

Brooklyn Senior Chit Chat

Brooklyn Senior Center
7727 Memphis Ave.
Brooklyn, OH 44144
(216) 635-4222
Hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Nov. / Dec. 2016



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Happy Holidays!



December 8th Christmas Dance

Join us Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016 at
11:30 a.m. for our annual

Christmas Luncheon & Dance

Music by Fred Zwick

Menu: Oven Baked Turkey Breast with
Stuffing, Whipped Potatoes, Mixed
Vegetables, Roll, & Holiday Dessert.

Cost is \$10 per person

Advance Ticket Sales Only by Dec 1st

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT HELP

Dates for Medicare Open Enrollment are
October 15, 2016 to December 7, 2016.

OHSIP Volunteer, Barb Paulitzky can
give you the information you will need
so you can make an informed decision.

Appointments available on Friday,
October 28th and Friday November 11th.

See page 3 for details.

FALL BACK

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 6th
Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on
Saturday night Nov. 5th before bed.

Letter from the Senior Center Director

Dear Friends,

What do you think of the refreshed Senior Center? The painting is finished! Carpeting is ordered (to be installed after the election). We're very excited about the new, airy look! Thanks for your patience and flexibility especially during the painting. Thanks to Mayor Gallagher and City Council for supporting these wonderful improvements!

Thanks for supporting the city's Fall Festival and the Senior Center garage sale. Both were great successes. It was wonderful seeing familiar friends and meeting new ones.

We were delighted to visit long-time Senior Center volunteer Betty Jones to help celebrate her 100th birthday. Many congrats to Betty! (see photo below)

Remember to **vote on Tuesday, November 8** from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Most Senior Center activities will continue as usual; however, Exercise with Sandy at 9 a.m. is cancelled for that day.

This is open season to register for Medicare and supplemental medical insurance. Barb Paulitzky will be available to help you in your decision making about Medicare and Prescription Drug Plans for 2017 at the Senior Center. The counseling is free. Please, make an appointment by calling the Center.

Thanks for compliments on the Hoffbrauhaus and Lolly the Trolley field trips. We're planning more field trips for the spring, when the weather clears. I am always open to ideas and suggestions on future trips.

Lots of special events are planned for December luncheons! The Christmas Luncheon-and-Dance is on Thursday, December 8th. The next Thursday, December 15th, we're playing the "Price Is Right" at the end of lunch; and on Thursday, December 22nd, we'll have a Holiday-Sing-Along and a holiday story.

The Senior Center staff and volunteers send our best wishes to you and your family for Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you want a warm, friendly place, fun activities (indoor bocce, bingo, various exercise programs, arts and crafts), drop in. We'd love to see you.

Best Regards,
Karen Fratto

Veterans Day ~ Breakfast at the Fire Station

Brooklyn residents who are **veterans** are invited to breakfast at the Brooklyn Fire Station November 11, 2016 from 9 a.m. to noon

Christmas Craft Class

Come make a Christmas Angel
Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.
Cost: \$5.00. Call or stop in to sign up.
(Photo of angel below.)



Speakers / Featured Events/ Programs

Do you need assistance with your home energy bills?

The **City of Cleveland Department of Aging** will be available to provide information about the HEAP/PIPP PLUS program for the 2016-2017 winter season. The Dept. of Aging will provide assistance with explaining what the energy assistance program is, eligibility requirements, how to apply, completing applications, submitting applications, and checking the status of applications.

Thurs., November 10th at 12:00 p.m.

Come and hear a great presentation by Tom Strong on *Diabetes and Nutrition*

Join us for this informative talk as noted medical lecturer and patient advocate Tom Strong discusses how you can prevent and control diabetes by eating right. Learn also, the cause of diabetes and how it is treated in this easy to understand presentation.

Thurs. Nov. 17th at 12:00 p.m.

