



65th Annual Community Picnic

Plans are under way for the 65th Annual Brookville Community Picnic! The two day event sponsored by the Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for Friday, July 24th and Saturday, July 25th at Golden Gate Park.

Over \$10,000 in prizes will be given away, with multiple prize drawings and more chances to win! There will also be a prize drawing for kids. Entertainment will feature the The Dinosaurs on Friday night and The Distance on Saturday.

Activities include a softball tournament, youth basketball tournament, kiddie tractor pull, fishing derby, bounce houses, carnival rides, and Senior Citizen Bingo. Old favorites returning are the Brookville Antique Farm Machinery Association, the Picnic 5K Run, craft vendors, food vendors and a dunking booth. The picnic will conclude with a spectacular fireworks show sponsored by the City of Brookville.

If you are interested in renting booth space, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 833-2375. Plan to attend for plenty of good food, great fun and community fellowship!

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Voters Support Issue 12 – Thank You!

Brookville City Council and Staff would like to thank voters for supporting Issue 12, which provided for a 0.25% income tax rate increase. Issue 12 was approved with 542 votes for the income tax and 496 votes against the income tax. "We are very appreciative of what the voters did. The passage of Issue 12 will allow the City to continue to provide the level of service that our residents are accustomed to." stated Sonja Keaton, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director.

Beginning January 1, 2016, the income tax rate will change from 1.75% to 2.00% The increase will assist with general municipal operations, maintenance, new equipment and extension and enlargement of municipal services and facilities within the City.

As in the past, taxpayers will continue to receive 100% credit for income taxes paid to other cities. If you live in Brookville and work in a community with an income tax rate of 2.00% or more, there will be no increase in your local tax. If you live in Brookville and work in a community with an income tax rate less than 2.00%, you will pay that tax rate and pay the difference to the City of Brookville.

City Receives Grant Monies

The Montgomery County Solid Waste Management Policy Committee recently approved a 2015 Incentive Grant application submitted by the City of Brookville.

The grant will allow us to purchase a Playtopia custom play structure that contains 24,240 recycled milk jugs. Eleven tons of rubber mulch and 168 linear ft. of rubber borders containing 1,467 recycled tires will also be installed!

The new playset, located between Diamond #1 and Diamond #5 in Golden Gate Park should be installed by mid-July. The \$32,735 project was funded with \$22,914 in grant money, with the City contributing \$9,821.

The City also submitted and received a grant on behalf of the Brookville Leaf & Blossom Club. The \$800 Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Beautification Grant was used to purchase annual flowers that line Market Street in downtown Brookville.

Third Ambulance Added To Fire Department Fleet

The City of Brookville has added a third ambulance to the Fire Department's fleet of vehicles. This newest vehicle is a 2015 Chevrolet 3500 constructed by Horton Emergency Vehicles in Grove City, Ohio. "We've just reached a point where maintaining three ambulances is necessary" according to Fire Chief Ron Fletcher.

"Our call volume was just more than two ambulances could handle. By spreading our calls out over three vehicles will help us decrease how often we have to completely replace a vehicle. This will also decrease the number of times we have to rely on our neighboring departments to take calls for us, or loan us their ambulances, when one of ours is down for a significant amount of time".

For the time being the Fire Department plans to have two ambulances in service at one time, having the third held in reserve as a replacement should one go out of service for repair. Over the next few months necessary equipment will be acquired to allow all three ambulances to be in service simultaneously should the situation require it.



Crime Prevention and Safety Tips

We are asking all residents to exercise some basic crime prevention practices this summer and beyond.

[Locking Vehicles and Sheds](#) - Our community as well as others in Montgomery County continue to experience thefts from unlocked vehicles. In some cases, residents continue to leave valuables (purses, computers, cell phones and money) in their unlocked vehicles and in plain view. Help Us – Help You! Please remove or secure all valuable items in your vehicles by keeping them locked when unattended. We also ask that you lock all sheds and out buildings whenever possible. The “out of sight, out of mind” theory doesn’t work with thieves!

[Closing Garage Doors](#) – Although we try to notify our residents when oversights occur; we can’t always guarantee this practice. We often find residents that fail to close their garage doors at night. This too could make you a crime victim. Let’s not make it easy for these thieves to simply walk into an open garage or in some case an occupied structure with garage access because we simply left the door open for them.

[Bike Helmets](#) – We continue to see children and adults within the community that fail to wear bike helmets as a common practice. We encourage everyone to wear bike helmets. They can save the lives of your loved ones. We do have a limited supply of FREE bike helmets at the Police Department for Brookville residents.

Summer is here... Where can I park my RV?

