

# The Neighborhood Press

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## A Message from Councilman Kevin J. Kelley

### Dear Neighbor,

Despite COVID-19's continuing though slower spread, there are promising signs that effective vaccines will soon get the pandemic under control. And once the virus is under control, we will see our national and local economies roar back after a year of uncertainty and despair.

Cleveland is ready and raring to go. Even during the darkest days of the pandemic, we saw major investments into our local economy.

**Sherwin-Williams** is still going ahead with plans to build a **\$600 million complex** overlooking Public Square to house its world headquarters.

A **\$950 million transformation of MetroHealth hospital** on the city's West Side is already underway. **CrossCountry Mortgage** is moving its headquarters from Brecksville to Cleveland's Superior Arts District, on the eastern edge of downtown, where a cluster of vacant, historic buildings are slated to become new offices, a call center and training facilities. CrossCountry will be moving in 446 jobs and creating an estimated 180 or more.

That's just a sampling of new or established businesses adding to Cleveland's economy through expansion and redevelopment.

At the same time, developers believe Cleveland is a great place to continue to

build new homes, apartments and condos, to renovate older buildings into apartments and bring retail in on the ground floor. This redevelopment and new construction is happening across the city.

Everything isn't rosy. **Work remains to be done to ensure Cleveland's assets,** Cleveland

Public Power, the West Side Market, its streets and more are improved upon and restored.

As the pandemic eases, we need to recommit ourselves to frequenting our local restaurants and

stores. As the warm weather approaches, be sure to greet your neighbors as friends and to take advantage of the numerous newly renovated parks and playgrounds around the city – both Cleveland and the Metroparks.

The late, great football coach Vince Lombardi once said: "Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

Let us all get to work.

Regards,

**Kevin J. Kelley**  
Ward 13 Councilman

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## City of Cleveland Exterior Paint Program Returns

The City of Cleveland invites residents to take advantage of its 2021 Exterior Paint Program. **Applications must be received by April 30, 2021.**

The Exterior Paint Program provides paint and materials to homeowners who wish to paint the exterior of their homes. Labor is not included. The goal for 2021 is 500 homes with a total allocation of \$500,000 for the program.

Homeowners, as well as tenants, who meet income guidelines, are welcome to

apply for the program. **Funds cover the cost of up to \$1,500 for owner occupants or up to \$750 for tenants in paint and materials,** though restrictions do apply. Inspections of the property must also be conducted. Painting must be completed by Oct. 31, 2021.

The Department of Community Development's Division of Neighborhood Services administers services on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested Cleveland residents can obtain applications by calling 216-664-2045.



### EXTERIOR PAINT PROGRAM INCOME GUIDELINES

| FAMILY SIZE | INCOME LEVEL | FAMILY SIZE | INCOME LEVEL |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1           | \$51,600     | 5           | \$79,600     |
| 2           | \$59,000     | 6           | \$85,500     |
| 3           | \$66,350     | 7           | \$91,400     |
| 4           | \$73,700     | 8           | \$97,300     |



## BATTER UP!

**The 2021 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for OBALL – Old Brooklyn Area Little League Baseball.** This youth baseball organization is open for kids from 3 (think pre T-ball) to 19.

Boys and girls, ages 4 to 19, are welcome. For 3-year-olds there's a short instructional program called Three Ball, a pre T-ball to prepare them for T-ball the following year. The groups include T-ball, Little F, Big F, Girls Fast Pitch

**Register at [www.oball.org](http://www.oball.org).** They are currently not planning on having in-house registration days. If you have any questions, please reach out to them via Facebook at [www.facebook.com/OBALLCLE/](http://www.facebook.com/OBALLCLE/); or email at [OBALLhelp@gmail.com](mailto:OBALLhelp@gmail.com)





*No-contact version 2.0!*  
**Memorial Day weekend through 4th of July**

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## ODJFS launches new child support mobile app



The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is making it easier and more convenient to manage your child support case and make payments right from your phone by launching a child support mobile application and adding Venmo as an e-wallet payment option.