Rebecca Standley, Au.D. discusses *Hearing in the Older Adult*

Our hearing often changes as we get older. We will discuss why it is important to have your hearing checked regularly as well as some signs and symptoms associated with a decrease in hearing. We will try to clear up some common misconceptions regarding hearing loss and hearing aids and give you some tips on navigating the hearing healthcare system.

Thurs., December 1st at 12:00 p.m.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT HELP

***Medicare Open Enrollment:
Oct. 15 to Dec 7, 2016***

Ohio State Department Of Insurance (OSHIP) Volunteer Barb Paulitzky can give you the information you need so you can make an informed decision.

Studies show that many Medicare patients spend hundreds of dollars more than they should because they keep the same Medicare insurance plans year after year. Insurance companies drop plans, alter prescription drug payments, and change physician networks. OSHIP volunteers work with seniors for free to help them understand the information on the Medicare.gov website. *Please, bring your: Medicare correspondence, Medicare card, and your prescription drug information.*

We will have appointments starting on Friday, October 28th and Friday November 25th. Additional dates will be scheduled if needed.

Call the Senior Center for appt. at: 216- 635-4222

Christmas Concert

All are welcome to come listen to beautiful music to celebrate the Christmas Season at the Brooklyn Senior Center.

**Saturday, December 17, 2016
Time: 6:00 p.m.**

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Brooklyn Senior Center has recently changed its Meals on Wheels program. We now work with Senior Citizen Resource in providing Meals on Wheels. Each meal, which is delivered Monday through Friday, consists of an entrée, milk and a fruit. Eligibility requirements, including a health assessment and income must be met, as well as being a home-bound senior 65 + who is unable to drive. This program serves the Brooklyn area. If interested, please call Kathy at (216) 635-4222.

Ongoing Services

EXERCISE PROGRAMS

Tai Chi with Rose Verdino

Monday at 11:00 a.m.

Walkers Program

Tuesday & Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Exercise with Sandy

Tuesday & Thursday at 9:00—11:00 a.m.

Ladies Bocce Ball

Wednesday starts at 9 a.m.

Men's Bocce Ball

Thursday starts at 9:30 a.m.

Wii Bowling

Friday starts at 9:00 a.m.

Line Dancing with Alice (no classes December)

Friday starts at 11:00 a.m.

ARTS & CRAFTS PROGRAMS

fees may apply

Ceramics

Monday & Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Quilt & Sew

Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Craft Class

Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Water Color Painting

Orientation: Thursday, Sept. 22 at 1:30 p.m.

GET TOGETHER

Bingo - Tuesday at Noon—Everyone Welcome

Ladies Poker - Wed. at 12:30 p.m.

Ping Pong - Wed. & Fri. mornings

Mexican Train Dominoes - Wed 1:00p.m.

Canasta - Thurs. 1:00p.m.

Billiards - anytime

Library anytime

Health and Welfare Programs

Blood Pressure Screenings

****Emergency Calls Take Priority****

Brooklyn Paramedics

2nd and 4th Thursday from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Greenbrier Nurse

2nd Tuesday from 10:00—11:00 a.m.

University Hospital—Parma

1st Thursday from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Free Hearing Test

By Lee Anne Christner, Inc.

2nd Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Nov. 8th and Dec. 13th

By appointment only— call Senior Center

For a small fee Lee Anne will clean, repair, adjust,
& replace batteries in your hearing aids

Medicare Consultation

Get assistance with Medicare claims from

Councilwomen Barb Paulitzky

Last Friday of every month

By appointment only— call Senior Center

Appointment times from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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Post Office on Wheels

- Purchase stamps, money orders, & package supplies
- Mail letters and packages first class, priority, express, certified, insured & registered mail

First Thurs. of Month—**Nov 3rd and Dec 1st**
11:40 a.m.—noon

November 2016

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Come and have lunch and hear our very knowledgeable speakers

Thursday Luncheons

Every Thursday Lunch is served at the Brooklyn Senior Center at 11:30 am. The cost is \$6.00. Tickets must be purchased no later than the Friday before the luncheon date. Pick up of Take Outs is not until 12:30 p.m. Please let us know of your take out prior to the luncheon. No Refunds.

