil.

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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.



2015 Montgomery County dog licenses are on sale now through January 31, 2015!

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, the Englewood Police Department and numerous outposts. Call 937-225-4314 for more information.

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

Community Park Cleanup Day will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015, 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.



2015 City of Brookville Holiday Closings

- Wednesday, December 31st (close at Noon, regular refuse route)
- Thursday, January 1st (Refuse & Recycling on Friday)
- Monday, January 19th (Refuse & Recycling on Tuesday)
- Monday, February 16th (Refuse & Recycling on Tuesday)
- Friday, April 3rd (Refuse and Recycling on Thursday)
- Monday, May 25th (Refuse & Recycling on Tuesday)
- Friday, July 3rd (Refuse & Recycling on Thursday)
- Monday, September 7th (Refuse & Recycling on Tuesday)
- Thursday, November 26th (Refuse & Recycling on Friday)
- Thursday, December 24th (close at Noon, regular refuse route)
- Friday, December 25th (Refuse & Recycling on Monday)
- Thursday, December 31st (close at Noon, regular refuse route)