### What can you expect from the mobile application?

The Ohio Child Support mobile application gives users secure and easy access to their child support case information anytime, anywhere.

Look for the Ohio Child Support Mobile Application in the App Store and Google Play. Users can:

- Register to access child support case/order and account information
- Make a payment by credit card or view instructions for making payments from your checking or savings account, either electronically or through the mail
- Review your payment history for the last 24 months
- View case details for your Ohio child support cases
- View and update your personal information, including contact, employment, health insurance and child information
- Contact your child support worker by safely and securely sending messages
- And much more, all from the convenience of your phone!

The Ohio Child Support Customer Service Portal is Ohio's web-based and mobile application which provides our customers easy on-demand access to their case information, currently on file with the child support agency.

**You must register to use the Ohio Child Support Customer Service Portal to use the new Mobile App.** Visit <https://jfs.ohio.gov/Ocs/index.stm> and click on, "Office of Child Support Customer Service Web Portal". Call 1-800-686-1556 if you need help.

## Speeding Ticket? Go Online and No Points

Citizens can go on line and enter a plea of guilty for minor misdemeanor traffic violations – like speeding – and **the offense is reduced to a minor misdemeanor unsafe motor vehicle which is a NO POINTS offense.** The fine is then \$55 and court costs.

You can also pay a waste ticket, a parking ticket and more online.

The Cleveland Municipal Court is giving people time to pay for the costs and fees that are not immediately due on the Court's website: <http://clevelandmunicipalcourt.org/>



## City of Cleveland Establishes Call Center to Answer General Vaccine Distribution Questions

The City of Cleveland has established a call center to answer general questions about the City's vaccine distribution efforts and assist eligible individuals in scheduling an appointment.

- **Call Center Number:** 216-664-2222
- **Hours of Operation:** Monday-Friday; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

### MASS VACCINATION SITE

**CSU's Wolstein Center is operating seven days a week, 12 hours per day.** Any Ohioan eligible to receive the vaccine under the Ohio Department of Health's vaccination plan may be vaccinated at the clinic.

The Wolstein Center at Cleveland State University is located at 2000 Prospect Ave. E.

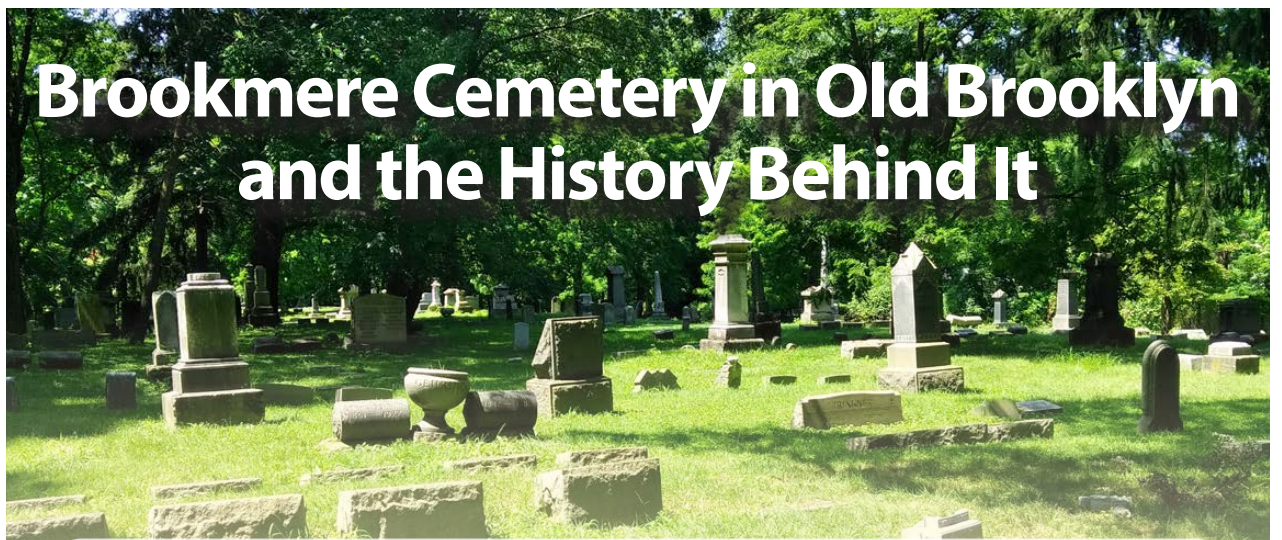
**Vaccine-eligible Ohioans can sign up at [www.gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov).** After