Menus for November

Nov. 3, 2016—Stuffed Shells, Italian Sausage, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Toast, Chocolate Eclair

November 10, 2016—Fish OR Keilbasa, Pierogies, Cole Slaw, Roll & Fruit Cup

November 17, 2016—Pulled Pork, Hash Brown Casserole, Cole Slaw, Applesauce, Jell-O Cake

November 24, 2016—**Happy Thanksgiving!**
Senior Center will be Closed.



Menus for December

Dec. 1, 2016—Tossed Salad, Chicken A-La King, Biscuit, Jell-O Cup, 2 Cookies

Dec. 8, 2016-Christmas Dance! Oven Baked Turkey Breast w/stuffing, Whipped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Roll & Holiday Dessert

Dec. 15, 2016—**Price is Right Game Day!** Hamburger w/all the fixings, Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob & Dessert.

Dec. 22, 2016- Tossed Salad, Penne Pasta w/ meatballs, breadstick and dessert

Dec. 29, 2016 - Happy Birthday, Everyone! Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli, Rye Bread, Fruited Jell-O, Cake & Ice Cream

Tuesday Soup & Sandwich before BINGO

November Soup & Sandwich

Nov. 1, 2016—Chicken Noodle Soup & 1/2 Ham Sandwich

Nov. 8, 2016—Hot Dog & Macaroni Salad

Nov.15, 2016—Stuffed Pepper Soup and a large roll

Nov. 22, 2016—Turkey Wrap & Fruit Cup

Nov. 29, 2016- Broccoli Cheddar Soup w/ biscuit

December Soup & Sandwich

Dec. 6, 2016—Beef Stew with a roll

Dec. 13, 2016- Sub Sandwich & Chips

Dec. 20, 2016—Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Dec. 27, 2016—Pizza & Salad



COUNCIL MEETINGS

September 12, 2016

Passed Ord. #2016-61: Assessing unpaid costs of abating nuisance and hazard violations of Section 521.14 – This annual ordinance is to recoup costs associated with high grass cuts made by the Service Department by placing a lien on the property tax bill for the parcel.

Passed Ord. #2016-65: Purchase of one van for the Police Department for a total of \$37,533.45 – This van will be used transport prisoners and will replace an old jail van.

Passed Ord. 2016-67 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter a contract with Public Entitles Pool of Ohio for purpose of providing property and casualty insurance for the city for an annual cost of \$120,000. This a savings of \$57,978 from the city's previous provider.

September 26, 2016

Parma University Hospital gave a presentation on accomplishments.

Passed Ord. #2016-58 - Authority to accept income or other things of value – This would require the city to notify council via council agenda when there is a donation over \$500.

Passed Res. #2016-8: Authorizing the Mayor to apply to the Ohio Development Services Agency for grant funding under LGIP. The grant application was approved by Council at the August 1st meeting.

Passed Ord. #2016-64: Amending CRA Agreement with Clinton Road Partnership and Arrow International, Inc. -
The purpose of Ordinance is to correct an error involving the Cuyahoga County Appraisal Office, the City of Brooklyn and Arrow International on the recognition of major improvements to their real estate for tax appraisal purposes. In 2013, the City of Brooklyn granted a CRA Tax Incentive to Arrow International on the construction of a \$2 million addition to their existing facilities at 9900 Clinton Road. In 2014, construction commenced on the addition but an error occurred in the transmittal of the commencement to the County Offices. This error resulted in the County's failure to appraise the property for CRA purposes. This will move the CRA agreement by one year.

Passed Ord. #2016-66: Enter into agreement for Time Warner Cable PEG channel for \$21,000 – This would allow for council meetings on TWC.