City Ordinance permits recreational vehicles to be parked behind the front yard setback on a hard surface, such as asphalt, concrete or weed-free compact gravel. Most front yard setbacks are 25’ from back of the sidewalk. RV’s need to be no less than 3’ from the property line, and can be parked in a drive for not more than 72 hours in a 7 day period for the purpose of loading, unloading, or maintenance.

Recreational vehicles are defined but not limited to travel trailers, pop-up campers, 5th wheel trailers, pick up campers, motor homes, converted trucks or buses, boats, boat trailers, wave runners, jet skis, snowmobiles, and snowmobile trailers. The City also has an ordinance for off street vehicle parking. All parking facilities for automobiles, trucks, or vans for single or two family properties in the City limits shall be surfaced with a dust-free and durable material such as concrete or asphalt. For more information, contact Brookville Zoning Officer Jim Snedeker at 833-2135 or snedeker@brookvilleohio.com.

The Brookville Police Department would like to congratulate all graduates of the Brookville High School Class of 2015! As you start the next chapter of your life we hope that you have a safe, prosperous, and successful future.

ATTENTION Equals PREVENTION when it comes to Fire Safety.... A Message from Fire Chief Ron Fletcher

I’ve taken a look at numerous fires over the past several months and have concluded one thing is certain...**Situational Awareness** or paying attention to what is going on around you is an important aspect of preventing fires. We’ve been extremely busy responding to incidents lately, and in almost all cases we can identify the situation as preventable. Things do “just happen” however, almost always there is an action that, if taken, may have very well prevented the entire fire. Here are a few things to consider:

Remember that things like cooking and use of smoking materials require responsibility on your part. Cooking requires constant attention. Residential kitchens are typically not designed or equipped to suppress a stove-top fire, so **Situational Awareness** to the fact you are doing something that may result in a fire is needed. The same applies to smoking materials. From control of lighters and matches to disposal of the materials, constant attention to the potential to cause a fire is required. Doing anything involving items that produce heat or flame requires this same attention. Using candles, torches, welders, burning firewood in your home or yard, even drying your clothes – all of these things need your attention.

Problems with electric service get a little tougher, but still require your attention. Buildings with older electric service should be evaluated by an electrician. Regardless of how old your electrical system is, don’t ignore warning signs. Discoloration, melting, tripped breakers or blown fuses, and electrical burning odors are all warning signs that something is wrong. Give the situation the attention it needs and seek the advice of a trusted professional.

Stay Cool and Safe

Summer is a great time for backyard pools to cool off and have fun. To ensure your safety, the State of Ohio has set rules and regulations on temporary portable/storable, in-ground and above ground pools. Temporary pools capable of a water depth of 18 inches or more are required to have a zoning permit and an electric permit if there are lights, a filter, recirculation, or heaters. Portable pools should be surrounded by a 42” high fence and must have a locked gate. In-ground and permanent above ground pools will require zoning, building and electric permits. Permits can be obtained at our City Office at 301 Sycamore Street.



2015 Water Quality Report

This report contains information on the quality of drinking water within the City of Brookville. It is required annually by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act to provide consumers with information concerning water quality and advise of potential health effects of any contaminants. We 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. For more information, please contact the City of Dayton Water Department at 937-333-6030.

OUR WATER SOURCE

Brookville's water comes from the City of Dayton Treatment Plant through the Montgomery County Water Distribution System and is serviced by the Westbrook pump station. Storage is in a 500,000 gallon elevated tank. The source of this water is the Miami Valley Buried Aquifer. The Aquifer is a large underground area of water-bearing sand and gravel deposits. This groundwater is influenced by surface water. The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells.

THE TREATMENT PROCESS

Dayton has two water treatment plants which treat water that is pumped from wells. Wells pump extremely "hard" water to treatment plants for softening. "Hard" water has natural minerals which can clog pipes and water heaters over time. At the treatment plants lime is reacted with minerals in water to reduce "hardness". Then, fluoride and chlorine are added. Rapid sand filtration is the final step in the treatment process. After filtration, water is pumped to the distribution system.

POSSIBLE CONTAMINANTS

As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production; and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. Drinking water, including bottled water may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. To ensure tap water is safe for consumption, the USEPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION

In 1985, a Well Field Protection Program was developed to counter threats to groundwater quality. This program includes land use control zoning, treatment of contaminated groundwater, early warning monitoring wells, and emergency preparedness. Dayton's Well Field Protection Program won an award from the American Water Works Association and was the first program approved by the Ohio EPA. The Groundwater Foundation has also designated Dayton as a Groundwater Guardian community. Dayton encourages environmentally friendly, economic development projects in its groundwater protection areas.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

The Ohio EPA conducted a source water assessment of Dayton's water source. The assessment concluded that the aquifer supplying water to the City of Dayton's well fields has a high susceptibility to contamination. This determination is based on: the influence of surface water recharge to the aquifer; the presence of a relatively thin protective layer of clay overlying the aquifer; the shallow depth of the aquifer; contaminant plumes in Dayton's well field protection area; the presence of significant potential contaminant sources in the protection area; and the presence of contaminants in treated water. More information about the source water assessment or what consumers can do to help protect the aquifer is available by calling the Division of Environmental Management at (937) 333-3725.