answering a few questions, a new screen pops up. Enter ZIP code 44115 in the search field.

Call 211 to receive a free Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) bus pass or funding for a ride-share service. Also Senior Transportation Connect and local churches offer transportation.

## Brookmere Cemetery in Old Brooklyn and the History Behind It



"Mature trees looming. Weathered, tattered and knocked-over stones," as one photographer said, "Brookmere Cemetery in Cleveland is a unique, small, hidden gem tucked away on a dead end street. It is a wonderfully photogenic scene of local history."

The cemetery's earliest burial is said to be 1818. The burying ground was donated to Brooklyn Township in 1836. Due to its proximity to Cleveland, Brooklyn Township grew rapidly and new hamlets and villages were carved out. South Brooklyn – now known as Old Brooklyn - was one of those villages but was annexed to the city of Cleveland in December 1905.

Brooklyn Township was created in 1818 and marked the beginning of an

organized governmental structure on the west side of the Cuyahoga River. The initial survey (launched in 1796) of Connecticut's Western Reserve was limited to lands east of the river because those to the west were still under Native American claim.

Areas west would legitimately open to settlement only after the Treaty of Fort Industry on July 4, 1805. Western Reserve (aka New Connecticut, or the Connecticut Western Reserve) encompassed approximately 3.3 million acres of land in what is now northeastern Ohio. Bounded on the north by Lake Erie and on the east by Pennsylvania, it extended 120 miles westward to Sandusky Bay.

To find the cemetery go down Broadview Road past W. 36th and Broadview dead ends at the cemetery.



# Summertime EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



For details about this and other great activities in our community, please visit: [www.oldbrooklyn.com](http://www.oldbrooklyn.com)



## 2021 Old Brooklyn Farmers Market

Saturday Mornings, 9am-1pm  
June 19 through September 25  
4200 Pearl Road Cleveland, OH 44109

Along with the Farmers Market, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation will be hosting plenty of other activities and events on Saturday mornings, including live music, cooking demonstrations, and more! For more details, including vendor information, visit: [www.oldbrooklyn.com/farmersmarket](http://www.oldbrooklyn.com/farmersmarket)



*In accordance with the order from Governor DeWine, the Old Brooklyn Farmers Market will be enforcing mask use during market hours. Masks will be provided at the information booth. Also, a mask vendor will be on site.*

## Spring is Coming, Get Ready to Garden

The Franklin Community Garden is the oldest and largest community garden in the Greater Cleveland area – a program of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corp.

The Garden is in the back portion of Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, and includes a good size children's garden, a perennial garden and a demonstration garden. Personnel from the Ohio State University Extension program are available to assist the school children and all gardeners with their crops each year.

**Interested in a garden plot?** Fill out the Ben Franklin Community Garden Interest Google Form at <https://tinyurl.com/y53pbpal> to be added to the wait list – or call 216-446-5155. After returning members grab their spots they will be contacting people from the wait list.



A full plot costs \$45 and is 20' X 25'. A half plot for \$25 is 12' X 20'. A plot for the season, mid-May to mid-October includes: Tilling of the soil ready for planting, some free vegetables and seeds, use of garden tools and wheel barrows, water, access to utility sinks and rest rooms as well as refreshments, coaching from experienced gardeners (and availability of Master Gardeners).