Passed Res 2016-9: Property Tax allocation - This is a routine measure required by the County.

Passed Ord. 2016-69 – Emergency rebuild of compressors in the Recreation Center - Both compressors at the Recreation Center needed overhauls at a cost of \$30,309.

October 11, 2016

• **Granted the following Application Requests:**

- FEMA grant for \$100,000 with a 5% match or \$5,000. This will cover miscellaneous fire equipment.
- Solid Waste District grant for \$50 for two recycle banners for a community room. There is no match.
- Member Community Infrastructure Program. This a 75% match and the administration would like to use this for the sanitary portion of a Rodoan Road and Alley re-construction.
- **Granted request to advertise for bids for the full HVAC maintenance for the city buildings.**
- **Passed Ord. #2016-63: Recreation Center Key Fobs from Integrated Precision Systems, Inc. for \$17,504.54** - This purchase was approved in the Capital Budget for \$15,000.
- **Passed Res. #2016-12: Tax levies.** This is a required annual resolution. Everything remains the same as last year and we are still collecting 5.9 mills.
- **Passed Ord. #2016-70 (1st Reading): Amended Annual Appropriations** – Mr. Schaeffer's documents will include explanations of all the changes.
- **Passed Ord. #2016-72: Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a comprehensive consulting and brokerage services agreement with Oswald Companies.** This \$35,000 per year contract and represents an 11.3% cost reduction for enhanced employee benefits consulting and brokerage services from the previous year.
- **Passed Ord. #2016-74: Amend Ord. 2016-54 Salt Truck purchase to add an additional part for \$700.**
- **Passed Ord. 2016-76 – Change order for Additional Inspection and Testing Services to the Tiedeman Road Project by Quality Control Inspections for \$85,367.00.** This additional cost was to monitor the contract Eclipse to ensure they completed the project in a timely manner.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Bus runs from 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Monday—Friday

**Reservations required—call Center at
least 1 business day in
advance: 216-635-4222**

- Mon.** - Medical appointments
Tues. - Medical appointments, Soup N Sandwich, Bingo
Wed. - 10:30 Shopping **in Brooklyn only**
Thurs. - Shopping and Medical appointments, lunch at the Center
9:30 a.m.— Ridge Park Square & Biddulph Plaza
10:30 a.m.— Pick up for lunch at the Senior Center
11:00 a.m.— Ridge Park Square, Biddulph Plaza, & medical appointments
Fri. - Medical Appointments, Banking, Hair appointments, Shopping at Wal-Mart & Aldi's

Donation: \$1.00 each way
absolutely no tipping

In case of emergency, bad weather, or you need **medication** or basic food, we can help.
Call Senior Center.

In and Around the Center



Our Sincerest Get Well Wishes



Sonny Peters
Rosemary Sly

Condolences

Our Sympathy goes out to all who have Lost Loved Ones in the past months.

May They Rest in Peace!

Theresa Bianco
George Gemelas
Paul Metro
Eleanor Schueller



Chico's Casino Trips

Wed Nov. 2nd Mountaineer

Wed. Dec. 7th Presque Isle Downs

To Sign Up or for more information,
call Chico at: **(216) 551-7561**



Volunteer Appreciation

Thanks to all the many Wonderful Volunteers who clocked more than **870** hours in the months of August and September

Please, remember to sign the Volunteer Book so we can keep track of your hours.

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Mayor Katherine Gallagher
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Thoughts on Thanksgiving

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~ John F. Kennedy



Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow. ~ Edward Sandford Martin

Exercise Your Right to Vote

Election Day: *Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016*

Polls open at 6:30a.m.

Close at: 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Thoughts for December

Christmas is a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart. ~ Washington Irving

A candle is a small thing. But one candle can light another. And see how its own light increases, as a candle gives its flame to the other. You are such a light. ~ Moshe Davis

In all things that are purely social we can be as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress. ~ Booker T. Washington