HEALTH INFORMATION

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons—those undergoing chemotherapy, organ transplant recipients, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Police Honor Fallen Officers



The Brookville Police Department recently held the first annual Officer Down Memorial 5K and candlelight vigil. Although the weather was not on our side, we had approximately 196 runners and walkers who braved the rain to support this event.

We would like to thank our City Council Members who unanimously approved the event. There is no doubt that it would not have happened without our City Officials standing behind us. We would also like to thank Brookville Local Schools Superintendent, Mr. Tim Hopkins, who graciously opened his campus to host the event, and the many volunteers that gave their time and energy to make the event a success.

Planning an outing at Golden Gate Park?

You can find a map of the park on our website, which shows the layout of our enclosed shelters that are available for rent, and their proximity to our 10 ball fields, BMX track, tennis courts, Castle playground and Pee Wee football field.

Our web address is www.brookvilleohio.com. Look under the "About Brookville" tab and select Parks, Golden Gate Park to download and print the map. Shelters can be rented by calling 833-2135, Monday-Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



A 2015 Ford Interceptor SUV is the latest edition to our fleet of five marked police cruisers. This will give us an additional all wheel drive vehicle for winter patrol.

Fire Pit Safety

In recent years, there has been a new concern for the Fire Service - fire pits. Fire pits are known to be a great source of warmth and ambience. But, with the popularity of fire pits increasing, fire safety has become even more important. There are many things you should consider while setting up and using a fire pit.

- Keep away from flammable material and fluids such as gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene, and charcoal lighter fluid or vehicles while in use.
- Do not use flammable fluids such as gasoline, alcohol, diesel fuel, kerosene, and charcoal lighter fluid to light or relight fires.
- Exercise the same precautions you would with an open fire.
- Do not allow children to use the fire pit. Keep children and pets away.
- Do not wear flammable or loose fitting clothing such as nylon.
- Do not burn trash, leaves, paper, cardboard, or plywood. Avoid using soft wood such as pine or cedar that likely pop and throw sparks. Use of seasoned hardwood is suggested.
- Before starting the fire, make sure that the lid will still close to extinguish the fire in case of emergency. Do not overload.
- Before you light the fire, check the wind direction.
- Keep a fire extinguisher or garden hose nearby.

Lifeline Screening

The Christena Leiber Center is pleased to host a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on July 2, 2015.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

To register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

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The City of Brookville is asking residents to keep grass clippings from discharging into the street and curb. Over time, grass clippings piled in the curb causes rainwater runoff to be altered and stormwater catch basins to be blocked. If a catch basin is blocked during heavy rains, street flooding will occur, which could cause hydroplaning and property damage. Wet grass clippings can also cause the street to become slick for vehicles, bike riders and motorcyclists.

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The City Offices will be closed Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day. If your refuse and recycling pick up is normally on Friday, it will be picked up on Thursday, July 2nd. The City Offices will also be closed on Monday, September 7th to observe Labor Day. If your refuse and recycling pick up is normally on Monday, it will be picked up on Tuesday, September 8th. Residents are reminded that per City Ordinance trash cans and refuse totes are to be stored out of sight until their scheduled refuse collection day.

City Congratulates Recycling Pledge Winners

Brookville residents continue to take the Recycling Pledge. Pictured right are our most recent winners Rick Morgan and Trina Garber, who each won a \$100 gift card to Carmela's Pizzeria.

Recycling conserves landfill space, natural resources and even energy. That's why the City of Brookville and Rumpke offer this incentive program to boost recycling.

Residents who are currently recycling or would like to start should visit the City's website (click on community events) or stop by the municipal office to fill out a recycling pledge and request a recycling bin, which are available at no charge to City residents. One Pledge is randomly selected each quarter to win. Winners must be a City resident and participate in the recycling program. The City provides 18-gallon bins or 65-gallon wheeled carts, which can be used for all these recyclables:

- Plastic bottles and jugs
- Aluminum and metal cans
- Paper and cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Cartons (e.g. milk and juice cartons)

We look forward to recognizing your recycling efforts!



*Make the
recycling pledge at
www.brookvilleohio.com
for a chance to win!*