Go to [benfranklincommunitygarden.org/](http://benfranklincommunitygarden.org/) for details. Call 216-446-5155 or send a message to: [grow@benfranklincommunitygarden.org](mailto:grow@benfranklincommunitygarden.org)

## Community Connection Opportunities

### Old Brooklyn Virtual Marketplace

The Marketplace will be on Tuesday's at 6:00 pm. It is a high energy, 30-45 minute exercise that is used to give residents the space to connect over requests, offers, and advice. It's a space for residents to collaborate, support each other, and tap into the value that we all have in our neighborhood. There have been great connections made so far, with everything from cooking to parenting to sports! If you are interested in attending, **you can register here:** [www.oldbrooklyn.com/obk-virtualmarketplace](http://www.oldbrooklyn.com/obk-virtualmarketplace)

### Got an Idea for Your Community?

ioby Cleveland has supported over 200 resident leaders as they plan, crowdfund, and build positive change in neighborhoods across the city. With a median donation of \$35, these leaders have raised over \$500,000 in small donations to make ioby Cleveland neighborhoods greener, safer, more livable, and more full of opportunity for all residents. Visit <https://ioby.org/campaign/cleveland> to learn more about how you can fundraise for your project!

### Do you Know Someone Who Needs Food Assistance?

OBCDC is hosting 4 AmeriCorps Navigators who will be working in the Old Brooklyn community to help folks get connected to food and health resources. In addition to connecting, they will be there to support you through the process (including monthly check ins to see how you're doing). If you or someone you know is struggling in any way to put food on the table, please email [ChangeINC@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:ChangeINC@oldbrooklyn.com) or call 216-459-1000 ext. 217 to leave a message and a Navigator will follow up with you to get you the resources and support you need.

## Cost-savings Programs from the Sewer District

**Homestead Program** - Rate reduction of 40 percent is available to customers aged 65 or older, or customers under 65 who are totally disabled. Total household income must not exceed \$34,500 (effective January 1, 2020). Enrollment is valid for a three-year period.

**Affordability Program** - Rate reduction of 40 percent available for customers whose annual income is at or below 200 percent of the poverty level. Customers can be enrolled in either the Homestead program or the Affordability program, but not both. The reduced rate is the same for both programs.

**Crisis assistance Program** - Available to



customers affected by a major event in their life (such as sudden medical expenses, job loss, separation, or divorce) offering financial assistance of 50% of sewer balance (up to \$300) toward your account. Administered by CHN Housing Partners. Verification documents required.

**For additional information, customers can contact the Sewer District's Customer Service Department at 216-881-8247 or [askus@neorsd.org](mailto:askus@neorsd.org).**



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**Division of Waste Collection**  
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**H** One day delayed collection

**H** Holiday with regular pickup

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Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Day  
Waste Collection 1 day delay all week  
Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> - MLK Day; 1 day delay all week

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> - President's Day  
No delay in collection

Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Good Friday  
No delay in collection

**MAY**

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May 31<sup>st</sup> - Memorial Day  
1 day delay all week

July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day  
No delay in collection

**SEPTEMBER**

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**DECEMBER**

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Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day  
1 day delay all week

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Day  
Thursday collection on Friday  
Friday collection on Saturday

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Holiday  
No delay in collection



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FREE EVICTION HELP

## CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR HOUSING OR AN EVICTION?

Cleveland families who are facing eviction and would like to find out if they qualify for free legal assistance can contact Right to Counsel – Cleveland (RTC-C). RTC-C families also may receive information about resources for rental assistance, case management, access to food, and other important services. Call 216-861-5835, visit [www.FreeEvictionHelp.org](http://www.FreeEvictionHelp.org), or call 2-1-1 HelpLink, 24/7. All conversations are free and confidential.



## RECYCLING UPDATE

The City of Cleveland is in the process of evaluating and updating its curbside recycling program. An announcement on the program's status is expected by mid-2021. Please take 5–10 minutes to complete this brief survey (<https://tinyurl.com/absrzz22>) to help inform Cleveland's future waste collection and recycling programs. If you have specific questions or feedback, feel free to contact the Mayor's Office of Sustainability at [sustainability@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:sustainability@city.cleveland.oh.us)

